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**LETTER DATED 10 OCTOBER 1989 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL**

I have the honour to refer to my statement at the Council's consultations on 29 September 1989 on the situation in Namibia. At that time, I drew attention to my report of 23 January 1989 (S/20412), in which I advised, in paragraph 39, that in connection with the forthcoming elections in Namibia, the precise number of electoral supervisors required would depend on related detailed arrangements which, in accordance with the settlement proposal, would be worked out by my Special Representative and the Administrator-General in the context of their respective functions, once the implementation of the United Nations plan had begun.

Now that agreement has been reached on the legislation that will determine in detail the manner in which the election will be conducted, it has become clear that earlier estimates of the number of electoral supervisors required were too low. In these circumstances, and as I informed the Council on 29 September, my Special Representative has been obliged to reconsider the matter and has recommended that a total of 1,395 electoral personnel will now be required to supervise the voting in more than 350 polling stations throughout the Territory.

I also informed the Council that after carefully examining this recommendation, I came to the conclusion that I had no alternative but to accept it, in order to ensure that the United Nations Transition Assistance Group (UNTAG) would be capable of effective supervision and control of the elections. In this connection, I added that after the completion of related preparatory work of a technical nature, I would revert to the Council on this matter.

I wish now to confirm that I am undertaking urgent consultations on this matter, including notification to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) of the cost implications, following which I propose to dispatch the additional 353 personnel to Namibia starting in mid-October. These election supervisors will be engaged for a period of one month at an estimated total cost of approximately \$3 million which, in accordance with paragraph 57 of my report of 23 January 1989 (S/20412), will be considered as expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter.

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I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Javier PEREZ de CUELLAR

