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CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN NAMIBIA

Addendum

In annexes I and II of his report issued on 3 October 1969, the Secretary-General set out the substantive portions of two replies received from Governments in connexion with the implementation of the provisions of Security Council resolution 269 (1969). Since that date, an additional reply has been received from the Philippines, the substantive part of which is set out hereunder.

PHILIPPINES

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I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 26 September 1969 addressed to you from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of South Africa, which is annex I of your report concerning the situation in Namibia (document S/9463).

On pages 10 to 11 of the above-mentioned letter, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of South Africa has included the Philippines among twenty-four Member States of the United Nations, which over the years 1947 to 1949, "either expressly or by clear implication acknowledged that, in the absence of a trusteeship agreement, the United Nations would have no supervisory powers over a mandated territory". This allegation is not borne out by facts. As early as 1947, the Philippines had categorically expressed the view that the United Nations had supervisory functions over South West Africa even in the absence of a Trusteeship Agreement over that Territory. The Official Records of the Fourth Committee during the second session of the General Assembly in 1947, show that

the Philippine delegation opposed the fifth preambular paragraph of draft resolution (document A/C.4/99), which reads as follows:

"Whereas the territory of South West Africa though not self-governing, is at present outside the control and supervision of the United Nations."

The summary of the statement of General Carlos P. Romulo, the Philippine representative at the time, which appears on page 57 of the Official Records of the Fourth Committee, second session, 1947, reads as follows:

"While supporting the draft resolution submitted by the representative of India, General Romulo could not subscribe to the fifth paragraph of that proposal, to the effect that South West Africa was 'at present outside the control and supervision of the United Nations'." (Underscoring supplied)

Moreover, the Official Records of the Fourth Committee, second session, 1947, pages 197 to 199, show that the Philippine delegation did not only speak against that fifth preambular paragraph of draft resolution A/C.4/99, but even submitted an amendment (document A/C.4/115/Rev.1) specifically directed against that particular paragraph. As a result of the Philippine initiative, the clause to the effect that South West Africa was outside the control and supervision of the United Nations was eliminated from the revised draft resolution.

Thus, contrary to what the Minister of Foreign Affairs of South Africa stated in his letter, the official records show that the Philippines, as early as 1947, had expressly taken the view that the United Nations had the right of supervision over South West Africa even in the absence of a trusteeship agreement.

On pages 92 to 104 of his letter, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of South Africa dwelt on his own version of the visit to South West Africa of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Special Committee for South West Africa in 1962. As far as the Philippines is concerned, the only version of that visit is that which appears in the official records of the United Nations, namely, part II of document A/5212, which is the official report of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman on their visit to South Africa and South West Africa.

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