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OF ALGERIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Permanent Mission of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to the United Nations presents its compliments to the President of the Security Council and has the honour to transmit to him herewith a communiqué from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria concerning South Africa's aggression against Angola, in order to have it circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Annex

Communiqué from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Algeria

The evil apartheid régime has once again achieved ominous renown by invading part of an independent African State that is a full member of the international community. This massive, unjustified and unjustifiable act of aggression coolly perpetrated against Angola unquestionably owes its origin to the complicity between the Pretoria racists and those countries whose attitude, to say the least, is one of complacency. This occurs at a time when Africa, by sending a ministerial mission to a number of capitals, has once again demonstrated its devotion to justice and peace.

Algeria vigorously condemns the apartheid régime for its aggression against Angola. In the light of the tragic situation unfolding in the southern part of that African country, silence is no longer acceptable.

Algeria considers this aggression to be directed against African States as a whole. It appeals to them to give an immediate and vigorous response to the aggression with all the means at their disposal and to extend all the necessary assistance to Angola, whose struggle is that of the whole of Africa.

Such a case of clear, premeditated and calmly executed aggression is also a challenge to the entire international community, constituting a serious threat to international peace and security.

Algeria calls for the vigorous and immediate imposition against South Africa of all appropriate sanctions provided for in the United Nations Charter. It wishes to point out, at a time when the Security Council is taking up the question, that any attitude which derogates from the gravity of this act of aggression, thereby furnishing the apartheid régime with attenuating circumstances, would incur responsibility and would be clear evidence of complicity.
