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LETTER DATED 27 JULY 1976 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF ZAIRE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the President of the Republic of Zaire, General Mobutu Sese Seko, and his people firmly support the complaint against South Africa submitted to the Security Council by Zambia on 20 July.

As is well known, this complaint was prompted by a series of acts of aggression against the Republic of Zambia committed by the racist régime of Pretoria, the latest of which occurred on 11 July in the village of Sialola.

My country cannot but, at the least, condemn forcefully these losses of human lives, these acts of aggression and repression which the ignominious régime of Pretoria has made a constant feature of its policy.

The continued commission of such acts, which are often carried out with the heedless and even cynical complicity of certain Members of the United Nations, in view of their apparent indifference, causes grave harm to the prestige of the Organization.

Zaire, which has the same interests and the same ideals as the sister Republic of Zambia, cannot remain indifferent to this situation, and, while proffering once again its condolences and its support to Zambia, it takes this opportunity to request you to include the delegation of Zaire in the list of speakers in the debate on this question.

In any event, my delegation hopes that the Security Council will at least take into account the fact that South Africa is an incorrigible recidivist which violates shamelessly and with impunity the principles and purposes which constitute the basis of our Charter.

Consequently, energetic action is imperative in order to discourage and terminate once and for all the contemptible acts of the racist régime of Pretoria; otherwise, its arrogance and scorn will simply become more harmful.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter distributed as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Umba di LUTETE
Ambassador
Permanent Representative