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TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

Letter dated 30 January 1985 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of  
the Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations addressed  
to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour, with reference to the question of Gibraltar, to inform you of the following.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Spain and the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom held a meeting in Brussels on 27 November 1984, during which they agreed inter alia on the establishment of the free movement of persons, vehicles and goods between Gibraltar and the neighbouring territory and on the establishment of a negotiating process aimed at promoting co-operation in the area and dealing with the issues of sovereignty.

The date set for the commencement of the implementation of this commitment is 5 February 1985.

In this connection, the Spanish Government states that any actions taken for the purpose of pursuing such co-operation, and in particular the present location of the Customs and Police Control Administration at La Línea de la Concepción, may in no case be interpreted as recognition on its part of the sovereignty of the United Kingdom over spaces other than those expressly ceded under article 10 of the Treaty of Utrecht. In addition, nothing contained in the Brussels Declaration of 27 November 1984 may be invoked as recognition by Spain of the permanence or continuity in the future of the present status of Gibraltar.

I request Your Excellency to arrange for this letter to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples".

(Signed) Emilio ARTACHO  
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

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