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Letter dated 18 June 1984 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the  
Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations addressed to  
the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward a letter addressed to Her Excellency  
Mrs. Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of India and Chairperson of the Movement of  
Non-aligned Countries, from Mr. Alfred Nzo, Secretary-General of the African  
National Congress. It is requested that the letter be circulated as a document of  
the General Assembly, under item 31 of the preliminary list, and of the Security  
Council.

(Signed) Vinay K. VERMA  
Ambassador  
Acting Permanent Representative of India  
to the United Nations

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ANNEX

TEXT OF LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, AFRICAN  
NATIONAL CONGRESS, TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA AND  
CHAIRPERSON OF THE MOVEMENT OF NONALIGNED COUNTRIES

Her Excellency,  
Shrimati Indira Gandhi  
Prime Minister of India  
South Block, New Delhi-1 (INDIA)

Your Excellency,

We have the honour to bring to Your Excellency's attention our organisation's grave concern at the invitation extended by the British Government and a number of other European countries to the South African racist Prime Minister, P.W. Botha, to pay official visits to their countries at the beginning of next month.

In its struggle to bring about a non-racial democratic society for all the South African people, regardless of race, colour or creed, the African National Congress has always drawn inspiration from numerous resolutions of the United Nations and Commonwealth Countries, in particular, those of the Delhi Summit last year.

In this connection, the extension of the invitation to the racist Premier constitutes an act of embracing the South African régime and a demeaning of world public opinion.

It will also be tantamount to an endorsement of the Pretoria régime's strategy of destabilisation and aggression against the Frontline and neighbouring States, which is calculated to coerce them into capitulation and to facilitate the isolation and liquidation of the liberation forces and the rehabilitation of its evil system of apartheid.

We are equally convinced, Your Excellency, that such a visit would also embolden the Pretoria régime to pursue, with impunity, its aggressive designs against the independent African countries in the region and to continue with its brutal oppressive system of apartheid against the black population in the country.

It is for this reason that we appeal to you, Your Excellency, in your capacity as Chairperson of the Nonaligned Movement, to use your good offices to prevail on Britain, the Federal Republic of Germany, Belgium, Portugal and Switzerland to halt the tour by cancelling these invitations.

Assuring Your Excellency of our highest consideration,

Yours sincerely,  
Alfred Nzo  
Secretary-General

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