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Letter dated 29 April 1987 from the Permanent Representative of
Ghana to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a statement issued by the Government of Ghana following the attack on Zambia by South African forces on Saturday, 25 April 1987 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under items 19, 21, 33 and 68 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) J. V. GBEHO
Ambassador and
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Statement issued by the Government of Ghana on 27 April 1987
concerning the attack on Zambia by South African forces

The news has reached the Government of Ghana that, over the weekend, the racist minority régime of South Africa mounted yet another brutal and senseless attack on a front-line State. This time it was a raid on the southern town of Livingston, in the Republic of Zambia, which resulted in the death of innocent men and the destruction of valuable property. The excuse given by the apartheid régime for this dastardly act was to destroy facilities of the African National Congress of South Africa (ANC) in Zambia. Prior to this event, the murderous régime had falsely accused the ANC of preparing to disrupt the impending bogus all white elections in South Africa. However, the whole world knows that this false allegation had been made only to serve as an excuse for an imminent, premeditated attack on the front-line States in the hope of impressing the white electorate of South Africa and thereby boosting the electoral chances of the Botha clique. The raid on the friendly State of Zambia is thus a cowardly and dishonest act, which is totally unjustified. The Government of Ghana expresses its most profound indignation at this senseless raid and condemns it unreservedly. The attack is yet another demonstration of the evil nature of the apartheid Pretoria régime and of the urgent need for the imposition of world-wide comprehensive and mandatory sanctions against that régime.

It is not enough for those States that are still holding out against sanctions to condemn the apartheid régime for its acts of destabilization against the front-line States. Words of condemnation should be matched by effective deeds aimed at suppressing the mischief of apartheid and/or bringing its perpetrators to their senses.

The people and Government of Ghana convey their profound sympathies and solidarity to the Government and brotherly people of Zambia and more particularly to the families of the innocent victims.
