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Letter dated 2 September 1981 from the Permanent Representative of  
Madagascar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the telegram dated 30 August 1981 which the President of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar has addressed to you on the subject of the situation in Namibia and the recent act of aggression committed against Angola by the South African régime.

I should be grateful if you would kindly have the text of the telegram circulated as an official document of the eighth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under item 5 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Blaise RABETAFIKA  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Telegram dated 30 August 1981 from the President of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar addressed to the Secretary-General

On the eve of the special session of the United Nations General Assembly on Namibia, South Africa continues to defy international opinion, and that of Africa in particular, by attacking the People's Republic of Angola.

Verbal condemnation of South Africa no longer suffices.

The judgement of history will condemn us without appeal if we do not act.

At Nairobi, during the recent summit meeting of the Organization of African Unity, we had intended to submit a specific proposal concerning Namibia, namely, a proposal to the effect that SWAPO be asked to make a unilateral declaration of independence. In that end, however, we decided not to proceed with it, since such a proposal might lead to the invasion of Angola by South Africa.

Today, we can no longer remain silent and feel obliged to put forward the following proposals:

The emergency special session of the General Assembly on Namibia should take the decision to apply Security Council resolution 435 (1978) immediately and without any amendment; or the United Nations Council for Namibia should solemnly and unilaterally proclaim the independence of Namibia under the auspices of SWAPO, accepted and recognized by the international community as the sole authentic representative of the Namibian people.

The United Nations Council for Namibia is empowered to issue such a proclamation, since it is the Council which is entrusted with the administration of the Territory of Namibia; it is also empowered to legislate and issue decrees. That is why we put forward the proposal that the Council for Namibia solemnly proclaim the independence of Namibia.

If you find either of these proposals acceptable, we would request you to intervene with the great Powers in order to put pressure on South Africa so that peace may be established in the region and the Namibian people may at last exercise their right to independence, freedom and dignity.

(Signed) Didier RATSIRAKA  
President of the Democratic Republic  
of Madagascar

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