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Letter dated 5 March 1990 from the Secretary-General addressed
to the President of the General Assembly

I am making available to you a copy of a letter dated 1 March 1990, addressed to me by Mr. Sam Nujoma, President-elect of Namibia, requesting my good offices "to advise all oil producing and trading nations, as Members of the United Nations, to forthwith lift the ban of oil and other goods destined for Namibia".

As the sanctions in question have been imposed through resolutions of the General Assembly, I believe that the most expeditious way of responding to President-elect Nujoma's request would be for the General Assembly to reconvene at an early date in order to take the appropriate action.

A copy of this letter (and its attachment) is also being forwarded to the President of the Security Council.

(Signed) Javier PEREZ de CUELLAR

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ANNEX

Letter dated 1 March 1990 from Mr. Sam Nujoma addressed
to the Secretary-General

In terms of the recent unanimously adopted Constitution of the Republic of Namibia, due to come into force on 21 March 1990, and recalling United Nations Security Council resolution 432 (1978), it is recognized that Walvis Bay forms an integral part of Namibia.

As part of the international campaign to isolate the South African régime because of its apartheid policy, States Members of the United Nations were requested to apply economic sanctions, including an oil embargo against Pretoria. Oil-exporting nations applied a ban on the sale of oil and oil products with a destination to the South African ports, including Walvis Bay. To date this ban applies to exports of oil and other goods to Namibia. We are confident now that with the independence date of Namibia set on 21 March 1990, this ban will automatically be lifted by all States Members of the United Nations.

In this connection, I would like to request through your good offices, to advise all oil producing and trading nations, as Members of the United Nations, to forthwith lift the ban of oil and other goods destined for Namibia.

I would also specifically request that you advise them of the future Namibia's Government desire to distance itself from South African influence by being able to trade freely in the world market.

So, as from 21 March 1990, Walvis Bay should be recognized as a bona fide port of entry to Namibia for refined oil products and other goods. We will naturally honour whatever destination bans may be imposed by the exporting countries.

Your kind assistance in facilitating this matter will be most appreciated.
