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LETTER DATED 13 JUNE 1986 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF SOUTH AFRICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE  
SECRETARY-GENERAL

With reference to your note SCPC/2-5/85 (4) of 16 May 1985, I have the honour to refer you to the statement made by the South African Minister of Foreign Affairs on 27 November 1985 (S/17662), in which the report of the Security Council Commission of Investigation was rejected on account of its one-sidedness and its misrepresentation of the facts. The same considerations apply to Security Council resolution 577 (1985).

As has been stated repeatedly, and as I reiterated most recently on 22 May 1986 in the Security Council the South African Government has no quarrel with any of its neighbours.

The actions it is compelled to undertake in Angola are aimed exclusively at the terrorist forces who use the safe haven offered them by that government to perpetrate acts of violence against the people of South West Africa/Namibia.

The South African Government rejects the inference in Security Council resolution 577 (1985) that it is involved in "acts of aggression" against Angola, and considers itself under no obligation to pay compensation to that country. Indeed, by allowing SWAPO terrorists to carry out their campaign of terror from Angolan territory, contrary to International Law, Angola must shoulder the responsibility for the loss of life and property suffered by the people of the territory.

Similarly Angola must bear responsibility for the loss of life and damage to property which has occurred in South Africa as a result of the violence perpetrated by the ANC, which also receive terrorist training and succour in Angola.

I should be grateful if this letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) K. R. S. von SCHIRNDING