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LETTER DATED 25 SEPTEMBER 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 a statement regarding repeated South African violations of the territorial integrity of the People's Republic of Angola.

I request, Sir, that the attached be issued as a document of the Security Council, in connexion with the complaint of Angola against South Africa.

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

Enclosure

The Government of the People's Republic of Angola wishes to draw the attention of the international community to the alarming acts of aggression that continue to be carried out against the People's Republic of Angola by the racist minority régime of South Africa.

For more than a week, serious violations of Angolan air space by South African aircraft have been taking place, and border incursions into sovereign Angolan territory are routine on the part of the South African army. What is particularly significant, and alarming, is the intensity and the timing of these attacks. Past experience has shown that whenever the racist minority régime wants to sabotage peace negotiations regarding the process of decolonization in southern Africa, it undertakes vicious attacks, not only against the territory and nationals of the People's Republic of Angola, but also against civilian refugee camps in Angola.

Using various pretexts, South African armed forces launched a massive airborne and ground troops assault against the People's Republic of Angola in May, 1978, and murdered over 700 unarmed Namibian men, women and children at Kassinga, and inflicted severe damage to the economy of the region. The heroic people of Angola are no strangers to South African attacks and invasions, which they have been facing since the early days of independence.

The Government of the People's Republic of Angola takes this opportunity to warn the racist South African invaders that it will not countenance any further violation of its sovereignty and no wanton attack against its people. The South African régime must bear full responsibility for the consequences arising from these criminal and provocative acts, which we know are designed to sabotage our efforts at national reconstruction.

It is the duty of all and those who support the rule of law in international relations to join in solidarity with the Government of Angola against these attacks. Furthermore, it is the duty of the international community to condemn the South African régime for its criminal acts and for violating the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the People's Republic of Angola. It is only through international action, and a united front, that the forces of imperialism and racism can be defeated.

A luta continua!

A vitoria e certa!
