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Letter dated 18 October 1985 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith the text of a statement (see annex) I have issued today, on behalf of the Chairman of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, regarding the execution of Benjamin Moloise by the Pretoria régime, and to request that it be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 35, and of the Security Council.

(<u>Signed</u>) N. KRISHNAN Ambassador Permanent Representative A/40/744 S/17580 English Page 2

ANNEX

Statement issued by the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, on behalf of the Chairman of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, regarding the execution of Benjamin Moloise by the Pretoria régime

Members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries have received with horror, anguish and the deepest indignation the news of the execution this morning of Malesela Benjamin Moloise by the racist Pretoria régime.

The decision by the racist régime to carry out the death sentence against Benjamin Moloise, spurning international appeals for his life, makes a mockery of all norms of law and justice and constitutes yet another instance of South Africa's arrogant defiance of international opinion. The martyrdom of this South African patriot can only exacerbate the explosive situation in that country and lead to a further intensification of the rising tide of resistance against apartheid.

The Movement of Non-Aligned Countries condemns the murder of Benjamin Moloise and extends its condolences to his bereaved family. It reiterates to the oppressed people of South Africa its unflinching solidarity and support until final victory.

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