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Letter dated 30 July 1979 from the Permanent Representative of Angola  
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to send you the attached with the request that it be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 80 of the provisional agenda.

(Signed) Elisio de FIGUEIREDO  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

African Women's Day - 31 July

On the occasion of African Women's Day, OMA (Organização da Mulher de Angola), the national organization of Angolan women, salutes its sisters in Africa and elsewhere.

The first Congress of the African Women's Organization, later renamed All-African Women's Conference, ended on 31 July 1962 in the United Republic of Tanzania, which date now commemorates African Women's Day, dedicated to the women of the African continent.

In this connexion, it would be of interest to similar organizations in other countries and continents to be informed of the scope and activities of OMA. OMA was formed in 1962 as yet another mass organization that challenged and fought colonialism. The women of Angola took full part in the revolutionary process that finally liberated Angola. Before 11 November 1975, the women fought in the guerrilla war, and now, after independence, they continue to make an enormous contribution to the task of national reconstruction that faces the young People's Republic of Angola. Many of the programmes of OMA have been implemented since independence; however, much remains to be done, and OMA continues to be active in various areas, for example, in special vocational training for women, adult literacy campaigns, basic health care for mothers and children, in agricultural activities such as coffee and sugar-cane harvesting, in the running of a huge agricultural production farm, and in the formation of defence brigades.

Guided by the MPLA-Worker's Party, under the leadership of President Agostinho Neto, OMA makes it easier for the women of Angola to recognize that the Angolan people have a common cause: the continued freedom and sovereignty of their country, the building of a socialist State and the continuation of their revolution.

Through their national organization, the women of Angola are participating in the political, economic and social life of their country. They are thus engaged in the process of the emancipation of all African women and are actively involved in the liberation struggle of those areas of southern Africa that continue to be the victim of colonialism.

The National Executive Committee of OMA expresses internationalist solidarity on this day with all African women, and with its sister organizations all over the world.

For the emancipation of women,  
the struggle continues.

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