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## Letter dated 1 May 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement issued in Luxembourg by the 12 Governments of the countries members of the European Community, of which Belgium is the current President, concerning South Africa's military action in Zambia on 25 April 1987 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would kindly arrange for the text of this letter and its annex to be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 33 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

> E. DEVER (Signed) Ambassador Permanent Representative of Belgium

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## ANNEX

## Statement by the 12 Governments of the States members of the European Community concerning South Africa's military action in Zambia on 25 April 1987

The Twelve strongly condemn South Africa's military actions on Zambian territory on 25 April 1987.

These were both a serious violation of Zambia's sovereignty and a grave threat to beace and stability in the region as a whole.

The Twelve deeply regret the loss of human lives which resulted from this action.

They deplote and are seriously concerned by South Africa's repeated threats to attack her neighbours, despite the reiterated appeals of the Twelve and of the international community as a whole. Such actions are damaging and reduce the chances of finding a solution to the serious problems which confront South Africa.

The Twelve wish to recall on this occasion the declaration made by the European Council at The Hague on 25 June 1986 which outlined conditions in which it would be possible to find a solution to the problem of South Africa.

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