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Letter dated 3 July 1980 from the Acting President of the United
Nations Council for Namibia to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the attached statement issued today, 3 July 1980, in which I, in the name of the United Nations Council for Namibia and in my capacity as Acting President of that Council, denounce recent initiatives by the illegal South African administration as a result of which South Africa claims to have established a so-called Council of Ministers in Namibia.

I should like to request that the statement be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 27 of the preliminary list and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Brajesh Chandra MISHRA
Acting President
of the United Nations Council for Namibia

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Statement dated 3 July 1980 by the Acting President of the
United Nations Council for Namibia on the creation by
South Africa of a so-called Council of Ministers in
Namibia

1. The United Nations Council for Namibia has learned with the utmost concern and indignation that the illegal South African administration in Namibia has installed in Windhoek a so-called Council of Ministers as the governing body of the Territory. This action, in total defiance of resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly on Namibia, is a further and unequivocal indication of South Africa's refusal to comply with Security Council resolutions 385 (1976) and 435 (1978) which provide for free and fair elections under United Nations supervision and control, leading to genuine independence for Namibia.
2. In contravention of United Nations resolutions and the will of the international community, South Africa is clearly bent upon imposing a puppet régime on Namibia through which it intends to perpetuate its colonial rule, its exploitation of the people and resources of the Territory and its repression of Namibian patriots. The United Nations Council for Namibia draws the attention of the international community to the persistent attempts of South Africa to undermine, through a series of unilateral acts, the efforts to reach a negotiated settlement on Namibia. By its actions, South Africa has revealed the full extent of its contempt for the well-considered views of the overwhelming majority of the members of the international community which fully supports the aspirations of the Namibian people to self-determination, freedom and national independence in a united Namibia.
3. The United Nations Council for Namibia once again stresses the position of the United Nations that South Africa's presence in Namibia is illegal and should be immediately terminated, and that any arrangements by South Africa to impose unilaterally an internal settlement on the people of Namibia is in contravention of all decisions of the General Assembly and the Security Council and increases the threat to international peace and security.
4. The United Nations Council for Namibia wishes to recall the Algiers Declaration and Programme of Action a/ in which the Council urged all Member States not to recognize any so-called internal settlement of the question of Namibia and stated that free and fair elections under the supervision and control of the United Nations were an essential prerequisite for a peaceful settlement in Namibia.
5. The United Nations Council for Namibia strongly condemns and resolutely rejects this latest action of the Pretoria régime aimed at the imposition of an internal settlement on the people of Namibia, and reiterates its request to the Security Council to convene urgently to impose comprehensive and mandatory sanctions on South Africa as provided for under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations.

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6. The United Nations Council for Namibia intends to intensify its efforts to bring about genuine independence to the Territory in accordance with the legitimate aspirations of the people of Namibia under the leadership of the South West Africa People's Organization, their sole and authentic representative.
