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Letter dated 12 March 1990 from the President of the General
Assembly addressed to the Secretary-General

I am writing to acknowledge, with thanks, your letter of 5 March 1990 and the copy of Mr. Sam Nujoma's letter attached thereto (A/45/159-S/21181).

I fully agree with you that the most expeditious way of responding to his request would be for the General Assembly to rescind its earlier decisions on sanctions in respect of Namibia. I am, however, personally inclined to stay action on the matter till after 21 March 1990 when Namibia becomes independent. The obvious reason for this disposition is to enable the new administration in Namibia to assume and exercise full control of its territory before these sanctions are lifted and to ensure that, while lifting the ban on oil and other goods destined for Namibia, the General Assembly does not undermine existing sanctions against South Africa.

I am commencing consultations immediately in order to reconvene the General Assembly so that the appropriate action could be taken immediately after Namibian independence.

(Signed) Joseph Nanven GARBA

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