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Letter dated 17 October 1985 from the Permanent  
Representative of Algeria to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the statement by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria (see annex).

On instructions from my Government, I should be grateful if you would arrange for this statement to be issued as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 39, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hocine DJOUDI  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

STATEMENT DATED 17 OCTOBER 1985 BY THE SPOKESMAN  
OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF ALGERIA

Algeria has learnt with surprise and regret of the decision taken to exclude PLO and SWAPO, through their respective Presidents, Mr. Yasser Arafat and Mr. Sam Nujoma, from the commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations.

Two peoples struggling for their national liberation have thus been deprived of a highly symbolic opportunity to make their voices heard at the very moment when zionism and apartheid are engaged in all-out efforts to deny them their rights.

This decision violates everything that the United Nations stands for and diminishes the significance of the commemoration as a much desired reconciliation of the United Nations with its genuine ideals.

Algeria had hoped, through the participation of its head of State, to contribute to the collective endeavour of revitalizing these ideals.

The fact that those ideals have been called into question by the ill-timed and unjust decision against PLO and SWAPO makes it essential to draw all the necessary conclusions.

As a result, the President of the Republic has decided not to participate in the commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations.

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