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Letter dated 22 December 1989 from the Permanent Representative of  
Ghana to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward, herewith, the text of a statement issued by the Government of the Republic of Ghana, on 21 December 1989, on the current situation in Panama (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under the item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) J. V. GBEHO  
Ambassador and  
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Statement issued on 21 December 1989 by the Government of Ghana  
on the current situation in Panama

The Government of Ghana considers the United States action as a flagrant violation of the sovereignty and the territorial integrity of Panama and an unjustified breach of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, particularly the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of other States.

The Government of Ghana has always held the view that inter-State disputes should be settled through peaceful means in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and not by resort to arms. The use of naked force by a super-Power against a small independent and sovereign State is indefensible. The Government accordingly calls upon the United States to halt its military intervention in Panama forthwith and to seek peaceful avenues to resolve its differences with Panama.