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Letter dated 16 February 1990 from the Permanent Representative of
Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit for your information the statement issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia on 14 February 1990 regarding the release of Mr. Nelson Mandela.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and the above-mentioned statement circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "apartheid of the Government of South Africa", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nana S. SUTRESNA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Statement issued on 14 February 1990 by the Department of
Foreign Affairs of Indonesia regarding the release of
Mr. Nelson Mandela

The Government and the people of the Republic of Indonesia welcome the release of Mr. Nelson Mandela, the leader of the African National Congress, with relief and happiness. The release of the African freedom fighter is fully in accord with the demand of the international community for freedom and justice and constitutes a significant step forward in the struggle of the people of South Africa against apartheid, which is universally condemned and is blatantly contrary to humanity.

To completely eradicate the system of apartheid in South Africa, the Indonesian Government continues to urge that the Pretoria régime revoke the state of emergency and release all other political prisoners in order to pave the way for a national dialogue leading to the establishment of a democratic and non-racial government.

Indonesia supports efforts to mobilize the international community in order to ensure the continued imposition of comprehensive sanctions against the racist régime and to strengthen solidarity with the struggle of the people of South Africa.
