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

I have the honour to transmit to the Secretary-General a letter from the President of the Republic, Dr. Luis Alberto Lacalle on the occasion of the day of the independence of Namibia, requesting, at the same time, that the text be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 43 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Felipe H. PAOLILLO
Ambassador, Permanent Representative

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Annex

Letter dated 21 March from the President of Uruguay addressed
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to address the Secretary-General on this day when the State of Namibia recovers independent life.

My country has actively supported the ongoing action undertaken by the United Nations in the period of its administration of the State of Namibia. As members of the international community, we have shared the difficulties of the United Nations task. General Assembly resolution 2145 (XXI), which in 1966 revoked South Africa's mandate over Namibia and placed the country under the direct control of the Organization, and also the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice of 1971, which ruled that the occupation by South Africa was illegal and that the revocation of the mandate was valid, were essential to this process.

United Nations activity through the Council for Namibia has played a role of primary importance in the protection of the natural resources of the State of Namibia. I wish to make known my appreciation to those personages who, during all these years, have presided over the Council for Namibia and the United Nations Fund for Namibia, because they were in the front line of this unavoidable struggle.

However, the independence of Namibia is also the culmination of a process in which a decisive role has been played by the proliferation of the unremitting efforts of the Secretary-General to steer the conflict situation from which the new nation is emerging along the path of negotiated solution and in which you have given proof, once again, not only of your diplomatic talent but also of your profound devotion to the cause of international peace.

Having continuously supported the right of the people of Namibia to self-determination, we cannot but be profoundly heartened at the realization of these aspirations, through the sovereign declaration by this people, through the ballot boxes, of approval of a constitutional text that makes provision for the legitimate interests of the population as a whole and the election of the authorities that will have the task of representing it.
