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Note verbale dated 12 October 1987 from the Permanent Mission of
Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to enclose herewith a message addressed by the Brazilian Government to the Special Committee against Apartheid on the occasion of the Day of Solidarity with South African Political Prisoners (see annex).

The Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations kindly requests circulation of the message as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 33, and of the Security Council.

ANNEX

Message from the Brazilian Government to the Special Committee
against Apartheid on the occasion of the Day of Solidarity
with South African Political Prisoners

On the occasion of the Day of Solidarity with South African Political Prisoners, the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil once again reaffirms its strong condemnation of the régime of apartheid and states its firm commitment to the cause of eradicating it from South Africa.

Brazil deplores the increasing violence in South Africa. The unjust structure of apartheid has been aggravated in the past two years following the imposition of a "state of emergency" in South Africa, which has led to the imprisonment of thousands of South African citizens.

Brazil expresses its support of the efforts of those South Africans who are trying to establish a truly representative dialogue between all political forces. In this context, Brazil adds its voice to the appeals of the international community in favour of the liberation of all political prisoners and of the legalization of political parties and organizations that cannot freely express their ideals.

The United Nations has an essential role in the process of mobilizing international opinion so as to exert pressure on South Africa in efforts towards the dismantling of its institutionalized racist policies.
