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I have the honour to request that the attached statement by a spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, on the election in Namibia, be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative
of Japan to the United Nations

ANNEX

Statement by a spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of
Japan on the election for the Constituent Assembly of Namibia

1. The Government of Japan welcomes the statement by Mr. Ahtisaari, Special Representative of the Secretary-General, certifying that the electoral process for Namibia's Constituent Assembly was free and fair, and is pleased to note that major progress has been achieved towards its independence. Japan, which has extended active co-operation towards the process by offering financial assistance and providing election monitors to the United Nations Transition Assistance Group (UNTAG), highly commends the UNTAG and other United Nations endeavours in this process.
2. The Government of Japan strongly hopes that all the parties concerned will accept the outcome of the elections and work co-operatively towards the realization of Namibia's independence on 1 April 1990. It also expects that a peaceful solution to the question of Namibia will have a positive effect on peace and stability in southern Africa.

