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2264th MEETING

Held in New York on Thursday, 5 February 1981, at 7 p.m.

President: Mr. Jacques LEPRETTE (France).

Present: The representatives of the following States: China, France, German Democratic Republic, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, Niger, Panama, Philippines, Spain, Tunisia, Uganda, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Provisional agenda (S/Agenda/2264)

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The question of South Africa:
Letter dated 28 November 1980 from the Permanent Representative of Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/14277)

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

Expression of thanks to the retiring President

1. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): As this is the first meeting of the Security Council for the month of February, I should like to pay a tribute, on behalf of the Council, to Mr. Ling Qing, representative of China, for his services as President of the Council for the month of January. As President, Mr. Ling earned our admiration and deep gratitude for the great diplomatic skill with which he carried out his functions.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The question of South Africa:

Letter dated 28 November 1980 from the Permanent Representative of Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/14277)

2. The PRESIDENT (*interpretation from French*): As a result of consultations held among members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The members of the Security Council have entrusted me to express, on their behalf, their grave concern over the death sentences recently passed by the Transvaal Division of the Supreme Court at Pretoria on Ncimbithi Johnson Lubisi (28), Petrus Tsepo Mashigo (20) and Naphtali Manana (24), and which may be considered shortly by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in Bloemfontein.

"Having this in mind, I strongly urge that the Government of South Africa, in order to avert further aggravating the situation in South Africa, should take into account the concerns expressed for the lives of these three young men."

3. The text of this statement will be conveyed immediately to the State President of the Republic of South Africa. The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on the agenda.

The meeting rose at 7.05 p.m.

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