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Letter dated 27 February 1990 from the Permanent Representative of
Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a message addressed by the citizen President of the Republic of Venezuela, Mr. Carlos Andrés Pérez, to the South African leader, Mr. Nelson Mandela, on the occasion of his recent release.

I should be very grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 34 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Andrés AGUILAR
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Message dated 21 February 1990 from the President of the Republic of
Venezuela addressed to Mr. Nelson Mandela

Your release is, for my Government and for all the people of Venezuela, a cause of profound satisfaction and a development which allows us to look forward to further progress towards the dismantling of the evil system of apartheid which the Government of South Africa introduced four decades ago.

This event, which comes after many years of unjustified imprisonment that free societies condemned, is another victory in the legitimate struggle of the people of southern Africa for justice and democratic pluralism. Venezuela has invariably been present, in order to manifest its support and solidarity, at all demonstrations of support for this noble cause, the restitution of the rights of the South African people.

The Government of Venezuela pays tribute to these struggles which you are spearheading against the apartheid régime and reaffirms its support for this legitimate struggle for a just, free and united society.
