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**Comprehensive review of the whole question of
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the United Nations peacekeeping operations**

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**Letter dated 12 July 2000 from the Permanent Representative of
Namibia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the Windhoek Declaration and the Namibia Plan of Action on Mainstreaming a Gender Perspective in Multidimensional Peace Support Operations, which were adopted at the seminar organized by the Lessons Learned Unit of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, and hosted by the Namibian Government from 29 to 31 May 2000 in Windhoek (see annexes).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annexes distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under items 87, 109 and 155 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Martin **Andjaba**
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

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Annex I to the letter dated 12 July 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Namibia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Windhoek Declaration on the tenth anniversary of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group

Windhoek, 31 May 2000

In a world riven by war, women and men yearn for peace and are everywhere striving to resolve conflict and bring about peace, reconciliation and stability in their communities, their countries and through the United Nations and regional organizations.

United Nations peace operations have evolved from peacekeeping, in its traditional sense, towards multidimensional peace support operations. So far, women have been denied their full role in these efforts, both nationally and internationally, nor has the gender dimension in peace processes been adequately addressed.

In order to ensure the effectiveness of peace support operations, the principles of gender equity and equality must permeate the entire mission, at all levels, thus ensuring the participation of women and men as equal partners and beneficiaries in all aspects of the peace process, from peacekeeping, reconciliation and peace-building, towards a situation of political stability in which women and men play an equal part in the political, economic and social development of their country.

Having considered these matters in Windhoek at a seminar on mainstreaming a gender perspective in multidimensional peace support operations organized by the Lessons Learned Unit of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the United Nations Secretariat and hosted by the Government of Namibia from 29 to 31 May 2000, the seminar looked at practical ways in which the United Nations system and Member States can bring the aims set out above closer to realization. In that regard, the seminar recommends the Namibia Plan of Action and urges the Secretary-General to ensure that appropriate follow-up measures are taken to implement it, in consultation with Member States, and that periodic progress reviews are undertaken.

Annex II to the letter dated 12 June 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Namibia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Namibia Plan of Action on Mainstreaming a Gender Perspective in Multidimensional Peace Support Operations
