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

I have the honour to enclose the text of the statement issued by my Government on 21 May 1986 concerning the latest aggression by the racist South African régime against Zimbabwe, Botswana and Zambia (see annex).

May I request you to arrange for the text of this statement to be distributed as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 19, 33, 36 and 70 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council, and to be brought to the attention of the United Nations Council for Namibia, the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and the Special Committee against Apartheid.

(Signed) B. A. SIDDIKY
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Statement by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Government of Bangladesh, issued at Dhaka, Bangladesh,
on 21 May 1986

Bangladesh expressed deep shock and indignation at the latest aggression by South Africa against three fellow Commonwealth countries: Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe, and condemned South Africa in the strongest possible terms for their reprehensible acts.

It is most unfortunate that South African forces carried out these outrageous attacks at a time when the Commonwealth team of eminent personalities were holding discussions with South Africa and other concerned parties for bringing about a peaceful solution to the problems of South Africa, including those of Namibia as well as the heinous practice of apartheid and racial discrimination.

Bangladesh also deplored that the relevant United Nations resolutions calling for international action to end the Pretoria régime's policy of adventurism in the region, as well as its hated policy of apartheid in South Africa, had remained unimplemented. The Government of Bangladesh expressed its total solidarity with the Governments and the peoples of Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe in their resolve to safeguard their sovereignty against South African aggression and with the majority people of South Africa in their struggle for the abolition of apartheid and the achievement of freedom, liberty and dignity.

The Government and the people of Bangladesh expressed their grief at the loss of lives and properties in these countries and reiterated their total commitment to stand by the majority people in South Africa, the front-line States and the struggling people of Namibia, in their crusade for the achievement of their noble objectives in accordance with relevant United Nations resolutions and decisions.
