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Letter dated 31 December 1985 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a letter from Colonel Muammar Qaddafi, leader of the great revolution of 1 September, concerning the repressive and humiliating treatment of the wife of the African combatant Nelson Mandela by the South African apartheid régime.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the text of this letter from Colonel Muammar Qaddafi as a document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Rajab A. AZZAROUK
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

ANNEX

Letter dated 23 December 1985 from the leader of the great
revolution of 1 September to the Secretary-General

The wife of the African combatant Nelson Mandela has been subjected to repressive and despicable measures by the authorities of the barbarous régime in South Africa, having been forcibly removed from her home in Johannesburg and prevented from communicating with correspondents or from talking with them or providing any information concerning the evolution of the situation in her country. This is despite the fact that she is a living, moving African citizen and is demanding her husband's release and freedom as well as her own freedom and the freedom of her people in a land free from any link with the white racists.

You have exerted great efforts for the release of the African combatant Nelson Mandela, yet those efforts have been in vain, despite the fact that everyone knows that Mandela is unjustly treated and that he is fighting for the freedom of his country and standing against the racial discrimination practised by the white minority, which takes as the basis for its position vis-à-vis a whole African people its theory of cultural and racial superiority.

The wife of the African combatant Nelson Mandela has been detained and subjected to measures of the utmost severity.

I know that you have made an effort to reduce the extreme nature of the domination and arrogance of the white racists in South Africa, but perhaps you have failed to influence them. Although condemned by the world and the United Nations, and by the rules of brotherhood, justice and equality recognized by mankind, the arrogant racists have ignored such condemnation and have continued to speak the language of superiority and bloody violence - bestial conduct by which they have been transformed into human monsters that speak the language of blood and feed on the flesh of the innocent sons of South Africa.

The white minority in South Africa has been afflicted with a kind of human decadence and has lost all connection with humanity as a moral value where by God honoured man on Earth.

The killings and torture of people and the burning and destruction of residential districts carried out by this white racist minority, the policy of racial discrimination which it practises in a land where it knows it has no legal right to settle and remain, its bolting of the door to any dialogue and its blocking of any path leading to a peaceful solution that might be imposed - on the basis of this reality, which has been imposed on us by the white racist minority in South Africa, we Africans are left with no choice but to fight for the deliverance of our brothers in South Africa from their sufferings under oppression, subjugation and domination, and to remove the blot on humanity represented by the existence of this régime.

In these circumstances, armed struggle has become the sole means of liberating the people in South Africa and of securing their rights and their freedom following the failure of United Nations resolutions to persuade the arrogant advocates of racial discrimination to renounce their tyranny and arrogance.
