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LETTER DATED 14 APRIL 1978 FROM THE ALTERNATE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On behalf of the African Group of States, I have the honour to confirm to you
in writing the following:

In the light of the request of the Western members of the Council relating to
a meeting of the Security Council on the question of Namibia, the African Group of
States met on Thursday 13 April 1978, to discuss this question.

They unanimously agreed that such a meeting of the Security Council at the
moment would be untimely and inopportune. The main reasons in support of this
opinion are:

- (a) The forthcoming special session of the General Assembly on the question;
- (b) The fact that the parties directly concerned, the South African régime
and SWAPO, have not yet reacted officially on the latest proposals of the Western
Powers.

Taking into account the foregoing, the African Group of States has instructed
me to inform you, and through you the members of the Council, on its inability to
associate itself with any meeting of the Council on the question of Namibia which
would take place before the special session.

It would be appreciated if you could circulate the present letter as a
document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Sebastian CHALE
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of the United Republic of Tanzania
to the United Nations
Chairman of the African Group