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LETTER DATED 23 JUNE 1981 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
ANGOLA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Pursuant to my prior communications I have the honour to draw your attention to the fact that acts of armed aggression on the part of the racist Pretoria régime against the People's Republic of Angola are entering a qualitatively new and more dangerous phase. They constitute a direct threat to the independence and sovereignty of my country and all free Africa.

By now, after a series of aggressive and terrorist acts against my country and other independent African States, the racist Pretoria régime has concentrated in the illegally occupied territory of Namibia more than 95,000 of its troops and mercenaries ready to carry out large-scale invasions into Angola. All these actions of South Africa constitute flagrant violations of the United Nations Charter and universally recognized norms of international law and an open challenge to the Security Council, which repeatedly during the last years has strongly condemned South Africa for its acts of aggression against the People's Republic of Angola and other African States, and pose a serious threat to international peace and security.

It is abundantly clear that the escalation of the aggressive incursions of South Africa and planning by it of even more large-scale aggressive actions against Angola have been made possible by the open support of the United States Administration for the racist Pretoria régime.

The actions of the Pretoria régime, which represent in essence international terrorism elevated to the level of State policy, must be stopped.

My Government expresses profound concern over the dangerous escalation of the aggressive actions of the Pretoria régime against the territorial integrity of the People's Republic of Angola and the support which is provided to South Africa by the United States. The situation arising in southern Africa and around a Namibian settlement constitute a challenge to the sovereign status of Africa, to the support of the African continent for the liberation movements, especially SWAPO, and to the international community as a whole.

The Government of the People's Republic of Angola reserves the right, if need arises, to request a meeting of the Security Council.

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I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council in connexion with the question of South African aggression against the People's Republic of Angola.

(Signed) Elisio de FIGUEIREDO  
Permanent Representative

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