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Letter dated 21 March 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Brazil
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to request that the enclosed message from the Brazilian Government on the occasion of the independence of Namibia be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 31 and 43 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Message from the Government of Brazil on the occasion of the
independence of Namibia

Today, 21 March 1990, Namibia accedes to independence and its noble people conclude their long struggle for liberation from foreign domination.

Over the years, the people and Government of Brazil have never ceased to demonstrate their solidarity with the Namibian people.

It is only fair to say that the victory celebrated today also belongs to the United Nations, which played a decisive role in the independence process in pursuance of General Assembly resolutions and the decisions of the Security Council.

For Brazil, it is even more auspicious to see the emergence on the international scene of one more State situated within the zone of peace and co-operation of the South Atlantic. Let Namibia soon join in the efforts of the South Atlantic community to preserve peace in the region and enhance co-operation among its members.

The Brazilian Government, which has always supported, in a spirit of solidarity, the commitment of the United Nations to a peaceful, just and durable solution for the legitimate aspirations of self-determination and independence of the Namibian people, will spare no effort to collaborate with the Government of Namibia and will continue to co-operate with the United Nations in the noble task of helping to consolidate the new African and South Atlantic nation.
