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LETTER DATED 4 DECEMBER 1978 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 send you the
attached and to request that it be circulated as a document of the Security
Council in connexion with the situation in Namibia.

(Signed) Elisio de FIGUEIREDO
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative
to the United Nations

Annex

On behalf of the Government and people of the People's Republic of Angola, the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Angola to the United Nations strongly condemns the so-called internal elections being held inside Namibia for the sole purpose of installing a rubber-stamp group which will continue to obey the imperialist and racist commands of the minority Government in South Africa.

In this connexion, we also strongly denounce the mass arrest of SWAPO leaders who are inside their country, coinciding with the South African response to the United Nations. These arrests are merely one of the tactics being employed by the racist Pretoria Government to deny to the people of Namibia their inalienable right to self-determination and genuine independence. In fact, these so-called elections are being held to suppress and sabotage SWAPO, the legitimate representative of the people of Namibia and deny it its rightful place in a free Namibia.

The international community should once more show its solidarity with the Namibian people and with SWAPO by categorically condemning the tactics being employed by South Africa and by ensuring that this imperialist manoeuvre does not succeed. The international community should also do its utmost to prevent the legitimization of these "elections" by being party neither to the process nor to the outcome.
