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LETTER DATED 6 MARCH 1970 ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ALGERIA, BOTSWANA, BURUNDI, CAMEROON, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CHAD, CONGO (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF), CONGO (PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF), DAHOMEY, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, ETHIOPIA, GHANA, GUINEA, IVORY COAST, KENYA, LESOTHO, LIBERIA, LIBYA, MADAGASCAR, MALI, MAURITANIA, MAURITIUS, MOROCCO, NIGER, NIGERIA, RWANDA, SENEGAL, SIERRA LEONE, SOMALIA, SUDAN, SWAZILAND, TOGO, TUNISIA, UGANDA, UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, UPPER VOLTA AND ZAMBIA

On the instructions of our respective Governments, we have the honour to request you kindly to convene an urgent meeting of the Security Council to consider the deterioration in the situation in Southern Rhodesia as a result of the proclamation of a so-called Republic by the illegal racist minority régime in Salisbury, which is thereby endangering international peace and security.

We condemn this further illegal act which has just been perpetrated by the minority régime in Salisbury and which was made possible mainly by the inactivity of the United Kingdom Government, which as administering Power bears sole responsibility for the situation.

We are sure that, in keeping with its responsibilities, the Security Council will take all the necessary steps to safeguard the inalienable rights of the people of Zimbabwe to self-determination and independence.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed by) The representative of Algeria
The representative of Botswana
The representative of Burundi
The representative of Cameroon

The representative of Central African Republic
The representative of Chad
The representative of Congo (Democratic Republic of)
The representative of Congo (People's Republic of)
The representative of Dahomey
The representative of Equatorial Guinea
The representative of Ethiopia
The representative of Ghana
The representative of Guinea
The representative of Ivory Coast
The representative of Kenya
The representative of Lesotho
The representative of Liberia
The representative of Libya
The representative of Madagascar
The representative of Mali
The representative of Mauritania
The representative of Mauritius
The representative of Morocco
The representative of Niger
The representative of Nigeria
The representative of Rwanda
The representative of Senegal
The representative of Sierra Leone
The representative of Somalia
The representative of Sudan
The representative of Swaziland
The representative of Togo
The representative of Tunisia
The representative of Uganda
The representative of United Arab Republic
The representative of United Republic of Tanzania
The representative of Upper Volta
The representative of Zambia