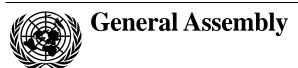
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Letter dated 31 July 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Special Committee

I have the honour to inform you that I have received instructions from my Government to submit for the consideration of the Special Committee on the Situation with Regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples the desire of Ecuador to become a member.

Ecuador is strongly committed to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and is willing to contribute to the implementation of the mandate of the Committee and its relevant resolutions, as well as to promote the objectives of the Second International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism.

(Signed) María Fernanda **Espinosa** Permanent Representative

