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LETTER DATED 28 AUGUST 1981 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
CHINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a statement by the
spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China
dated 28 August 1981.

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

(Signed) LING Qing
Permanent Representative of the
People's Republic of China to
the United Nations

Annex

Statement dated 28 August 1981 by the spokesman of the Ministry of
Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China

On 23 August 1981, the South African racist régime, on the pretext of "pursuing" the Namibian people's armed forces, flagrantly dispatched a large number of troops to launch a massive military invasion of the People's Republic of Angola. It is another grave crime committed by the South African authorities against the peoples of Angola and Namibia as well as a serious new threat to the peace and stability in southern Africa. The Chinese Government and people strongly condemn it.

This act of the South African authorities not only constitutes a flagrant aggression against Angola, but is designed to prevent the African countries and people from supporting the just struggle of the Namibian people and obstruct the process of Namibia's independence. Like a mantis trying to stop a chariot, the South African authorities are bent on making themselves the enemy of the entire African people. But no force on earth can stem the predominant historical trend towards independence of the whole of the African continent.

We demand that the South African authorities immediately withdraw their aggressor troops from Angola. The international community should make concerted efforts to stop South Africa's aggression. We will, as always, firmly support Angola and other front-line States in their just struggle to oppose South Africa's armed invasion and safeguard their sovereignty and territorial integrity, and firmly support the Namibian people in their just struggle against the illegal occupation by South Africa and for independence and freedom.
