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LETTER DATED 7 NOVEMBER 1978 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
ANGOLA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to attach herewith the text of a communiqué issued by the Ministry of Defence of the People's Republic of Angola on 7 November 1978.

I request, Sir, that the attached be issued 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
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative to the United Nations

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Communiqué issued by the Ministry of Defence of Angola
on 7 November 1978

To the Angolan people, militants of the MPLA-Workers' Party, and fighters of FAPLA (Popular Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola):

The Angolan fatherland is again threatened. The racist forces of South Africa, at the services of international imperialism, have planned and are in the process of executing a large-scale attack against the threatened territory of our nation. At the precise moment Angola and Zaire are taking firm steps towards the normalization of relations sought by all, with the opening of the Luau bridge, which will open a new international railroad so important for this part of Africa, dark clouds hover once again over our country.

Under the pretext of neutralizing the just and liberation-seeking actions of the SWAPO fighters, the fascist leadership of Pretoria has conceived a plan of attack against several sites in our country. However, the true objective is the destruction of the important and hard-fought achievements won by our people and the destabilization of the People's Republic of Angola.

Continually carrying out their aggression with impunity, the South African racists, strengthened from the support they have always received from the imperialist countries, are preparing to attack our populace, destroy the wealth of our people and mow down innocent lives.

In recent weeks, the South African air force has carried out repeated violations of our air space, conducting military reconnaissance in preparation for the planned new attacks.

On several occasions, we have denounced these provocative actions, with no results.

Angolan people, our cities of Lubango, Mocamedes, Menongue, Ongiva, the villages of Matala, Kahama, Calueque, Porto Alexandre, Umbi, Chibemba, Chibema, Omkwabwamwemo, Amime, Muongo, Mulemba, Chivale, Ejito, Chitumbo, Chiede, Capinde are all directly threatened.

Lobito, Benguela, Huambo and even Luanda are also endangered.

Working masses, Angolan people, soldiers and officers of FAPLA: We must immediately prepare the defence of our cities and villages.

We must demonstrate today, once again, the truth of the orders of our Comrade President that "every citizen is and must see himself as a soldier".

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We must meet the defence objectives set by the constituted authorities to this end. We must fortify ourselves and defend the land and wealth of our people by whatever means. We shall defend our people.

Angolan people: By order of the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, the President of the MPLA-Workers' Party and President of the People's Republic of Angola, Comrade Agostinho Neto, obligatory curfew shall be put into effect immediately in the endangered areas.

All the nation's resources shall be mobilized wherever necessary for the defence of the People's Republic of Angola against the armed aggression being prepared by the racist Republic of South Africa.

We further appeal to the international community to take action against this threat from the racist Pretoria régime, which seeks not only to attack the national and territorial sovereignty of the People's Republic of Angola but also to deliberately aggravate the worsening situation in southern Africa.
