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Letter dated 15 February 1990 from the Permanent Representative of
Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement dated 11 February 1990 by the spokesman for the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria on the occasion of the release of Mr. Nelson Mandela. I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under the item entitled "Policies of Apartheid of the Government of South Africa.

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ANNEX

Statement dated 11 February 1990 by the spokesman for the
Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Algeria

It is with deep satisfaction that Algeria welcomes the return to freedom of the great African patriot Nelson Mandela. This historic event is a stunning victory for the hero Mandela who, during 28 years of imprisonment, unceasingly waged his struggle against apartheid with unwavering determination. It also represents a genuine step forward towards the full vindication of the just cause of the South African people, which is struggling heroically and paying a heavy price to affirm its dignity and recover its imprescriptible rights.

The international community, which has untiringly and forcefully called for Nelson Mandela's release, today welcomes the liberation of that indomitable soldier who has devoted his life to the noble cause of the South African people. Its success today confirms that the path Africa has always indicated as the way to achieve the total dismantling of the apartheid system is the right one. In view thereof, the international community must become even more involved in the South African people's struggle until the common objective, which remains the definitive eradication of apartheid, that crime against humanity, is achieved.

On this memorable occasion, Algeria associates itself with the joy of the South African people and, as President Chadli Bendjedid recently reiterated in his message to Mr. Oliver Tambo, President of ANC, wishes to reassure that people of its unwavering support until its just struggle ends in victory.
