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Letter dated 25 January 1980 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Malawi to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to request you to circulate, as an official document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "Question of Southern Rhodesia", and of the Security Council, the attached resolution Res. LC.34/Res.l on Southern Rhodesia, adopted by the Organization of African Unity Liberation Committee at its thirty-fourth session, held at Dar es Salaam from 21 to 25 January 1980.

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Chargé d'affaires a.i. of Malawi

ANNEX

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE AT ITS CURRENT SESSION IN DAR ES SALAAM

RESOLUTION ON SOUTHERN RHODESIA

The Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa meeting in its 34th Session from the 21st to 25th January 1980 in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania,

Having considered the latest developments in Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwa)

Having examined the report of the Fxecutive Secretariat on the situation in Southern Rhodesia,

Having heard the statements of the Representatives of the Front-line countries on the situation in Couthern Rhodesia,

Having heard also the statements by the Representatives of the Patriotic Front of Zimbabwe,

Noting that the Government of the United Kingdom has resumed its responsibility as the Administering Power following the agreement reached at Lancaster House, London,

Gravely concerned at the gross violations by United Kingdom, the Administering colonial power in Southern Rhodesia, in the implementation of the terms of agreement reached at Lancaster House, London, in particular, the deployment of Rhodesian and auxilian forces who have been committing wanton murder and harrasing of Patriotic Front sympathisers, and systematic press and radio propaganda aimed at discrediting the Patriotic Front,

Gravely concerned also at the systematic press and radio propaganda by South Africa aimed at discrediting the Patriotic Front,

Deploring the delaying tactics of the British Administration in Southern Rhodesia by refusing to facilitate the early return of Rhodesian refugees to their country in accordance with the Lancaster House Agreement,

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Gravely concerned also with the presence of South African troops and mercenaries in Southern Rhodesia contrary to the assurance earlier given by the British Government of expelling all foreign forces in Southern Rhodesia,

Gravely concerned also about the threat South Africa poses to the independence, unity and peace of Zimbahwe, and to the international peace and security,

Bearing in mind that the negotiations at Lancaster House in London were the direct result of the armed struggle by the people of Zimbabwe led by the Patriotic Front, their sole legitimate representative,

- 1. HAILS the victory of the heroic people of Zimbabwe and CONGRATULATES the Patriotic Front for its prosecution of the liberation struggle and for the decisive contribution in the negotiations at Lancaster House, London and for its impressive compliance with the Lancaster House Agreement;
- 2. DECLARES solemnly that a just and lasting settlement in Zimbabwe is possible only with the full participation of the Patriotic Front at every stage of implementation;
- 3. CONDEMNS the British Government for its violations of the terms of the Lancaster House Agreement, and for its manoeuvres to ensure the continuance in power of the Smith/Muzorewa group in the territory;
- 4. FURTHER CONDEMNS the decision of the British Government to renew for another six months the state of emergency and to maintain martial law in the territory, and calls for their immediate abrogation;
- 5. CALLS UPON the British Government to comply with and implement fully and impartially the Lancaster House Agreement and to confine forthwith the Rhodesia security and auxiliary forces to their barracks;
- 6. CALLS UPON the British Government also to create conditions in Southern Rhodesia which will ensure a free and fair election and avert the danger of the collapse of the Lancaster House Agreement
- 7. CALLS UPON the British Government to immediately take the following actions in order to ensure that all Zimbahwe nationals freely participate in the forthcoming electoral process:
 - (i) Release all political prisoners:
 - (ii) Allow all Zimbabwe exiles to return home without the threat, intimidation or arrest in conformity with Lancaster House Agreement.
- 8. STRONGLY CONDEMNS the racist regime in South Africa for interference in the internal affairs of Zimbabwe namely the campaign by vicious press and radio propaganda aimed at discrediting the Patriotic Front;

- 9. DECLARES that the presence of South African troops in Southern Rhodesia constitutes a violation of the Lancaster House Agreement and a threat to international peace and security;
- 10. CALLS UPON the British Government also to ensure the immediate and complete withdrawal of South African troops as well as all mercenaries currently serving in the security forces of Southern Rhodesia:
- 11. REITERATES its commitment to respect only the free and fair choice of the people of Zimbahwe;
- 12. CALLS UPON all OAU Member States not to accord any recognition to any institution set up in zimbabwe which is not the direct outcome of such free and fair choice by the People of Zimbabwe;
- 13. REQUESTS the African Group at the United Nations to take appropriate measures to convene an urgent meeting of the Security Council to consider the explosive situation in Southern Rhodesia including the presence of South African troops and mercenaries in the territory;
- 14. REQUESTS the following Member States Algeria, Angola, Botswana, Liberia, Mozambique, Nigeria, Somalia, Tanzania and Zambia in addition to the African Members of the Security Council to send representatives at the highest level possible to participate at the Security Council debate referred to in paragraph 13 above,
- 15. CALLS UPON all OAU Member States to grant, as a matter of utmost urgency, all possible financial and material assistance to the Patriotic Front to enable it mount an effective election campaign;
- 16. REQUESTS the Secretary General to look into the possibility of bringing forward the date of the convening of the 34th Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers to enable the Council give an early consideration to the current situation in Southern Rhodesia.