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ANGOLA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

Pursuant to my earlier communication to you on the subject of armed aggression against the People's Republic of Angola by the racist régime of South Africa dated 15 July 1982 (S/15295), I am instructed by the Government of the People's Republic of Angola to communicate to the Security Council, through you, information on additional and continuing acts of aggression being committed by the racist troops against the territory and people of Angola.

My Government is in possession of military intelligence which points to the inescapable conclusion that the armed forces of the racist Pretoria régime are poised to attack Angola again with all the advance and sophisticated military machine that South Africa uses in its state terrorism, destabilization and subversion in southern Africa.

The geographical fact that Angola has no borders with South Africa, that Angola has never attacked the racist troops across our borders, that Angolan troops have never crossed their own borders, that Angola has no presence, military or otherwise, in the territory of Namibia - none of these has deterred the South African armed forces from constantly attacking and bombing Angola from 1975 to the present. In fact, South Africa is not only in illegal occupation of the territory of Namibia in violation of United Nations resolutions, but it is still, after many months, in illegal military occupation of parts of southern Angola.

Acts of terrorism and sabotage against civilian targets is the hallmark of racist South African military activity in southern Africa, in general, and in Angola, in particular. Racist troops are raping women, beating young men, brutalizing children, kidnapping livestock, burning houses and destroying homes, schools and churches regularly.

The racist régime is not only perpetrating and strengthening its illegal and rapacious hold over Namibia, it is helping gangs of criminals, thugs and mercenaries to run havoc in parts of southern Angola, giving them sanctuary inside Namibia to escape the just retribution by the people and armed forces of Angola.

The latest racist actions include the bombings by six South African Mirage-type aircraft of Mulondo and Cahama on 26 July 1982. The airport of Jamba was also attacked, causing great material damage. Cahama, in the province of Cunene, is located 150 kilometres from Angola's border with Namibia. More than 24 Angolans were killed by the bombing, which left a great number seriously wounded and maimed. It is important to note that Cahama was also attacked last Wednesday, 21 July 1982, by 11 South African Mirage aircraft.

My Government wishes to alert the international community to the serious threat posed by the racist régime's terrorist activities in southern Africa, in particular, in Namibia and Angola. South Africa's apartheid system needs and breeds military expansionism and colonial-type economic activity both inside and outside South Africa.

The racist régime has played a contemptuous game with the international community long enough. Its obstructionist and intransigent policies and activities, political, social, diplomatic, military and economic, have prevented the Namibian people from gaining lawful and genuine independence, and have seriously affected Angola's urgent task of national reconstruction.

Under the leadership of Comrade José Eduardo dos Santos, President of the MPLA-Workers' Party and of the People's Republic of Angola, the Angolan Government and people have made, and are continuing to make, heroic efforts to assist the international community's effort at negotiating a genuine independence for Namibia.

My Government has continued to assist this international effort and has, time and time again, presented proposals to break deadlocks deliberately created by the racist régime and its imperialist friends. However, silence in the face of genocide by the racists or attempts at destabilizing the legitimate and sovereign Government of Angola by the illegitimate, non-representative racist régime in Pretoria are not part of our revolutionary ideology. And my Government will have to take steps to defend its territorial integrity and its people against the aggression and massacre perpetrated by the racist South African military machine.

The Security Council of the United Nations is mandated by the Charter of the United Nations to safeguard international peace and security. But the violations of that peace and the contravention of the principles enshrined in the Charter go unattended and unpunished.

I have the honour to request that this communication be issued as a document of the Security Council, in connexion with South Africa's aggression against the People's Republic of Angola.

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