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LETTER DATED 30 DECEMBER 1978 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE  
PERMANENT MISSION OF SOUTH AFRICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED  
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The South African Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Honourable R. F. Botha, has today requested me to convey the text of the enclosed letter to Your Excellency.

I should appreciate it if the letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) D. W. STEWARD  
Charge d'Affaires

Annex

Letter from the South African Minister of Foreign Affairs,  
Mr. R. F. Botha, addressed to the Secretary-General

I have to inform you that a bomb explosion took place in Swakopmund this morning on business premises frequented by the public. According to initial reports at least 30 persons were injured, some of them seriously. Extensive damage was caused to property and equipment.

Mr. Nujoma's statement in Dar es Salaam on 28 December 1978 to the effect that SWAPO would intensify its acts of violence, coupled with the methods employed and the circumstances under which this latest act of terrorism was committed, indicate SWAPO involvement.

Nothing which SWAPO says or does can assist it in escaping the only alternatives open to it: either SWAPO participates peacefully in the election or it does not participate in the election at all.

A third choice that SWAPO can participate in the election while at the same time continuing its intimidation and violence against the people of South West Africa, does not exist.

The South African Government has in good faith undertaken to proceed with the expeditious implementation of the settlement proposal. If SWAPO persists with its brutal acts of intimidation, implementation of the settlement proposal will not be possible. By insisting on violent means of resolving the South West Africa issue SWAPO rejects the settlement proposal in the clearest possible manner.

The South African Government would be grateful to learn, urgently, whether you believe that SWAPO has indeed accepted the terms of the settlement proposal and, if so, how Mr. Nujoma's statement corresponds with such acceptance.

(Signed) R. F. BOTHA  
Minister of Foreign Affairs

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