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OF CHINA, FRANCE, THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, THE
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

We have the honour to enclose the text of the statement issued after the meeting of our respective Foreign Ministers with you on 29 September 1989, and should be grateful if you would arrange for it to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

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Statement issued by the Foreign Ministers of Five Permanent
Members of the Security Council following a meeting with
the Secretary-General

On 29 September 1989, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Five Permanent Members of the Security Council were the guests at a luncheon given by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Javier Perez de Cuellar. Taking part were the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, H.E. Mr. Qian Qichen; the Minister of State, Minister of Foreign Affairs of France, H.E. Mr. Roland Dumas; the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, H.E. Mr. Eduard A. Shevardnadze; the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, H.E. Mr. John Major; and the Secretary of State of the United States of America, H.E. Mr. James A. Baker III.

The Ministers and the Secretary-General exchanged views on a wide range of major international issues and also reviewed developments over those issues since their previous meeting with the Secretary-General on 28 September 1988. They agreed that at the present time of positive change in the international political climate from confrontation to relaxation and interaction among states, the United Nations has an important role to play.

The Ministers placed particular emphasis on the efforts to resolve the current regional conflicts in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations. They noted with satisfaction the trend towards dialogue and peaceful settlement of disputes which had developed in recent years. They welcomed the active involvement of the United Nations in this process.

The Ministers expressed their firm commitment to the cause of independence of Namibia through the holding of free and fair elections under the auspices of the United Nations. They expressed their strong support for the Secretary-General in his efforts to ensure that Security Council Resolution 435 (1978) is fully implemented. They urged all parties concerned scrupulously to abide by their obligations under the settlement plan.

Having reviewed developments in the Middle East, the Ministers reaffirmed their support for an active peace process in which all relevant parties would participate, leading to a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the region. They reiterated their full support for the efforts of the Arab League Tripartite Committee to put an end to the trials of the Lebanese people through the implementation of a plan for the settlement of the Lebanese crisis in all its aspects by guaranteeing the full sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and national unity of Lebanon. In this regard, they expressed the strong hope that the resumed inter-Lebanese dialogue would develop constructively.

The Ministers expressed their support for the Secretary-General's efforts to secure the full implementation by Iran and Iraq of Security Council Resolution 598 (1987) as an integral whole, and urged both governments to cooperate with the Secretary-General in that regard.

They reaffirmed their support for the peace process in Central America on the basis of the Esquipulas agreement and subsequent agreements by the Central American states and for the efforts of the Secretary-General in this connection.

The Ministers expressed their concern at the current situation in Afghanistan and supported the efforts of the Secretary-General to encourage and facilitate the early realization of a comprehensive political settlement. They called on the parties concerned to implement faithfully the Geneva Agreements and last year's General Assembly resolution.

The Ministers reviewed the situation in Cambodia in the light of the outcome of the Paris Conference. They advocated a comprehensive political settlement, which would ensure the independent, sovereign and neutral status of Cambodia, and a continuation of the negotiating process initiated towards this end.

The Ministers exchanged views on international cooperation against terrorism. They condemned all acts of terrorism in whatever form, and demanded the immediate safe release of all hostages. The Ministers called for strengthened international cooperation aimed at combatting illicit international drug trafficking.

The Ministers commended the peace-keeping operations of the United Nations, which in their view illustrate the vital role of the Organization in preventing and resolving regional conflicts. They underlined the importance of the effective functioning of these operations.

In view of the primary responsibility of the Security Council for the maintenance of international peace and security under the Charter, the Ministers expressed their satisfaction at the improved working relations within the Council and with the Secretary-General. They expressed their determination to continue to work together and in cooperation with the Secretary-General for the prevention and resolution of international conflicts.

The Ministers expressed their deep appreciation to the Secretary-General for his contribution to the cause of international peace and cooperation. They thanked him for the invitation to the meeting which they considered a most useful occasion for an exchange of views.

