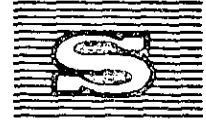


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LETTER DATED 4 JANUARY 1979 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF  
THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SOUTH AFRICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Honourable R. F. Botha has today requested me to convey the text of the enclosed letter to Your Excellency.

I should appreciate it if the letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) J. Adriaan EKSTEEN  
Chargé d'Affaires

Annex

Letter from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of South Africa  
addressed to the Secretary-General

Pursuant to my letters of 22 December 1978 (S/12983) and 30 December 1978 (S/12989), as well as Your Excellency's letter of 1 January 1979 (S/13002 - received by me on 3 January 1979), Mr. Ahtisaari would be welcome to proceed to South Africa and South West Africa at the earliest opportunity.

I wish to reciprocate the hope expressed by Your Excellency that the New Year would see a successful solution of the question of South West Africa/Namibia.

R. F. BOTHA  
Minister of Foreign Affairs

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