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**NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL**

Following consultations with the members of the Security Council, the President of the Council made the following statement, on behalf of the Council, at the 2893rd meeting, on 20 November 1989, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The situation in Namibia":

"The members of the Security Council welcome with satisfaction the successful conclusion of the elections in Namibia, certified by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General as free and fair, 1/ thus paving the way for the convening of the Constituent Assembly and the early independence of Namibia at a date to be determined by the Constituent Assembly.

"The members of the Council congratulate the people of Namibia for the successful exercise of their democratic rights and look forward to the early independence of Namibia. They are deeply appreciative of the efforts of the Secretary-General, his Special Representative and the United Nations Transition Assistance Group for the role they have played, which attests to the effectiveness and credibility of the United Nations.

"The members of the Council reaffirm the continuing important role of the United Nations in the transition period in ensuring the implementation of the settlement plan on the basis of its legal responsibility over Namibia until independence, so that the Constituent Assembly, reflecting the collective will of the people, can draw up and adopt, in accordance with the settlement plan and free from any interference, a Constitution that will accord sovereignty to Namibia. In this regard, they express support to the Secretary-General in his continuing efforts to ensure the full implementation of the settlement plan and request him to make the necessary arrangements under the settlement plan to safeguard the territorial integrity and security of Namibia. They also stress the importance of full compliance with all the remaining provisions of resolution 435 (1978) in its original and definitive form. The members of the Council express the hope that, in the transition period, the utmost political responsibility will be displayed to facilitate the earliest possible accession of Namibia to independence.

"The members of the Council call upon the Constituent Assembly to carry out its responsibility expeditiously and request the Secretary-General to provide it with all necessary assistance."

Notes

- 1/ See S/20967, para. 5.

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