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LETTER DATED 7 MAY 1980 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF ANGOLA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to attach herewith the text of a statement issued by the Ministry of Defence of the People's Republic of Angola regarding the deterioration of the situation in the southern part of Angola in the last few weeks.

I would appreciate it if the attached could be circulated as a document of the United Nations Security Council in connexion with the item entitled "South African Aggression Against the People's Republic of Angola".

(Signed) Elisio de FIGUEIREDO
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement issued by the Ministry of Defence of the
People's Republic of Angola

As a sequel to the earlier aggressive actions of racist South Africa against the territorial integrity of the People's Republic of Angola, the Ministry of Defence is once again alerting the Angolan people in general and international public opinion in particular to the deterioration of the situation in the south of our country during the last few weeks.

Since the beginning of March, South African aircraft have been increasing their terrorist activities and inflicting damage and misery on the people of Kunene Province. They have done this through constant bombardment against all and any type of vehicle on the roads in the Kunene Province during the day and night. This bombardment is aimed at disrupting the provision lines to the population of this area.

South African aircraft have also made a series of reconnaissance flights along the Mocamedes coast. In addition, from 15 March onwards, there has been a strong concentration of mechanized South African troops on the border of our Kunene Province and the illegally occupied territory of Namibia, towards Makuto (in Angola) and Kativa (in Namibia).

In these racist acts of aggression and threat, one can see the vain attempts by South Africa to halt the process of social and economic reconstruction in the People's Republic of Angola on the one hand, and, attempting to assist the introduction of Pretoria's lackeys and traitors to the cause of the African people, so that the puppets headed by the ex-PIDE agent Savimbi, could start a fresh escalation of aggression against the sovereign territory of the People's Republic of Angola, not only in the Province of Kunene but also against the fishing zone of Mossamedes and especially against its deep water ports.

In connexion with the above, the Ministry of Defence exhorts all the fighters of the glorious FAPLA and all the Angolan people to close ranks behind the Commander-in-Chief, Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos and behind our Central Committee of the MPLA Workers' Party, with the purpose, once again, of beating back any new attempt at aggression by the racist South African forces, gendarmes of imperialism in southern Africa.

The struggle continues.

Victory is certain!
