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REPLIES RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENTS

ARGENTINA

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The Permanent Mission of Argentina wishes in particular to recall here the statement made by Dr. Nicanor Costa Méndez, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of the Argentine Republic, at the 1697th plenary meeting of the General Assembly on 16 October 1968 (A/PV.1697, pp. 59-60). We would also note that the delegation of Argentina voted in favour of the resolutions adopted on the question, namely, General Assembly resolutions 2145 (XXI) of 27 October 1966, 2248 (S-V) of 19 May 1967, 2324 (XXII) - which Argentina co-sponsored - and 2325 (XXII) of 16 December 1967, and 2372 (XXII) of 12 June 1968.

The Permanent Mission also wishes to inform the Office of the Secretary-General that the Government of the Argentine Republic does not maintain any relations with the Government of South Africa which might encourage it to perpetuate its occupation of the Territory of Namibia, and that Argentina is not in a position to take effective economic or other measures with a view to securing the immediate withdrawal of the South African administration from the Territory or to provide the assistance referred to in operative paragraph 10 of resolution 2372 (XXII).

The situation in Namibia, like all colonial situations, is a matter of great concern to the Argentine Foreign Ministry, which views with alarm any plan by an administering Power to divide a Territory, thereby violating the principles of national unity and territorial integrity embodied in paragraph 6 of resolution 1514 (XV).

NETHERLANDS

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On different occasions, the Government of the Netherlands has expressed the conviction that the population of Namibia has a right to self-determination. The Netherlands Government voted in favour of General Assembly resolution 2145 (XXI)

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by which it was decided to terminate the Mandate of South Africa over this Territory. As a consequence, it is the opinion of the Netherlands Government that the Republic of South Africa can claim no right to continue its administration of this Territory.

Despite the fact that the Netherlands Government has not been able to support General Assembly resolution 2372 (XXII) of 12 June 1968, for reasons which were stated by the Permanent Representative in his explanation of vote, it will continue to strive for the goals laid down in General Assembly resolution 2145 (XXI). Consequently, the Government of the Netherlands refrains from all activities which might lead to a continuation of the present situation.

POLAND

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The Polish People's Republic has consistently supported the right of the people of Namibia to freedom and independence.

In accordance with this basic stand, Poland implements scrupulously all the resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly aimed at the speedy elimination of the colonial racist régime established in Namibia by the Government of the Republic of South Africa.

Poland does not maintain any political, economic or any other relations with the régime of South Africa.

On its part, the Government of Poland will continue to support the legitimate and just struggle of the people of Namibia for freedom and national independence.

UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC

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2 October 1968

The United Arab Republic has supported all resolutions of the different United Nations organs concerning Namibia and has on all occasions declared its support for the legitimate struggle of the people of Namibia for freedom and independence. It has always condemned the illegal presence of South Africa in the

territory of Namibia. The United Arab Republic Government had, in fact, implemented the measures specified in resolution 2372 (XXII) long before its adoption by the General Assembly.

One of the basic aims of the declared policy of the United Arab Republic is its continued support for all peoples that are struggling to attain freedom and independence. The United Arab Republic Government has supported and continues to support the struggle of the people of Namibia for freedom and independence and has rendered them all possible moral and material assistance.

The United Arab Republic does not maintain diplomatic or any other relations with the Republic of South Africa. The United Arab Republic is a member of the United Nations Council for Namibia and is working actively in that Council with a view to having it fulfil the mandate entrusted to it by the General Assembly, so as to enable the people of Namibia to achieve their independence.

VENEZUELA<sup>1/</sup>

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With regard to operative paragraphs 9 and 10 of General Assembly resolution 2372 (XXII), the Permanent Mission of Venezuela to the United Nations has the honour to inform the Secretary-General that the Government of Venezuela will recognize travel documents for Namibians issued by the United Nations Council for Namibia.

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<sup>1/</sup> See also A/7171/Add.3 and S/8737/Add.3.