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Letter dated 22 May 1986 from the Permanent Representative
of Uruguay to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose the text of the press release issued by the Government of Uruguay on 21 May 1986 concerning the attacks perpetrated by South Africa on Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and the annex to it distributed as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 33 and 36 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council, and bring it to the attention of the Special Committee against Apartheid.

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Ambassador
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ANNEX

Press release issued by the Government of Uruguay on 21 May 1986

The Government of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay, in relation to the attacks perpetrated by armed forces of the Republic of South Africa against the territory of Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe, states:

1. That it categorically condemns the acts of violation of sovereignty and territorial integrity committed by the South African Government against the neighbouring States in total disregard for the principles of the Charter of the United Nations which prohibit the use of armed force in international relations and for the legal and moral principles which should govern the international conduct of States;

2. That it recognizes as underlying these attacks the existence of the inhuman practices of apartheid and racial discrimination which Uruguay, along with the international community, has repeatedly condemned;

3. That its position is one of solidarity with the peoples and Governments of Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe in the face of South Africa's unjustified aggression, which by adding to the use of violence in the region makes more difficult a peaceful solution of the acute problems afflicting it, as insistently called for by the United Nations;

4. That the South African Government's persistence in acting in a manner incompatible with legal and ethical principles is a matter of profound concern to the Uruguayan Government, which will continue to give careful consideration to the course of events.
