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Letter dated 30 March 1988 from the Permanent Representative of
Spain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the communiqué issued today, 30 March, by the Office of Diplomatic Information of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Spain concerning the attack by South Africa on the capital of Botswana on 28 March (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 36 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Francisco VILLAR

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ANNEX

Communiqué issued on 30 March 1988 by the Office of Diplomatic Information
of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Spain concerning the attack by
South Africa on the capital of Botswana

Spain strongly condemns the action carried out on Monday, 28 March, by South African military units against the capital of Botswana, Gaborone, which resulted in four deaths, and for which South Africa's Ministry of Defence has publicly claimed responsibility. This new act of violence represents a serious breach of the norms of international law which protect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States, and Spain therefore expresses its solidarity with Botswana and the front-line countries which have been the targets of such repeated acts of aggression.

In addition, Spain wishes once again to place on public record its concern at the spiral of violence in which South Africa is caught up, and expresses in this connection its distress at the attacks perpetrated in several countries on individuals affiliated with the African National Congress (ANC).
