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QUESTION OF NAMIBIA

Letter dated 21 March 1990 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Algeria to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a message from His Excellency Mr. Chadli Bendjedid, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, addressed to His Excellency Mr. Sam Nujoma, President of the Republic of Namibia (annex I), and the text of a statement dated 21 March 1990 issued by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announcing the recognition of the Republic of Namibia by Algeria (annex II).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annexes circulated as an official document of the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly under agenda item 36.

(Signed) Amar BENDJAMA
Counsellor
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

ANNEX I

Message from the President of Algeria addressed to the
President of Namibia

As the fraternal people of Namibia accedes to independence and you yourself officially take office as President of the Republic of Namibia, it gives me deep satisfaction to extend to you, on behalf of the Algerian people and its Government as well as on my own personal behalf, the warmest and most heartfelt congratulations.

That the Namibian nation has regained its freedom and has asserted its sovereignty among nations represents a resounding victory for the international community and, in particular, for Africa.

Algeria, which has had the privilege of cementing close ties of militant solidarity with the Namibian people, rejoices in your nation's triumph, which it regards as its own, and assures you of its steadfast and fraternal support in the tasks of nation-building and the restoration of the full territorial integrity of your country.

On this joyful occasion, I am happy to reassure you of Algeria's resolve to develop and expand relations of brotherhood, solidarity and co-operation with an independent Namibia in promoting the mutual interest of our two peoples, the common endeavours of Africa and the causes of freedom, development and peace in the world.

I should like to convey best wishes for the prosperity, happiness and success of the sister Republic of Namibia in its work of reconstruction and development, and I offer you my fraternal wishes for your personal health and happiness and for the full success of your task.

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ANNEX II

Statement dated 21 March 1990 issued by the spokesman for
the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Algeria announcing the
recognition of Namibia by Algeria

On this twenty-first day of March 1990, Africa and the international community welcome into their midst the independent Republic of Namibia. This much-awaited historic event is the culmination of the long and heroic struggle waged by the Namibian people for their freedom. It thus rewards the resolute and steadfast commitment of the United Nations to the decolonization of Namibia.

Algeria, which has allied itself with the Namibian nation's struggle for national liberation through its manifold support and active solidarity, rejoices today that it has finally been achieved, and it earnestly desires to share with an independent Namibia in joint and fraternal action for the advancement of the interests of Africa, of just causes, of development and of peace.

On this solemn occasion, the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria declares its formal recognition of the Republic of Namibia as of midnight on 21 March 1990.