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**LETTER DATED 15 AUGUST 1986 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE
PERMANENT MISSION OF ANGOLA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL**

Upon the instructions of my Government, I have to bring to your attention, and to the attention of the members of the Security Council, the recent acts of aggression carried out by the South African racist troops against the People's Republic of Angola.

In fact, since 10 August, the South African troops have launched attacks on the town of Kuito Kuanavale, in the southern province of Kuando Kubango. The invaders carried out the attacks with forces comprising three battalions, using AML-90 armoured cars. On 10 August, the South African forces were halted by the National Angolan Forces (FAPLA), who forced them to go onto the defensive.

On 11 August, South African troops again launched an attack on Kuito Kuanavale, using forces estimated at three battalions, in addition to the notorious 23rd "Buffalo Battalion", supported by "Kentron", 155 mm and 106.6 mm artillery batteries and AML-90 armoured cars. FAPLA killed 40 enemies, captured 4 and destroyed one armoured car AML-90.

We regret the death of two FAPLA combatants, 23 dead and 18 wounded among the civilian population. The enemy again attacked Angolan positions on 12 August, using three battalions supported by G-5 artillery pieces and five AML-90 armoured cars. FAPLA killed 45 and captured one and destroyed six enemy vehicles.

On 13 August, the South African forces resumed their artillery fire against FAPLA, who put up a firm resistance to the enemy aggression.

My Government once again denounces these acts of aggression and destabilization which the racist régime continues to perpetrate against the People's Republic of Angola, causing death to unarmed civilians. We are confident that the international community will condemn this flagrant violation of the norms of international law governing relations between States and of the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations.

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I should like to request Your Excellency to have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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