

progressive people throughout the world to enhance their solidarity with Viet Nam, support and defend Viet Nam, and demand that the Peking rulers should put an immediate end to their aggressive war and withdraw all their troops from Viet Nam.

The fraternal peoples of Viet Nam, Laos and Kampuchea, who have fought shoulder to shoulder and defeated the aggressive imperialists, are strengthening further their solidarity to defeat the reactionary policy of the Chinese rulers.

For peace and the long-standing friendship between the two countries, the Vietnamese people call on the Chinese people and troops resolutely to protest against the aggressive war provoked by the Peking rulers.

The people and Government of Viet Nam call on the United Nations and the democratic organizations, for the sake of peace and justice, energetically to condemn the aggressive war of the Peking rulers.

The Vietnamese people, a dauntless, courageous and indomitable nation who have defeated all aggressors, are firmly convinced that, under the leadership of the Communist Party of Viet Nam and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and with strong sympathy and support from their brothers and friends in all continents, they will defeat the aggressive war of the Chinese rulers, defend their independence and sovereignty and make a worthy contribution to the safeguarding of peace and stability in South-East Asia and the world.



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Letter dated 17 February 1979 from the Secretary-General to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of South Africa

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I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 14 February 1979 [S/13083], which was transmitted to me by the Chargé d'Affaires of the Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations.

I have taken note of your expression of concern over the incident of 13 February mentioned in your letter. In the course of my press conference of 15 February, I stated that acts of violence of this kind were not helpful to our efforts. I fully recognize the importance of securing an atmosphere of peace and tranquillity in Namibia during the current efforts to bring about the implementation of the proposal for a settlement of the Namibian situation [S/12636 of April 1978] in accordance with Security Council resolution 435 (1978). As I stated in my letter to you of 1 January 1979 [S/13002], "a comprehensive cessation of all hostile acts", as provided for in paragraph 8 of the above-mentioned proposal, is an essential prerequisite to the implementation of resolution 435 (1978). In the same letter, I also stated that I would, at the appropriate time, propose a procedure for the commencement of the cease-fire.

As regards the recent mission of my Special Representative, Mr. M. Ahtisaari, he has informed me that there are still a number of issues to be settled. He has indicated to me that, while the parties have affirmed that they accept the proposal for a settlement of the Namibian situation, they give different interpretations on a number of important points. I and my Special Representative will pursue our efforts in order to secure the necessary clarification on those points.

No one is more anxious than I to implement resolution 435 (1978) at the earliest possible date. But I am sure you will appreciate that, before the United Nations

Transition Assistance Group can be established and enter into operation, the outstanding issues must be clarified so as to enable it to carry out its functions effectively, in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Security Council resolutions. Indeed, I wanted to begin the consultations to that end immediately after the adoption of resolution 435 (1978) on 29 September 1978. Unfortunately, it was not possible to do so since I was informed of your Government's decision to cooperate in the implementation of that resolution only on 22 December 1978 [S/12983]. In the meantime, as you will recall, your Government proceeded unilaterally to hold elections in Namibia, without United Nations supervision and control and despite Security Council resolution 439 (1978). Nevertheless, in the interest of securing a peaceful settlement to this long-standing issue and bearing in mind my reports to the Council dated 24 November and 2 December 1978 [S/12938 and S/12950], I requested my Special Representative to undertake further consultations in January 1979.

I can assure you that we shall continue to exert all possible efforts to conclude the clarifying process as quickly as possible. In this endeavour I must count on the understanding and co-operation of the parties. In these circumstances, I hope that all concerned will in the meantime refrain from actions or statements which might jeopardize such an outcome.

Since your letter has been circulated as a Security Council document, I shall arrange for this reply to be circulated in the same way.

(Signed) Kurt WALDHEIM
Secretary-General