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Letter dated 5 June 1987 from the President of the United Nations  
Council for Namibia to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of the appeal issued by the United Nations Council for Namibia on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of its establishment (see annex). The Council adopted the appeal at a special commemorative meeting held at Luanda on 19 May 1987.

I should like to request that the appeal be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 36 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Appeal issued by the United Nations Council for Namibia on the  
occasion of the twentieth anniversary of its establishment

1. It is now 20 years since the General Assembly, having terminated South Africa's Mandate over Namibia, created the United Nations Council for Namibia to administer the Territory and prepare it for independence. These events marked a decisive new stage in the efforts of the international community to realize in Namibia the principles of self-determination and peaceful resolution of conflict enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations.
2. By undertaking a direct and active commitment to the decolonization of Namibia, the United Nations offered fitting support to the century-old resistance of the Namibian people against foreign domination, which in 1966 took the form of an armed national liberation struggle led by the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), the sole and authentic representative of the Namibian people.
3. On this occasion, the United Nations Council for Namibia pays tribute once again to the Namibian people for the countless sacrifices that they have made and the heroic courage that they have displayed in their struggle against colonial repression by the racist régime of South Africa.
4. Just as South Africa has brutally suppressed the Namibian people's struggle for national liberation, so it has used cynical delaying tactics and diplomatic manoeuvres to block implementation of the United Nations plan for the independence of Namibia contained in Security Council resolution 435 (1978). The Security Council, for its part, has been prevented by some of its permanent members from taking effective measures to secure implementation of its own plan.
5. So long as South Africa maintains its illegal occupation of Namibia, it will continue to murder, torture and persecute Namibians; to plunder their resources in collaboration with other foreign interests; and to use the Territory as a staging ground for acts of aggression and destabilization against the neighbouring independent States. These acts, in turn, can only serve to perpetuate apartheid rule in South Africa itself and to lead southern Africa to the brink of chaos and destruction.
6. In view of the ever-increasing repression of the Namibian people and the explosive situation prevailing in southern Africa, the United Nations Council for Namibia calls urgently upon the international community to act decisively to bring an end to the illegal occupation of Namibia by the racist régime of South Africa and to assist, as a matter of priority, the victims of racist South Africa's repression.
7. To this end, the Council urges the United States Administration to withdraw its support for South Africa's policy of linkage, a policy that the Security Council itself has rejected as incompatible with its resolution 435 (1978) and condemned as an obstruction to the independence of Namibia.

8. The Council urges the Security Council to impose comprehensive and mandatory sanctions against South Africa under Chapter VII of the Charter, so as to compel it to terminate its illegal occupation of Namibia. The Council stresses that negotiation, persuasion and repeated warnings to South Africa have met only with defiance and delay by the racist Pretoria régime. These developments show conclusively that comprehensive and mandatory sanctions are the only remaining peaceful means of bringing about the genuine independence of Namibia.

9. The Council appeals to all States to support its activities as the legal Administering Authority for Namibia until independence. It declares that such support strengthens the authority of the United Nations in relation to Namibia and enhances the efforts to ensure full implementation of the relevant decisions and resolutions of the United Nations.

10. The Council urges all States, institutions and individuals to render increased assistance of every kind to the Namibian people through SWAPO, which is leading the struggle for national liberation in Namibia. Furthermore, the Council calls for generous international support for the front-line States in their efforts to defend their sovereignty and territorial integrity against aggression, destabilization and subversion by the racist régime of South Africa.

11. The Council reaffirms its unconditional solidarity with SWAPO, the sole and authentic representative of the Namibian people. The Council conveys to the Namibian masses, through SWAPO, its assurance of whole-hearted support for their just struggle. It reaffirms to them its conviction that their inalienable right to self-determination and independence will ultimately prevail and that Namibia will claim its rightful place in the community of nations.

12. Finally, the Council recalls the solemn obligation of the international community to promote and defend the inalienable rights of the Namibian people. In the final analysis, it is only through the active and conscientious fulfilment of this obligation that the fundamental principles of the United Nations can be upheld in relation to Namibia and that justice can be made to triumph over brute force, lawlessness and oppression.

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