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OF CUBA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to transmit herewith the text of a letter addressed to him by Mr. Isidoro Malmierca, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba, updating certain points of his letter dated 20 August 1990 concerning the implementation of Security Council resolution 661 (1990), which I transmitted with my note No. 1625.

I should be grateful if these new points were brought to the attention of the Committee established by Security Council resolution 661 (1990).

Annex

Letter dated 23 August 1990 from the Minister for Foreign
Affairs of Cuba addressed to the Secretary-General

I wish to refer to my letter of 20 August 1990, sent in response to your note dated 8 August 1990, concerning Security Council resolution 661 (1990).

In that letter, based on information received from the firms concerned, I stated that our Government had notified the Government of Iraq of the cancellation of five contracts, in accordance with the provisions of the aforementioned resolution. Among those contracts were one concluded in 1989 by the CUBAEXPORT enterprise for the delivery of 680 cases of rum and 1,450 units of tobacco CIF to the port of Aqaba and Baghdad respectively, and another concluded by the CUBATEX enterprise for the shipment of 382 tons of sisal rope CIF to Aqaba.

The shipment of rum and tobacco, which was supposedly in Amsterdam, had in fact been unloaded at Aqaba on 4 August 1990, i.e. before the date on which resolution 661 (1990) was adopted. The shipment of rope had already left Amsterdam but had not been delivered to Aqaba and has been redirected by the export firm to a European port.

We consider it necessary to provide you with this updated information, of which I became aware only after sending my previous letter, and to reaffirm my Government's decision strictly to comply with the provisions of resolution 661 (1990).

(Signed) Isidoro MALMIERCA

