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LETTER OF 2 DECEMBER 1970 ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL  
BY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ARGENTINA TO THE UNITED  
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I have the honour to refer to note PO 230 SOAF (5), of 7 August 1970, which accompanied the text of resolution 285 (1970), on the question of Namibia, which the Security Council adopted at its 1550th meeting.

With regard to the provisions of operative paragraph 2 of the above-mentioned resolution, I wish to inform you that on 26 November 1970 the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Argentine Republic sent a note to the Ambassador of South Africa at Buenos Aires, which reads as follows:

"In resolution 285 (1970), the United Nations Security Council, after further considering the question of Namibia, reaffirmed 'its resolutions 264 (1969) and 276 (1970) by which the Security Council recognized the decision of the General Assembly to terminate the mandate of South West Africa and assume direct responsibility for the territory until its independence and in which the continued presence of the South African authority in Namibia as well as all acts taken by that Government on behalf of or concerning Namibia after the termination of the mandate were declared illegal and invalid'.

"Argentina's consistent policy of supporting the decolonization process is known to all. In conformity and in compliance with the above-mentioned resolution 285 (1970), my Government wishes to inform you, and through you, the Government of South Africa, that it does not recognize any authority of South Africa with regard to Namibia and that it considers South Africa's continued presence in Namibia illegal.

"The Government of Argentina wishes to take this opportunity once again to express to the Government of South Africa its hope that, in the light of the arguments set forth in resolution 285 and earlier resolutions, it will see fit to comply with the resolutions of United Nations organs, thereby making a significant contribution to peace and to friendly international relations".

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The above note constitutes a formal declaration by the Government of Argentina to the effect that it does not recognize any authority of South Africa with regard to Namibia and that it considers South Africa's continued presence in Namibia illegal.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter to be circulated as a Security Council document.

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) Carlos ORTIZ DE ROZAS  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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