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OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

Cable dated 3 October 1974 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of
Venezuela addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to inform you of the Government of Venezuela's decision to withdraw from the Special Committee on Decolonization in order to give another country from our region the opportunity to take Venezuela's place so as to continue the struggle and reaffirm the anti-colonialist position of the hemisphere. Aware of the task involved, Venezuela has participated in the work of that Committee from the outset with dedication and enthusiasm, for the defence of the principles of the United Nations Charter and resolution 1514 (XV) on behalf of the States subjected to colonialism, so that those States may attain their freedom and independence through the free exercise of the right to self-determination.

The Government of Venezuela considers that it has performed the task entrusted to it and that now, by giving another State in our region an opportunity to take part in this very important work, it can hope to become a member of another United Nations organ.

I therefore wish to express to you on behalf of the Government of Venezuela our deep gratitude for the confidence in our country reflected in the appointing of Venezuela as a member of that Committee, in whose work you yourself participated. Venezuela will cease to exercise its functions in that Committee at the end of the current session.

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of Venezuela