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LETTER DATED 30 JULY 1981 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ANGOLA TO  
THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to inform the Security Council and the international community of the latest series of military actions, on a very serious and massive scale, being undertaken by the racist minority régime of South Africa against the sovereignty, stability and territorial integrity of the People's Republic of Angola.

Racist South African troops, composed of an infantry brigade, two battalions made up of mercenaries and racist South Africans, and a South African motorized infantry battalion, reinforced and supported by Impala aircraft, Puma and Allouette III helicopters, 155 mm cannon, 81 mm mortar and AML-60 armoured vehicles, penetrated Angolan territory and have occupied a number of localities, with command headquarters set up in Mulemba. The racist troops and mercenaries, in addition to controlling access routes and air space, have undertaken large-scale destruction of the area.

Parallel to the devastating military invasion in the south of Angola, the apartheid régime has reinforced its military strength in the Territory of Namibia with an additional 40,000 armed men, most of whom are stationed along the southern border of Angola with Namibia.

Excellency, my Government has kept the Security Council informed for over four-and-a-half years of the unceasing acts of military aggression, armed invasions, raids, kidnapings, destruction of life and property, and other blatant violations of the norms and principles of international law that the racist minority régime of Pretoria has carried out against the People's Republic of Angola since the first few hours of our independence. In fact, the announcement of the success of our revolution, culminating in independence from five centuries of colonial rule, was accompanied by a massive armed invasion of our territory by the forces of racism and imperialism. South Africa's long series of military actions against Angola have been punctuated by brutal and wholesale massacres of civilian men, women and children, such as at Kassinga in 1978. South Africa's largest military operation since World War II was launched against Angola last year.

Excellency, the Council has often met and passed resolutions condemning South Africa, demanding an end to these attacks and urging compensation for the losses suffered by the Angolan State and people. Resolutions of the Security Council are mandatory, according to the Charter of the United Nations but South Africa, with

the assistance of its imperialist friends, has escalated its aggression with impunity and immunity.

In these circumstances, Excellency, my Government feels compelled once more to alert the States Members of the Organization to the extremely serious state of affairs obtaining in southern Africa in general and in Namibia in particular, for these attacks are intricately connected to the issue of Namibian independence and apartheid and minority rule in South Africa.

South Africa's actions and imperialist support for those actions, whether by active assistance or acquiescence are not only an insult to Africa but a serious threat to international peace and security, for a conflagration starting in southern Africa will not be confined to the area, and the potential for war has never been greater.

My Government reserves the right to request action by the Security Council. Meanwhile, I request that this communication be issued as a document of the Council in connexion with the question of South African aggression against the People's Republic of Angola.

(Signed) Elisio de FIGUEIREDO  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative