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Letter dated 19 September 1980 from the 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, 19 September 1980, in which I, in the name of the United Nations Council for Namibia and in my capacity as President of that Council, denounce the intention of the illegal South African administration in Namibia to establish compulsory military service for all Namibians between the ages of 16 and 25.

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

(Signed) Paul J. F. LUSAKA  
President of the  
United Nations Council for Namibia

ANNEX

Statement issued on 19 September 1980 by the President of the United Nations Council for Namibia regarding the intention of the illegal South African administration in Namibia to establish compulsory military service for Namibians

1. The attention of the United Nations Council for Namibia has been drawn to reports according to which the illegal South African administration in Namibia intends to establish compulsory military service for all Namibians between the ages of 16 and 25.
2. The United Nations Council for Namibia strongly condemns this initiative of the occupation régime in Namibia. This decision, in total defiance of Security Council and General Assembly resolutions on Namibia, is a further and unequivocal indication of South Africa's refusal to comply with Security Council resolutions 385 (1976) and 435 (1978) providing for free and fair elections under United Nations supervision and control and leading to genuine independence for Namibia.
3. In contravention of United Nations resolutions and the will of the international community, South Africa persists in its manoeuvres to impose upon the Namibian people a régime based on political groups subservient to its interests and through which it intends to perpetuate its colonialist and racist exploitation of the people and resources of the Territory.
4. The United Nations Council for Namibia draws the attention of the international community to the persistent attempts of South Africa to undermine the efforts for a negotiated settlement on Namibia through a series of unilateral acts, the sole purpose of which has been to ensure the perpetuation of its illegal occupation and ruthless exploitation of the people and natural resources of the Territory. By its actions, the illegal South African administration in Namibia will increase the suffering of the Namibian people by disrupting the life of the people in the Territory and forcing many to seek refuge in neighbouring countries and requiring additional efforts of United Nations assistance to refugees in order to ensure that adequate shelter and support may be provided for them outside Namibia.
5. The United Nations Council for Namibia fully supports the right, even the duty, of Namibians to resist military service imposed on them by the illegal occupation régime and declares that it will do all in its power to mobilize international assistance on behalf of those who are able to leave the Territory.
6. The United Nations Council for Namibia declares that all measures that the illegal occupation régime attempts to enforce in Namibia to establish military conscription are illegal, null and void.

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7. 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 and unconditionally terminated and that all arrangements by South Africa to impose unilaterally an internal settlement on the people of Namibia are in contravention of all decisions of the General Assembly and the Security Council and constitute an increasing threat to international peace and security.

8. The United Nations Council for Namibia urges delegations of Member States to the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly to consider the implications of South Africa's intention to impose compulsory military service in Namibia and to adopt effective measures to protect the Namibian people from this additional demonstration by South Africa of its utter contempt for the inalienable rights of the Namibian people for self-determination, freedom and national independence in a united Namibia.

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