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Letter dated 18 May 1976 from the Acting President of the United Nations
Council for Namibia to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the enclosed text of the statement of the United Nations Council for Namibia regarding the announced death sentence passed by the illegal administration of South Africa in Namibia on patriots of Namibia, approved by the Council at its 233rd plenary meeting, on 13 May 1976.

The Council further decided to request that this statement be circulated as a document of the General Assembly and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Roberto de ROSENZWEIG-DIAZ
Acting President
of the
United Nations Council for Namibia

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Statement approved by the United Nations Council for Namibia at its
233rd plenary meeting, on 13 May 1976, regarding the announced
death sentence passed by the illegal administration of South Africa
in Namibia on patriots in Namibia

1. The United Nations Council for Namibia has learnt with great concern and indignation of the report according to which two members of the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), Aaron Mushimba and Hendrik Shikongo, have been sentenced to death by the illegal South African administration in Namibia, and two women, Rauna Nambinga and Anna Nghihoundjwa, have been sentenced to seven and five years imprisonment, respectively.
2. The United Nations Council for Namibia strongly condemns this action of the South African Government which is clearly intended to establish, among other things, an atmosphere of intimidation and terror to impose upon the Namibian people a bogus constitutional conference aimed at destroying the territorial integrity and unity of Namibia, under a ruthless policy of racial segregation. These acts by the illegal administration of South Africa in Namibia are in flagrant contradiction with the spirit of Security Council resolution 385 (1976) of 30 January 1976. If allowed to be carried out, the illegal death sentence would create a dangerous precedent in Namibia.
3. The United Nations Council for Namibia demands the immediate and unconditional release of Aaron Mushimba, Hendrik Shikongo, Rauna Nambinga, Anna Nghihoundjwa and all other Namibian patriots.
4. Namibia is an international Territory under the administration of the United Nations, according to General Assembly resolution 2248 (S-V) of 19 May 1967. The United Nations Council for Namibia denounces the illegal presence of the South African régime in Namibia and condemns the arrests and intimidation that are being perpetrated against the Namibian people. South Africa has no right whatsoever to attempt to exercise jurisdiction over Namibia. The Council reaffirms that any act aimed at suppressing the Namibian people is an affront to the international community.
5. The United Nations Council for Namibia reiterates its full support of the legitimate struggle of the Namibian people under the leadership of its liberation movement, SWAPO, to achieve self-determination and national independence for Namibia. The legitimacy of this struggle has been recognized by several resolutions of the General Assembly.
6. The United Nations Council for Namibia draws the attention of the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Secretary-General to the threat to international peace and security created by the illegal occupation of Namibia by the

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racist régime of South Africa, in defiance of the resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

7. The United Nations Council for Namibia urges the international community to repudiate the acts of violence of the South African illegal administration in Namibia by exercising pressure on the South African racist régime in order to compel it to release the above-mentioned prisoners without delay.
