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**FURTHER REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL CONCERNING
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION
435 (1978) CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF NAMIBIA**

1. It is with great satisfaction that I have the honour to report to the Security Council that, shortly after midnight on 20/21 March 1990, at the National Stadium in Windhoek, the flag of the Republic of South Africa was lowered and the flag of the Republic of Namibia was raised, thus marking the accession of Namibia to independence in accordance with Security Council resolution 435 (1978). Immediately thereafter, in accordance with schedule 7 of the Constitution approved by the Namibian Constituent Assembly on 9 February 1990 (S/20967/Add.2), I administered the oath of office to Mr. Sam Nujoma, who had been elected to the office of President of the Republic of Namibia by the Constituent Assembly on 16 February 1990, in accordance with article 134 of the Constitution. On 22 March 1990 the South African Administrator General, Advocate Louis Pienaar, left Namibia and was seen off by President Nujoma.
2. Thus was achieved, in dignity and with great *rejoicing*, the goal of independence for Namibia for which the United Nations and its Member States have striven for so long.
3. With Namibia's independence the mandate entrusted to the United Nations Transition Assistance Group (UNTAG) by the Security Council came to an end. The remaining personnel of UNTAG are now being withdrawn, with the exception of those who are to remain in Namibia for a limited period under bilateral arrangements negotiated between their Governments and the Government of Namibia. A small rear party of UNTAG will remain to finalize the administrative aspects of UNTAG's withdrawal, including the disposal of assets. I shall in due course present a final performance report to the General Assembly, as requested in General Assembly resolution 44/191.
4. This being my closing report to the Security Council on the implementation of Security Council resolution 435 (1978), I should like to take the opportunity to express to the members of the Security Council, both past and present, my appreciation for the support that they have so consistently given to my efforts, I should also like to thank all the parties to the Namibian settlement plan for the

manner in which they have carried out their commitments. I have already conveyed my gratitude to each of the 50 Governments that contributed civilian, military and/or police personnel to UNTAG. It remains only to pay tribute to my Special Representative, Mr. Martti Ahtisaari, to his Deputy, Mr. Legwaila Joseph Legwaila, to the Force Commander, Lieutenant-General Dewan Prem Chand, to all who served under their leadership in Namibia and Angola and to the many others who worked for Namibia's independence both at Headquarters in New York and at other duty stations, for all that they so ably did to assist in the orderly transition of Namibia to independence.

