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Letter dated 22 October 1985 from the Permanent Representative
of Burkina Faso to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

With reference to the message which you addressed to His Excellency
Captain Thomas Sankara, President of the National Revolutionary Council and
President of Burkina Faso, I have the honour to inform you that the delegation of
Burkina Faso to the fortieth session of the General Assembly will not participate
at any level or in any manner in the ceremonies commemorating the fortieth
anniversary of the United Nations, inasmuch as SWAPO and PLO still are excluded

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from them owing to the refusal to invite their respective leaders, Mr. Sam Nujoma and Mr. Yasser Arafat, to take part.

President Sankara's message reads as follows:

"Sir,

"We have learnt with indignation of the exclusion of PLO and SWAPO, represented by their respective leaders, from the festivities marking the fortieth anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations. We vigorously protest against this act of flagrant injustice, which creates doubt as to the credibility of the United Nations with respect to its ideals of peace and freedom.

"I am counting on your deep devotion to justice to induce those who mistakenly spearheaded this movement to reconsider a decision which places them among the ranks of the murderers of the Palestinians and the blacks of southern Africa; otherwise Burkina Faso will not participate at any level or in any manner in the fortieth-anniversary festivities held in such unfortunate circumstances.

"It is my hope that the United Nations will increasingly reflect the aspirations of peoples and that it will wage a more consistent struggle against zionism and apartheid.

"Highest consideration.

"FATHERLAND OR DEATH, WE SHALL CONQUER

"CAPTAIN THOMAS SANKARA
PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL
REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL
PRESIDENT OF BURKINA FASO"

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 33, 34, 35, 38, 39, 94 and 110, and as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Léandre B. BASSOLE
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
to the United Nations

