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LETTER DATED 31 JANUARY 1980 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP
OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES IN THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour, in my capacity as Chairman of the Group of Non-Aligned Countries in the United Nations and in accordance with an express mandate from that Group, to inform you that the non-aligned countries most strongly support the initiative of the States members of the African Group in the United Nations for the convening of an urgent meeting of the Security Council to consider the situation in Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe).

As you know, the non-aligned countries have always resolutely advocated the independence of Zimbabwe and support the just cause of its people, led by the Patriotic Front, which is struggling to gain the full exercise of its inalienable rights.

The non-aligned countries are therefore deeply concerned at the fact, reported by the Liberation Committee of the Organization of African Unity and by the front-line States, that there has been a deterioration of the situation in Southern Rhodesia and violations of the Lancaster House agreements have been committed by the administering Power in recent months.

The Group of Non-Aligned Countries in the United Nations hopes that the Security Council, under your presidency, will take the necessary steps to rectify the situation and guarantee the holding of free and fair elections in Zimbabwe.

I would request you to circulate this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Raúl ROA KOURI
Chairman of the Group
of Non-Aligned Countries
in the United Nations
