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Letter dated 24 October 1985 from the Permanent Representative of
Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the following text of a statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, on 22 October 1985, on the death of Mr. Moloise.

"The Government of Japan regrets that the Government of the Republic of South Africa has recently carried out the death sentence on Mr. Benjamin Moloise despite strong pleas for clemency from the international society, and expresses its concern that the execution is likely to exacerbate the already tense situation in the country.

"The Government of Japan regards the execution of Mr. Moloise as one of the tragic incidents stemming from the apartheid system of South Africa. The Government of Japan renews its strong appeal to the Government of South Africa to eliminate apartheid as early as possible, so that such an incident will not happen again."

It would be greatly appreciated if you would arrange to have this text circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 35, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mizuo KURODA
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative