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Letter dated 19 February 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward to you, enclosed herewith, a Declaration of the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, issued on 15 February 1990. I would very much appreciate it if you would have the text of the Declaration circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 34 of the preliminary list.

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Declaration of the Government of Bulgaria issued on
15 February 1990

The Bulgarian people welcomed the long awaited release of Nelson Mandela, the universally recognized leader of the African National Congress, the fighter for human rights and social justice and laureate of the Dimitrov Prize. His release was the result of the struggle of the democratic forces in South Africa and the efforts of the international community directed at the elimination of the system of racism and apartheid in the country. It became possible thanks to the positive changes and trends in our world that took place as a result of the new political thinking and led to the granting of independence to Namibia, the starting of negotiations for a peaceful settlement to the internal conflict in Angola and to the strengthening of the democratic processes in the Republic of South Africa.

The People's Republic of Bulgaria sympathizes with the just cause of the people of South Africa and will continue to support actively their struggle for the complete elimination of the condemned system of apartheid. Our public regards the freeing of the legendary son of Africa, Nelson Mandela, as an important step on the road to the building of a non-racial society in that country. It is part of the success of the long years of struggle of all anti-racist and democratic forces and movements in the Republic of South Africa which have led to certain positive changes in the country.

The Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria expresses the hope that the processes of democratic change in South Africa will continue to broaden and develop in pursuit of the noble human ideals and for the establishment of the united, non-racial and democratic Republic of South Africa to which Nelson Mandela dedicated his life and struggle.
