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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

At the 2827th meeting of the Security Council, held on 29 September 1988, the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the members of the Council:

"Ten years ago, on 29 September 1978, the Security Council adopted resolution 435 (1978) in order to ensure an early independence of Namibia, through free elections under the supervision and control of the United Nations.

"The members of the Security Council express grave concern that such a long time after the adoption of resolution 435 (1978) the Namibian people have not yet attained their self-determination and independence.

"Reaffirming the pertinent resolutions of the Security Council and the legal responsibility of the United Nations on Namibia, the members of the Council once again call upon South Africa to comply at last with these resolutions and to cease its illegal occupation of Namibia. In this respect, they stress the Security Council's continuing commitment to discharge its particular responsibility for furthering the interests of the people of Namibia and their aspirations for peace, justice and independence through a full and definitive implementation of resolution 435 (1978).

"They support the resolute action led by the Secretary-General with a view to the implementation of Security Council resolution 435 (1978) and encourage him to continue his efforts to that end.

"The Security Council takes note of developments in recent weeks in efforts by a number of parties to find a peaceful solution to the conflict in south-western Africa that are reflected in the joint statement of 8 August 1988 by the Governments of Angola, Cuba, South Africa and the United States, which has been circulated as a Security Council document (S/20109).

"The Security Council further notes the expressed readiness of the South West Africa People's Organization to sign and observe a cease-fire agreement with South Africa, as stated in document S/20129 of 17 August 1988, in order to pave the way for the implementation of resolution 435 (1978). On this

tenth anniversary of the adoption of resolution 435 (1978), its early implementation is the common aspiration of the international community. The members of the Council urge the parties to display the necessary political will to translate the commitments they have made into reality in order to bring about a peaceful settlement of the Namibian question and peace and stability in the region.

"In particular, they strongly urge South Africa to comply forthwith with the Security Council's resolutions and decisions, particularly resolution 435 (1978) and to co-operate with the Secretary-General in its immediate, full and definitive implementation. To this end, the Security Council urges States Members of the United Nations to render all necessary assistance to the Secretary-General and his staff in the administrative and other practical steps necessary for the emplacement of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group."

