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OF PORTUGAL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the statement by the Portuguese Government on the subject of the situation in Namibia (see annex).

I would be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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to the United Nations

Annex

Statement of the Portuguese Government on the situation in Namibia

1. From the onset, the Portuguese Government has followed with great concern the worsening of the incidents on the border between Namibia and Angola, which have already caused such a heavy number of casualties. Such incidents have profoundly deviated from the expected peaceful course for the beginning of the transition period towards the independence of Namibia.
2. The Portuguese Government, who has consistently supported the efforts that have led to the implementation of resolution 435 of the Security Council, thus paving the way towards independence of that territory, is convinced that the highest instances of the Organization of the United Nations will use all the means within their power to ensure that the results already achieved will not be lost and the transition process towards independence will not suffer deviations nor delays in its implementation.
3. Moreover, the Portuguese Government reiterates to the Secretary-General its commitment to support all initiatives that will lead to the respect of the internationally agreed process and to collaborate within the mechanisms available to the United Nations to bring Namibia to independence and to ensure that peace and stability will become a reality for the peoples of the region.
4. The Portuguese Government further informs that, on this same date, similar communications were delivered in Luanda and Cape Town, reaffirming the necessity of the full respect for the tripartite agreement and resolution 435 of the Security Council.

