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LETTER DATED 30 APRIL 1987 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE
PERMANENT MISSION OF ZAMBIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you the text of a communiqué issued at the end of the Summit of Heads of State on the rehabilitation of the Benguela Railway on 30 April 1987.

I request that the statement be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) J. M. NGO
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Annex

Communiqué issued at the end of the Summit of the Heads of State
on the rehabilitation of the Benguela Railway on 30 April 1987

1. The Summit of Heads of State on the rehabilitation of the Benguela Railway took place in Lusaka, Zambia on Thursday, 30 April 1987.
2. Participating in the Summit were Their Excellencies President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos of the People's Republic of Angola, President Mobutu Sese Seko of the Republic of Zaire, a Representative of the People's Republic of Mozambique, and President Kenneth David Kaunda of the Republic of Zambia.
3. The Leaders met to continue deliberations on the modalities of the rehabilitation of the Benguela Railway following the decision reached at their meeting in Luanda, Angola on 16 April 1987.
4. The Heads of State held comprehensive discussions which centred on the need to strengthen alternative routes available to the southern African countries, particularly in the event of sanctions imposed on or/by South Africa.
5. The Leaders emphasized the necessity for creating new joint ventures and strengthening existing ones. To this effect, the Heads of State signed a declaration of intent on the rehabilitation of the Benguela Railway.
6. The Angolan Government invited Zaire and Zambia to take up shares in the New Benguela Railway consortium on terms and conditions to be agreed upon. The Summit further directed all concerned National Institutions in their respective countries to go all out to mobilize funds for the Benguela Railway.
7. The Summit reiterated its appeals to the international community to render all possible support and assistance to the efforts aimed at reactivating the strategic transportation route.
8. The Leaders took advantage of the Summit to review developments in the southern African region. They expressed grave concern at the fact that the situation inside South Africa continued to deteriorate as a result of mounting repression by the racist régime against innocent people and opponents of apartheid. The Leaders further noted that the continuation of the State of Emergency, imposed in defence of apartheid, continued to exacerbate tension in South Africa. The Leaders condemned continued severe press censorship, the inhuman detention of innocent and harmless children and the clamp down on all forms of protest and resistance against the minority racist Government. In this connection the Leaders reiterated their demand on the racist régime to dismantle apartheid, end the State of Emergency, abolish press censorship, free Nelson Mandela and other political prisoners and detainees and initiate dialogue with the true representatives of the oppressed people to establish a just, democratic and representative Government.

9. The Summit expressed outrage at the recent violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Zambia, the murder of innocent citizens and the destruction of property by the racist South African defence forces. In this regard the Leaders strongly condemned this barbarous act of aggression against a peace-loving State.
10. The Summit reiterated its appeals to the international community to render all possible support and assistance to all States in the region in the face of repeated and unprovoked aggression.
11. The Summit reiterated its special appeals to the international community to increase its support and assistance to the liberation movements of South Africa and Namibia in their just struggle against apartheid and South Africa's illegal occupation of Namibia.
12. The Leaders expressed their thanks and appreciation to the Governments and the people of the Republic of Zambia for the warm hospitality accorded to them during their stay in Zambia.

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