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Letter dated 15 December 1978 from the Permanent Representative of
Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour, on behalf of the permanent representatives of the five Nordic countries, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden, to transmit to you the enclosed statement on Namibia issued on 15 December 1978 by the five Nordic Governments.

I should be grateful if you would have this statement circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 27, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Anders THUNBORG
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ANNEX

Statement on Namibia issued on 15 December 1978 by
the five Nordic Governments

1. The Nordic countries categorically reject the internal elections that South Africa has carried out unilaterally in Namibia in defiance of the United Nations and world opinion. They regret that the efforts made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the five Western members of the Security Council, African States and the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) to create a basis for a peaceful and internationally accepted transition to an independent Namibia have so far not been successful.

2. The Nordic countries demand that South Africa, without further obstruction, comply with the resolutions of the Security Council on Namibia. South Africa must fully contribute to the implementation, under United Nations supervision and control, of free and democratic elections, in which all political parties, including SWAPO, can participate on an equal footing.

3. The Nordic countries reaffirm their readiness to assist the United Nations in this task. Should South Africa continue to refuse to co-operate with the United Nations, the Security Council must use all necessary means, in accordance with the Charter, including effective international sanctions, to compel South Africa to accept the United Nations plan for Namibia. Increased international pressure against South Africa is the logical response to its continued refusal to co-operate with the United Nations.
