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LETTER DATED 24 MAY 1989 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED
TO THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF SOUTH AFRICA

I have received your letter of 19 May 1989. In accordance with your request, it has been circulated as a document of the Security Council (S/20647).

I entirely agree with Your Excellency that it is of the greatest importance that all concerned should adhere scrupulously to the provisions of the relevant agreements. As far as I am concerned, the relevant instrument is the United Nations plan for the independence of Namibia as approved by the Security Council. I have repeatedly reaffirmed to the Government of South Africa my determination to be guided exclusively by that plan in carrying out the responsibilities entrusted to me by the Security Council. I have noted your assurance, conveyed through Ambassador Sheerar, that the penultimate paragraph of your letter was not intended to convey a threat and should not be seen as such. I know however that Your Excellency will understand that I cannot accept any implication that the South African Government, or any other party to this delicate process, can unilaterally resort to any measures or means which are not provided for in the United Nations plan, as approved by the Security Council.

(Signed) Javier PEREZ de CUELLAR

