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Letter dated 15 August 1985 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the  
Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the Decree signed by the President of the Federative Republic of Brazil on 9 August 1985, which imposes voluntary sanctions against South Africa, in the spirit of the pertinent resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

The Brazilian Government would appreciate the circulation of this note as well as of the aforementioned text as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 35 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Henrique R. VALLE  
Chargé d'affaires, a.i.

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ANNEX

Presidential decree

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, using the powers conferred upon him by Article 81, item III, of the Constitution, and

Considering that the apartheid regime is in flagrant contravention of the principles of democracy and racial harmony existing in Brazil and thus merits the just repulsion of the most varied sectors of Brazilian society,

Considering that the policy of apartheid assaults the conscience and dignity of humanity, is incompatible with the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and constitutes a threat to international peace and security,

Having in mind Resolution 418 ( 1977 ), of the Security Council of the United Nations, which imposed a mandatory embargo on the sale of arms to South Africa,

Considering also all other pertinent resolutions of the General Assembly as well as of the Security Council of the United Nations, particularly Resolutions 473 (1980), 558 (1984), 566 (1985) and 569 (1985) of the Security Council, which urge Member States to impose voluntary sanctions against South Africa by reason of the policy of apartheid of the Government of that country.

Recalling that Brazil has been scrupulously abiding by the prohibition of arms sale to South Africa,

Recalling also that Brazil has been following a policy of curbing all contacts with South Africa in the fields of sports, culture and art, as recommended by the United Nations,

Taking into account the deterioration of the situation in South Africa and the violent repression unleashed by its Government against the legitimate claims of the black South African population, which has incurred the severe condemnation of national and international public opinion,

Considering therefore the advisability of consolidating in a single legal instrument the political decisions and administrative measures taken by the Brazilian Government with regard to the application of mandatory or voluntary sanctions against South Africa,

#### D E C R E E S

Art. 1 - Any activities involving cultural, artistic or sportive exchange with South Africa are prohibited,

Art. 2 - The export of petroleum and its by-products to South Africa and to the illegally occupied territory of Namibia is prohibited,

Art. 3 - It is prohibited to supply South Africa with arms and related materiel of any kind, including sales or transfers of arms and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary police equipment, as well as spare parts for any of the above products,

Art. 4 - Likewise prohibited is supplying South Africa with equipment, material, licenses and patents for the manufacture and maintenance of the products cited in paragraph 3 of this Decree.

Art. 5 - The shipment and transshipment, under any grounds or conditions whatsoever, of such equipment or materials as cited in Articles 3 and 4 of this Decree, if bound for South Africa or the territory of illegally occupied Namibia, are hereby prohibited throughout the national territory, including air space and territorial sea.

sole paragraph - Any violation of the terms of this article shall result in the apprehension and confiscation of the goods in question.

Article 6 - The Ministries and other competent Public Administration departments shall take the necessary measures to guarantee the implementation of the terms of this Decree.

Art. 7 - Any all provisions to the contrary are hereby revoked.

Brasilia, 9 August 1985, 164th Year of  
Independence and 97th of the Republic.

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