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LETTER DATED 28 AUGUST 1981 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE  
PERMANENT MISSION OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS TO THE  
UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of a TASS statement dated  
26 August 1981.

I request you to have this statement distributed as a document of the Security  
Council.

(Signed) R. OVINNIKOV  
Acting Permanent Representative  
of the USSR  
to the United Nations

Annex

TASS statement dated 26 August 1981

The Republic of South Africa has yet again issued a challenge to independent Africa and the world community by forging ahead with its senseless policy of exacerbating the situation in the south of the African continent. The spearhead of South Africa's aggressive moves is directed against the People's Republic of Angola.

On 24-25 August this year a large body of South African forces invaded the southern region of Angola. Aerial forces are also participating actively in the military action on the South African side. There have been casualties among the Angolan civilian population. The Angolan forces are repelling this unprovoked act of aggression.

South Africa's acts of thuggery cannot but be regarded as new evidence of attempts by the racist régime, and the imperialistic forces supporting it, to prevent a newly independent African State which has embarked upon the road of social transformation from constructing a new life.

The real purpose of Pretoria's action, whatever the hypocritical and mendacious excuses that may mask it, is to undermine the revolutionary conquests of the Angolan people and destabilize the progressive régime in that country.

It is perfectly obvious that the leaders in Pretoria would not have taken the risk of embarking on a new adventure were they not convinced that their aggressive schemes would receive support from the forces of international imperialism and reaction.

TASS has been authorized to state that the Soviet Union resolutely condemns the Pretoria racist régime's armed invasion of the People's Republic of Angola, to which the Soviet Union is bound by a treaty of friendship and co-operation, that the USSR reaffirms its solidarity with Angola, and that it demands an immediate end to the aggression and the withdrawal of the interventionist troops from Angolan territory.

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