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CUBA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

I transmit herewith the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerning the invasion of our national radio territory by United States transmissions initiated at 0145 hours on 27 March 1990.

I request you to have this document circulated to all members of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

At 0145 hours on 27 March, the United States Government initiated the announced testing of a Spanish-language television service directed exclusively at Cuba by the usurpation of a national broadcasting channel used by the Cuban station Tele Rebelde.

This new act of United States aggression, which comes in addition to the counterrevolutionary radio programmes transmitted by Voice of America, constitutes a gross violation of our national sovereignty and of international law, in particular the Nairobi Convention of 1982 and the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union, to which Cuba and the United States are signatories.

As we warned the President of the United Nations Security Council on 17 January 1990, Cuba, in exercise of its legitimate right to repel any action that infringes on its sovereignty, intercepted the United States television signals 10 minutes after their commencement and will, in the future, block any new forcible attempt to occupy our broadcasting spectrum. To each United States illegal action there will, as always, be a firm and balanced response from the Cuban Government and people.

The commencement of the United States transmissions occurs at a time when the Bush Administration, encouraged by the changes that have taken place in Eastern Europe, the outcome of the elections in Nicaragua and the Pyrrhic victory obtained in Panama, at the cost of the massacre of thousands of its nationals, is embarking on a daily more aggressive and hostile course against the Cuban revolution. It is unquestionable, moreover, that the said transmissions form part of an action of wider scope and that the United States is, in actuality, seeking to create the conditions for unleashing military aggression.

The international community, the United Nations specialized agencies and responsible Governments should take decisive action to halt the United States broadcasting aggression against Cuba and avoid a worsening of this situation, which might undermine peace and security in the region.

While reiterating the irrevocable decision of the Cuban people and Government to resist and repel this new aggression of imperialism in the broadcasting sphere, and in any others, and to defend, at whatever price is necessary, our national sovereignty and independence, Cuba holds the United States Government responsible for all the consequences that may derive from its arrogant policy that violates international law and norms.

Havana,

27 March 1990

