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Letter dated 11 March 1986 from the Permanent Representative of
the German Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

At the forty-second session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, on 4 February 1986, Mr. Herman Klenner, head of the delegation of the German Democratic Republic, was elected Vice-Chairman of the Commission. He was elected by a unanimous vote of all members of that significant body of the United Nations.

We regret to note that in this connection, at first at Geneva and now also at United Nations Headquarters, one delegation tried again to bring discredit upon Mr. Klenner and the German Democratic Republic.

In a statement Mr. Klenner answered these accusations immediately. I have the honour to convey to you the wording of that statement (see annex).

The accusations against Mr. Klenner (A/41/189/E/1986/54) are completely unfounded and are resolutely rejected. The intended defamation is so obvious that no further comment is necessary.

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I kindly request you to have this letter and the statement made on 4 February 1986 by the head of the delegation of the German Democratic Republic at the United Nations Commission on Human Rights (see annex) circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 12 and 135 of the preliminary list, and of the Economic and Social Council, under item 9 of the provisional agenda of its first regular session of 1986, as well as in connection with the implementation of the resolution on measures to be taken against Nazi, Fascist and neo-Fascist activities and all other forms of totalitarian ideologies and practices based on racial intolerance, hatred and terror.

(Signed) Harry OTT
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
Deputy Minister of
Foreign Affairs

ANNEX

Statement made on 4 February 1986 at Geneva by the head of the
delegation of the German Democratic Republic at the United
Nations Commission on Human Rights

The observer of Israel made some remarks in connection with one of the Vice-Chairmen.

The accusations directed against my person are, as you know, not new, they do not become truth, however, by repeating them. As early as two years ago I declared in this Commission, and I underline with all emphasis again: the accusations do not have any basis whatsoever, they are pure slanders.

They are aimed at defaming the country I represent and at making people forget Israel's own mass violations of human rights. The attitude of my country towards human rights is well known, and it will be proved at this session, too. In the same way we shall comment in detail on the violations of human rights by Israel.
