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Letter dated 9 May 1979 from the President of the United  
Nations Council for Namibia to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the attached messages conveyed to me in my capacity as President of the United Nations Council for Namibia on the occasion of the solemn meeting of the Council, held on 4 May 1979, to proclaim the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia.

The messages include statements of Heads of State or Government and Ministers for Foreign Affairs as well as statements by the heads of specialized agencies and by national solidarity groups.

I request that the statements be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 27, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Paul J. F. LUSAKA  
President  
United Nations Council for Namibia

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A. MESSAGES RECEIVED FROM HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT

AFGHANISTAN

Message from the First Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan

/Original: English/

The convening of the solemn meeting of the United Nations Council for Namibia, held to proclaim the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia, provides an opportunity to the Member States of the Organization to reiterate their firm support to the heroic people of Namibia struggling under the leadership of the South West Africa People's Organization, the sole and authentic representative of the Namibian people, for their inalienable right to self-determination and national independence, and to the front-line States who continue to serve as a rear base for the struggle of the Namibian people.

In taking this opportunity, I would like at this important gathering to reiterate the principled policy, adopted by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan after the victorious April revolution in the country, against colonialism, neo-colonialism, imperialism, reaction, apartheid, racial discrimination, racism and zionism.

The Afghan Government would not fail to exert every effort aimed at ensuring the implementation of resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly and of the Security Council asking for the termination of the illegal occupation of Namibia by the racist régime of South Africa, backed and encouraged by imperialism and international reaction, and the holding of a free and democratic election in the territory under the supervision and control of the United Nations, thus ensuring the establishment of an independent, free and sovereign Namibia in that part of the world. We continue to extend our full support to the United Nations Council for Namibia.

Hafizullah AMIN

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ANGOLA

Message from the President of the MPLA - Workers' Party and  
President of the People's Republic of Angola

/Original: English/

On behalf of the Central Committee of the MPLA - Workers' Party and all revolutionary militants in the People's Republic of Angola, the Head of State and Government of Angola reiterates the position of the Government and people of Angola on the question of Namibia, a country under the illegal occupation of the imperialist, racist junta that rules in Pretoria.

As a front-line State, the People's Republic of Angola has always given its whole-hearted support to the struggle for independence being waged by the people of Namibia, led by their liberation movement SWAPO (the South West Africa People's Organization). On this occasion, the people of Angola reaffirm their commitment to their revolutionary ideology and principles which makes their continued solidarity with the Namibian people an act of faith and an act of revolutionary progress.

On 4 May, in particular, the thoughts of the Angolan people are with their Namibian comrades, for this day has a special meaning in the minds and hearts of all Angolans. It is the anniversary of the brutal, racist Kassinga massacre, in which hundreds of Angolans gave their lives to keep alive the flame of the struggle for Namibian independence.

A luta continua  
A vitoria e certa

Agostinho NETO

AUSTRALIA

Message from the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia

/Original: English/

The Australian Government views 1979 as a crucial year for the Namibian people in their efforts to achieve self-determination and independence. The Government has consistently and strongly supported the efforts of the Secretary-General, the United Nations Special Representative for Namibia, the Security Council and the Council for Namibia over the past years to achieve early independence for Namibia, under the plan proposed by the five Western Powers and adopted by the Security Council. The Government takes this occasion to reiterate

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its support. It is a matter of great disappointment and concern to us that progress towards the implementation of the plan agreed in principle appears to have been stalled. It is my strong hope that the parties concerned can quickly demonstrate the resolve to overcome outstanding difficulties, thus allowing the implementation of the plan to proceed as soon as possible and bring early independence to the Namibian people.

Malcolm FRASER

BANGLADESH

Message from the President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

/Original: English/

We are happy that the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia is going to be inaugurated on 4 May 1979 which is the first anniversary of the Kassinga massacre when barbarous atrocities were committed on the Namibian refugees. On this occasion we would like to reiterate our complete solidarity with the Namibian people and renew our firm support to their just struggle for the achievement of their rights of self-determination, freedom and national independence. We strongly condemn South Africa's continued illegal occupation of Namibia and its brutal repression of the Namibian people and their national liberation movement. We believe that observance of the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia will give an impetus to the national liberation struggle of Namibia which is destined to achieve victory in the near future.

On this occasion we would like to assure you of our continued active co-operation with the United Nations Council for Namibia in discharging the mandate entrusted to it.

Ziaur RAHMAN

CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE

Message from the Emperor of the Central African Empire

/Original: French/

On the occasion of the proclamation by the United Nations General Assembly of 1979 as the International Year of Solidarity with the liberation movement of Namibia (SWAPO), we have the honour and bounden duty to reaffirm, on behalf of the Government and people of the Central African Empire, and on our own behalf, our

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legitimate solidarity with the fraternal people of Namibia and our unwavering support for the just armed struggle which it is waging against colonialism to attain its right to self-determination, freedom and national independence. We are convinced that the desperate efforts which are being made by the racist minority régimes and their imperialist allies to exploit the peoples and countries of southern Africa and maintain them under their domination will inevitably meet with resounding defeat as a result of the blows and concerted action of the oppressed black peoples and their national liberation forces, which to this end are constantly receiving moral and material support from the United Nations and the forces committed to peace and freedom. The Central African Empire, for its part, will spare no effort and will make use of all the means at its disposal to provide active assistance to SWAPO in its struggle to achieve national independence. In this respect it avails itself of the opportunity to convey to the courageous fighters and fraternal people of Namibia its fervent wishes for success in their glorious march towards victory. Long live SWAPO, long live the national liberation movements and long live international solidarity, so that the cause of peace, co-operation and the progress of mankind may triumph in the world.

BOKASSA I

CUBA

Message from the President of the Council of State and the  
Government of the Republic of Cuba

/Original: Spanish/

On the occasion of the meeting of the United Nations Council for Namibia, and on behalf of the Government and people of Cuba, I affirm our warmest support for the proclamation of the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia today, 4 May, in commemoration of the first anniversary of the terrible and cruel Kassinga massacre perpetrated by the South African troops. For decades the heroic Namibian people have struggled in difficult conditions against the colonial occupation of South Africa. In this conflict, they have been able to count on the support and encouragement of all progressive and revolutionary forces, in Africa and throughout the world. Cuba reaffirms its firm support for and solidarity with the heroic struggle of the Namibian people under the leadership of SWAPO, their sole and authentic representative. We once again condemn the manoeuvres of the South African racists, who, in connivance with imperialism, are persisting in their domination of this Territory and are trying to enforce neo-colonial solutions. The proclamation of the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia constitutes a major contribution to the efforts which are being made to ensure that this spirited people will gain their freedom and independence.

Dr. Fidel CASTRO RUZ

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DEMOCRATIC YEMEN

Message from the Secretary-General of the Central Committee  
for the Yemeni Socialist Party and Chairman of the Presidium  
of the People's Supreme Council of the People's Democratic  
Republic of Yemen

/Original: Arabic/

On the occasion of the World Day for the support and backing of the struggle of the people of Namibia for self-determination, freedom and national independence, I am pleased to express greetings and congratulations, on behalf of the Yemeni Socialist Party and the Government and people of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, to your solemn meeting, and I avail myself of the opportunity to voice sentiments of high appreciation to efforts by the United Nations and the Sub-Committee, aimed at supporting the peoples' struggles to establish their right to self-determination.

The People's Democratic Republic of Yemen will spare no effort to support the just struggle, legitimate struggle, and sole struggle of the national front for the liberation of South West Africa (SWAPO), /South West Africa People's Organization/, a struggle that has international recognition and appreciation.

The struggle being waged by the people of Namibia is but a continuation of the struggles for liberation against racialism and racial discrimination that African and Arab peoples are waging against imperialism, colonialism, and racist régimes in the south of the African continent and Palestine.

We are certain that the struggle of the people of Namibia, which has the support and backing of all peace- and freedom-loving forces, is capable of crushing all imperialist and racist conspiracies and machinations. And we reaffirm once again our support and backing for the struggle of peoples for the right to self-determination in national independence, freedom and sovereignty.

Abdul-Fattah ISMAIL

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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Message from the President of the Dominican Republic

/Original: Spanish/

On the occasion of the proclamation, today, of the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia, I have pleasure in transmitting to you a message of congratulations from the Government and people of the Dominican Republic, who have remained in solidarity with Namibia and its destiny and are watching its relentless struggle for freedom and for the fulfilment of the ideals which inspired its great men to fight for and earn their liberty. I also have pleasure in expressing our most ardent and friendly desire that these legitimate aspirations may be translated into justice and law, which are the very foundations of a nation.

Antonio GUZMAN

GREECE

Message from the President of the Hellenic Republic

/Original: English/

On the occasion of the meeting of the United Nations Council for Namibia to proclaim the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia, I wish, on behalf of the Greek Government and people, to express our support for the struggle of the people of Namibia and the efforts of all concerned to achieve a peaceful and internationally accepted solution to the Namibian problem, based on the principle of self-determination. Greece has always favoured the implementation of resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly on the exercise of the inalienable right of the Namibians to self-determination and independence.

We believe that the efforts undertaken within the framework of the United Nations, aiming at a settlement that would guarantee freedom and national independence for Namibia, should be given full support, so that the legitimate aspirations of the Namibian people be fulfilled.

Constantine TSATSOS

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GUINEA-BISSAU

Message from the President of the Council of State of the  
Republic of Guinea-Bissau

/Original: French/

The commemoration of the anniversary of the Kassinga massacre affords us an opportunity to convey to you our ardent support for the vitally important work and decisive role of the United Nations Council for Namibia in informing the international community and mobilizing it to provide effective support to the struggle of the peoples of southern Africa in general, and of Namibia in particular. We are convinced that your efforts, together with those of all peoples who cherish justice and peace, will spur on the heroic fight of our oppressed brothers and contribute to their total liberation. We reaffirm the unwavering solidarity of the people and Government of Guinea-Bissau and our readiness to join with the United Nations in undertaking any action which may accelerate the process of the total liberation of Africa.

Luis CABRAL

JAMAICA

Message from the Prime Minister of Jamaica

/Original: English/

The proclamation of the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia is another element in the campaign by the international community to secure the independence of the Namibian people. It dramatizes the need for intensified action at this time. The South African régime has embarked on its own calculated campaign to frustrate recent initiatives by the United Nations to permit the people of Namibia to determine their political future peacefully and freely. It is incumbent on those who are committed to the principle of self-determination and independence of peoples and who are opposed to the evil system of apartheid to increase their material, political and moral support to those who are struggling for the liberation of Namibia.

Every effort must also be made to enlist the active involvement of those who have not been in the forefront of efforts to achieve Namibian independence and of those who deliberately or unwittingly support South African domination of the Territory.

Jamaica's policy towards the issue of South Africa and of Namibia in particular is certainly well known. Today, 4 May 1979, I wish to renew the commitment of

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the Government and people of Jamaica to the just struggle of the Namibian peoples for freedom and independence. As we continue our material, political and moral support for the struggle of the Namibian people, we would exhort all members of the international community, all the peace-loving and freedom-loving peoples of the world, to do likewise. On no account should the efforts so far by the international community, the courage and sacrifice of the Namibian people themselves, under the leadership of the South West Africa People's Organization, be in vain.

I am confident that the cause of justice and freedom will triumph in Namibia. We will do our utmost to make the International Year of Solidarity a major contribution to the early demise of South Africa's tyranny over the Territory. This can be done through full compliance with Security Council resolution 435 (1978) and all other relevant United Nations resolutions and through continued support for the South West Africa People's Organization.

On behalf of the Government and people of Jamaica, I take great pleasure in welcoming the proclamation of the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia.

Michael MANLEY

JORDAN

Message from the Prime Minister of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

/Original: English/

I wish to take this solemn occasion proclaimed by the United Nations to express the unswerving solidarity of the people of Jordan with the valiant people of Namibia, in their sustained and prolonged struggle for freedom.

The tragedy and struggle of the people of Namibia for freedom, sovereign independence and territorial integrity strike a unique intense tone in the hearts, minds and conscience of our people. This is not only because we unequivocally identify with humanity's movement towards national emancipation for all peoples everywhere, regardless of geographic location, colour, creed and cultural affiliation, but also because Namibia is a twin victim of a ruthless colonization and uprooting identical to that of our brethren, the victimized Palestinian people, by identical forces of evil, apartheid, inhumanity, and aggression, in flagrant challenge of the Security Council and the General Assembly.

The tragedy of the two peoples coterminous with the establishment of the United Nations represents the most formidable challenge to all the principles and values for the vindication of which the United Nations was established more than three decades ago and with which it has been seized all along.

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It is inconceivable that the community of nations would waver in its determination that its own Charter, collective will and resolutions would be demised by two recalcitrant, racist and colonialist States, namely South Africa and Israel. It is equally unthinkable that clear-cut issues shall be allowed to be circumvented by inertia, deceitful and cosmetic substitutes and so-called internal solutions where the aggressor arrogates unto himself the role of arbitrator of his victim's fate, thus usurping the legitimate leadership of Namibia (SWAPO). The United Nations must never abdicate its jurisdiction or authority either to brute force or to extraneous interplay of power politics, whether internal or external. If this were to happen, then it would be a turning-point ushering the downfall of an international order based on justice, the rule of law and assurance for each and every people, to life, liberty and territorial inviolability.

The righteous cause of the people of Namibia and its identical twin, the righteous cause of the cannibalized Palestinian people, are the acid test of whether or not the United Nations will fulfill its lofty mission, undaunted and without let or hindrance, or whether it shall succumb to the forces which seek to render it ineffectual and eventually redundant. The International Day of Solidarity with the People of Namibia is a categorical demonstration that our United Nations will never succumb to illegality, usurpation and injustice.

May the struggle of our brethren, the valiant people of Namibia, be crowned with success, which would be equally a success for everything that we uphold: justice, freedom and sovereign independence.

Modar BADRAN

MEXICO

Message from the President of the United Mexican States

[Original: Spanish]

As we commemorate on this day, the fourth of May, the International Day of Solidarity with the People of Namibia, I wish, on behalf of the people and Government of Mexico, to express our strong solidarity with the people of Namibia and to reaffirm our support for the efforts to secure their self-determination and independence, a struggle to which all mankind is committed.

Mexico continues to believe that colonialism is a threat to international peace and security and that the United Nations should therefore redouble its efforts to ensure that the racist and minority régime of South Africa brings to an end its illegal occupation of the Territory of Namibia, to which it has extended the inhuman system of life based on racial discrimination that it is imposing on its own people.

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We take the opportunity afforded by this solemn occasion once again to urge all the Members of the United Nations to redouble their efforts to attain the final elimination of apartheid from southern Africa and a rapid and just solution to the so-called question of Namibia, so that at the next session of the General Assembly we may celebrate the admission of Namibia to membership of this world Organization.

José LÓPEZ PORTILLO

NEW ZEALAND

Message from the Prime Minister of New Zealand

/Original: English/

New Zealand has consistently supported United Nations initiatives aimed at achieving self-determination and independence for Namibia. We were therefore encouraged, at the end of December 1978, by the qualified decision of the South African Government to co-operate in the implementation of Security Council resolution 435 (1978), and their support for the initiative of the five Western Powers then members of the Security Council, in bringing about an internationally acceptable settlement in Namibia through United Nations supervised elections. Although since then there have been several and sometimes serious differences of opinion among the parties concerned as to the modalities under which the proposed elections will take place, the New Zealand Government earnestly hopes that these will be swiftly overcome in the interests of the people of Namibia who have had so long to await the hour of self-determination, freedom and national independence. New Zealand gave concrete expression to its support for an independent Namibia last September, by announcing our contribution of \$50,000 to the Commonwealth Fund which has been established, in line with the United Nations Nationhood Programme for Namibia, to provide technical assistance to the region when independence is achieved. I am glad to have this opportunity today to renew the expression of our solidarity.

R. D. MULDOON

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PAKISTAN

Message from the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

/Original: English/

By launching the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia today the United Nations is taking an important and timely step in reaffirming its full support for an independent Namibia. Such a reaffirmation is necessary because the Pretoria régime has created new obstacles in the way of the implementation of the United Nations Settlement Plan for Namibia, which earlier had been accepted by all parties.

Pakistan, a founding member of the United Nations Council for Namibia, is proud of its close association with the Namibian people's just struggle for self-determination and independence. We support the United Nations Plan on grounds of principle, because the Security Council recognized that the right of self-determination by the people of Namibia, as elsewhere, can be exercised only through impartial elections under United Nations auspices, and not through sham constitutional and political arrangements. Pakistan has upheld this principle for more than three decades at the United Nations.

Earlier this year, when I had the pleasure of receiving a mission of the United Nations Council for Namibia in Islamabad, I pledged Pakistan's full support to the brave people of Namibia under the leadership of SWAPO. As I see it, the international community has the moral obligation of ensuring that the Pretoria régime implement in full, without reservation or further delay, Security Council resolution 385 (1976) as well as subsequent resolutions.

During the coming weeks and particularly the forthcoming resumed session of the General Assembly, devoted to Namibia, Pakistan will fully support all efforts to hasten the process of Namibia's march to independence.

Finally, I should like to stress that the decisive factor in the liberation struggle of the valiant people of Namibia is their perseverance in the face of adversity and the dedication of the national liberation movement SWAPO. I am confident that their heroic efforts will soon be crowned with success, and we look forward to strengthening the close relations of friendship between the peoples of Pakistan and independent Namibia.

Mohammad ZIA-UL-HAQ

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PANAMA

Message from the Vice-President of the Republic of Panama

[Original: Spanish]

Panama wishes to help expand the assistance provided by the world community to the cause of the people of Namibia and, through me, it expresses full support for the programme of activities which will be carried out in connexion with the proclamation by the General Assembly, in resolution 33/182 C of 21 December 1978, of the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia.

The Government of Panama, which, together with other non-aligned States, brought about the adoption of Security Council resolution 385 (1976), wishes on this day, which symbolically coincides with the first anniversary of the Casinga massacre, to reiterate the urgency of ending the application in Namibia of all racially discriminatory and politically repressive laws and practices and of speedily freeing all political prisoners.

The Government and people of Panama have supported, and will continue to support the Secretary-General and the United Nations Council for Namibia in carrying through the urgent process of ensuring the early independence of Namibia through free elections conducted under the supervision and control of the United Nations.

For this purpose, Panama is maintaining at the disposal of the United Nations Secretary-General and Security Council a contingent of 500 units of its armed forces. The contingent is ready to join the United Nations Transition Assistance Group with a view to co-operating fully in the implementation of the United Nations plan for the settlement of the Namibian situation, the prolongation of which is making the crisis in southern Africa more serious every day.

The Government of Panama wishes to draw the attention of the information media and cultural institutions to the programme of activities of the United Nations Council for Namibia and the need to highlight the heroic struggle of the people of Namibia under the leadership of the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO).

I shall conclude by expressing the hope on behalf of the Panamanian nation that, with the assistance of the States Member of the United Nations, Namibia will gain its independence at the earliest possible date.

Ricardo DE LA ESPRIELLA, Jr.

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ROMANIA

Message from the President of the Socialist Republic of Romania

/Original: English/

I am pleased to extend warm greetings and best wishes of success to the solemn meeting of the United Nations Council for Namibia devoted to the inauguration of the International Year of Solidarity with the Namibian people's struggle for national independence.

The socialist Romania, the Romanian people have constantly shown their militant solidarity with the just struggle of the African peoples for shaking off the colonial yoke, for ensuring their imprescriptible right to decide by themselves their destiny, for the complete triumph of freedom and independence in the land of Africa.

It is in this spirit that the Socialist Republic of Romania has supported from the beginning and is fully supporting the just struggle of the Namibian people for national liberation, for the attainment of its ideals of freedom and dignity.

On the occasion of the recent visit I made to a number of African countries, including some states of southern Africa, I became directly acquainted with the African peoples' preoccupation for the total liquidation of the colonial domination in Namibia and Zimbabwe, for the abolition of the policy of racial discrimination and apartheid of South Africa.

As I stressed during the meetings I had with the leadership of the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), in the official document signed and in the talks and political speeches delivered on the Africa's soil, Romania will further give her entire political, diplomatic, moral and material support to the Namibian people in its just struggle for national liberation.

We consider that at present there must be strengthened the international solidarity with the Namibian people which concomitantly with its political and diplomatic activity, with the use of the way of negotiations and United Nations support, has the inalienable right to continue its fight, including the armed struggle, till the achievement of its sacred aspirations for freedom and independence.

Within the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia, it is necessary that the peoples and all the States should act most strongly for an urgent implementation of the right to independence of the Namibian people, for supporting the actions aiming at putting into practice the measures adopted in the United Nations with a view to secure the independence of Namibia.

I express my conviction that by the strengthening of the solidarity and by

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the united struggle of the African countries, of socialist countries, of anti-imperialist forces throughout the world, it is possible to achieve a just and rapid settlement of the independence of the Namibian people, and the final elimination of colonialism and imperialist domination from the African continent.

With these thoughts and feelings, I express the conviction that this solemn meeting of the United Nations Council for Namibia will constitute an important moment in support of the struggle of the Namibian people to secure as early as possible the final victory - the attainment of national independence and the building up of a new life, in a free and sovereign fatherland.

Nicolae CEAUȘESCU

SRI LANKA

Message from the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

/Original: English/

Sri Lanka, current Chairman of the non-aligned movement is happy to be associated with the laudable initiative of the United Nations Council for Namibia on the proclamation of the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia.

We express our firm support for the legitimate struggle and the just aspirations of the people of Namibia and call for the ending of the illegal occupation of Namibia and the full and fair implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations and the decisions of the non-aligned movement to ensure the total liberation and emancipation of its people, preserving the territorial integrity of Namibia.

I take this opportunity to salute the people of Namibia under the leadership of SWAPO for their courageous struggle. I have no doubt that the ultimate victory in the form of genuine independence will attend the efforts of the Namibian people.

J. R. JAYEWARDENE

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TUNISIA

Message from the President of the Republic of Tunisia

/Original: French/

The proclamation of 1979 as the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia affords me an opportunity to reaffirm Tunisia's support for the fraternal people of Namibia under the enlightened leadership of SWAPO, their sole and authentic representative.

At a time when the Namibian people are passing through a crucial phase in their heroic struggle against illegal occupation, Tunisia would like to make an appeal to the entire international community to prevail upon the racist Government of South Africa to abandon its obstinate refusal to abide by the many United Nations resolutions on the subject and, particularly, the plan for the implementation of the independence of Namibia approved by the Security Council.

The Government and people of Tunisia, for their part, will make every effort to help the Namibian people to regain their freedom and dignity in a united, free and independent Namibia.

I wish to reaffirm the total solidarity of Tunisia with the Namibian people, who have been deprived of their legitimate rights.

Habib BOURGUIBA

TURKEY

Message from the President of the Republic of Turkey

/Original: English/

On behalf of the people of Turkey and on my own behalf it is a great pleasure for me to convey my sincere wishes to the people of Namibia on the first day of Solidarity with the People of Namibia.

Turkey is opposed to all forms of oppression and discrimination and believes that human values can flourish only in an atmosphere of independence and freedom. Consistent with this attitude we firmly condemn the practice of apartheid by the illegal racist rulers in Namibia.

Turkey has followed with keen interest the developments in Namibia. We fully supported and will continue to support the just struggle of the people of Namibia

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for their national independence under the leadership of the South West Africa People's Organization, the sole legitimate representative of the Namibian people against the illegal occupation of their country.

With the hope that their goal will soon be attained, we extend to the people of Namibia our heartfelt wishes of happiness and prosperity.

Fahri S. KORUTÜRK

VENEZUELA

Message from the President of the Republic of Venezuela

[Original: Spanish]

I take this opportunity to reaffirm the opposition of the Venezuelan Government to the continuing violation of the legitimate rights of the people of Namibia and the illegal occupation of their Territory, and also the Venezuelan Government's categorical condemnation of South Africa's unceasing violation of international obligations, in brazen defiance of world public opinion and the decisions of the international community. I also reaffirm the unqualified support and solidarity of the Government and people of Venezuela for the struggle which is being waged by the heroic people of Namibia for their independence, freedom and self-determination. We are confident that the struggle will result in the attainment of their objectives, thereby confirming the principles and purposes of the United Nations Charter.

Luis HERRERA CAMPINS

VIET NAM

Message from the Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

[Original: English]

Occasion the grand meeting of United Nations Council on Namibia to proclaim International Year of Solidarity with Namibian People, on behalf the people and Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, I would like convey to you and to whole Council our warm greetings.

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Over the past decade since United Nations General Assembly decided to end South Africa's trusteeship in Namibia, Vorster administration, with connivance of imperialists, has continued its illegal occupation of Namibia and delayed handing over independence to Namibian people, arrogantly opposing United Nations resolutions.

The people and Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam sternly condemn this obdurate attitude of South African administration, and firmly support the just and victorious struggle of Namibian people under the leadership of SWAPO, their sole legitimate representative.

The people and Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam highly appreciate the initiative of organizing the International Year of Solidarity with the Namibian People, and pledge their utmost efforts to support the liberation cause of the Namibian people.

We express wishes for the success of the International Year of Solidarity with the Namibian People.

PHAM VAN DONG

YUGOSLAVIA

Message from the President of the Federal Executive Council of  
the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

/Original: English/

The proclamation of the Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia, on the basis of the decision of the General Assembly of the United Nations, marks a significant contribution of the international community to the liberation struggle of the people of Namibia as well as the responsibility of the world Organization for the further development of the situation in Namibia. At the same time, this confirms their determination to have this complex international problem dealt with within the framework and on the basis of the decisions of the United Nations while respecting the legitimate interests of the people of Namibia.

The failure to find a peaceful solution through negotiations and the refusal of South Africa to implement the plan of the Security Council and the General Assembly of the United Nations calls for the all-out mobilization of the international community and imposing of concrete sanctions on the basis of Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. This was also confirmed by the decisions of the Ministerial Meeting of Non-Aligned Countries in Belgrade, the Ministerial Meeting of the Co-ordinating Bureau in Maputo, the resolutions of the thirty-third session of the General Assembly of the United Nations relevant to Zimbabwe and Namibia and the decisions of the just concluded meeting in Belgrade

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of the Special Committee of the United Nations on decolonization. At the United Nations, within the non-aligned movement and at other numerous international conferences, the situation in Namibia as well as the continuation of the illegitimate occupation of that country have been described by the international community as an aggression not only against the people of Namibia but also against all peoples and countries of free Africa and as a threat to international peace and security.

Non-aligned Yugoslavia is convinced that the problem of Namibia can only be solved on the basis of free and sovereign self-determination of the people of Namibia and South Africa's complete withdrawal from the whole territory of Namibia. The claims of South Africa upon the territory of Namibia, or any of its parts, cannot be tolerated nor can the attempts to impose upon the Namibian people the so-called "internal settlement", by establishing a puppet leadership that would ensure the continuation of economic exploitation and the preservation of colonial and neo-colonial domination.

As always in the past, Yugoslavia is ready to support every initiative and action directed towards the implementation of the decisions of the United Nations with a view to finding a solution to the problem of Namibia. In this context, Yugoslavia will continue to render its all-round political and diplomatic support and material assistance to the people of Namibia and to SWAPO, its sole legitimate representative, until the final liberation from racist oppression and the attainment of full and genuine independence and unification of Namibia.

Veselin DJURANOVIĆ

ZAIRE

Message from the President of the Republic of Zaire

/Original: French/

At the beginning of the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia, it is a great pleasure for me, on behalf of the Zairian people, united within their national party, the Mouvement Populaire de la Révolution, to convey to the fraternal people of Namibia, through the United Nations Council for Namibia, our sincere wishes for success, and above all to assure them of our total support for their just cause.

As an African country, although situated at the outer edge of free Africa, Zaire has always been at the forefront of the struggle of oppressed peoples to assert their inalienable right to self-determination.

We believe that the time is long overdue for the fraternal people of Namibia to exercise this right, and it will be a great joy for us to see a united and

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indivisible Namibia, of which Walvis Bay is an integral part, accede to independence.

No political or philosophical movement can defy the course of history.

MOBUTU SESE SEKO

ZAMBIA

Message from the President of the Republic of Zambia

/Original: English/

The decision of the United Nations General Assembly to proclaim 1979 as the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia was both wise and timely. The Council for Namibia, in deciding to launch the International Year on 4 May, the anniversary of the massacre of Namibian refugees committed by South Africa at Kassinga in Angola, has fittingly reminded the international community of the grim realities of the continued illegal occupation of Namibia by South Africa and indeed, the threat to international peace and security posed by the very existence of white racist minority régimes in southern Africa.

The launching of the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia undoubtedly comes at a moment of great challenge to the international community and the United Nations over Namibia. There can no longer be any doubt that South Africa intends to install a puppet régime in Namibia in spite of concrete efforts to bring about the genuine independence of the territory through free and fair elections on the basis of Security Council resolutions 385 (1976) and 435 (1978). SWAPO negotiated in good faith and accepted the reasonable proposals of the United Nations Secretary-General to this end. Africa as a whole co-operated and encouraged the effort to bring about a negotiated settlement of the question of Namibia.

In refusing to comply with United Nations resolutions and to co-operate with the Secretary-General, South Africa clearly intends to continue using Namibia as a buffer for its vicious apartheid policies and practices. This is also the intention of South Africa in respect of Zimbabwe where it has also aided and encouraged rebel leader Ian Smith to similarly set up a puppet régime on the basis of the recently stage-managed sham elections. All this is within the framework of the militaristic and aggressive concept of a so-called fortress southern Africa alliance which the Pretoria fascists intend to use as pretext for fighting wars in defence of apartheid far beyond the borders of South Africa itself.

South Africa has traditionally depended on the West for support. The major Western countries have persistently boosted the economy of South Africa through

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trade and investments and also provided it with massive and sophisticated military equipment. Within the United Nations, particularly at the level of the Security Council, they have repeatedly shielded it by blocking, through veto action, legitimate proposals for punitive measures against it under Chapter VII of the Charter. Now that South Africa has thrown overboard an initiative for peaceful change in Namibia, spearheaded and championed by its major Western allies, these countries are under obligation and have a particular responsibility to act decisively against it. Their credibility is at stake. They certainly can no longer have any pretext for refusing to act against South Africa if, as they have repeatedly professed, they genuinely share the commitment of the rest of the international community to put an end to South African illegal occupation of Namibia and bring about the independence of that country, and indeed, southern Africa as a whole. In this new act of defiance, South Africa has, in fact, first and foremost, thrown a challenge at its traditional allies of the West.

Any further reluctance on the part of the West to act against South Africa will convince Africa, once and for all, as to their collusion in the scheme to perpetuate white racist minority rule in southern Africa for reasons of economic greed and other misguided so-called strategic considerations. Indeed, it is disturbing that, concurrent with the flurry of Western diplomatic initiatives, purportedly for peaceful change in southern Africa, we have witnessed an increase in sophisticated Western military supplies to the white racist minority régime. We have similarly witnessed the escalation by these régimes of their acts of aggression against Angola, Botswana, Mozambique and Zambia. The nature of these acts of aggression leave no doubt as to the complicity of Western military experts in their planning.

The situation in southern Africa as a whole is today more explosive and dangerous for international peace and security than ever before. The racist white minority régimes and their collaborators have chosen a collision course with independent Africa in their determination to perpetuate the status quo in the region. In a deliberate strategy, they are seeking, through propaganda and actions such as escalated aggression against independent African States to distort the objective of the liberation struggle and to internationalize and polarize the conflict in southern Africa on ideological lines. They hope to entice over Western support and provoke an East/West conflict in southern Africa.

Namibia is a direct responsibility of the United Nations. The just cause of its people and their legitimate struggle against South African illegal occupation and aggression should not be distorted. Nor should the people of Namibia, for lack of effective international support, continue any longer to live in bondage, denied their inalienable right to self-determination and genuine independence. This International Year of Solidarity must mark a turning point. The cause of the Namibian people should be better known the world over and should enjoy greater and more effective international support. The occasion of the resumed thirty-third session of the General Assembly later this month, to focus exclusively on the question of Namibia, should provide a unique opportunity for the United Nations General Assembly to devise imaginative and concrete ideas to accelerate the

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liberation of Namibia, particularly in view of the abuse of the privilege of veto on the part of one, two or three of the permanent members of the Security Council.

Meanwhile, in the face of South Africa's intransigence, SWAPO has no choice but to intensify its armed struggle for national liberation.

All peace-loving, freedom-loving, democratic and progressive forces should, in this situation, render increased and sustained material and other forms of assistance to SWAPO. No nation should even contemplate the recognition of the puppet régime that South Africa is bent on imposing on the people of Namibia. The entire strategy of South Africa to turn Namibia and Zimbabwe into its so-called Bantustans and to use them as buffers for apartheid and launching pads for its acts of aggression against independent African States should be rejected, combated and crushed. Finally I wish to commend the Council for Namibia and the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Dr. Kurt Waldheim, for their dedicated and tireless efforts in support of the struggle of the Namibian people against the illegal occupation of their country by South Africa and for genuine national independence. I also wish to reaffirm Zambia's commitment to the struggle and indeed to the liberation of southern Africa as a whole. We in Zambia will remain a reliable rearguard for SWAPO and other liberation movements until final victory.

K. D. KAUNDA



B. MESSAGES RECEIVED FROM MINISTERS FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

AUSTRIA

Message from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Austria

/Original: English/

Today the United Nations Council for Namibia meets to solemnly inaugurate the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia, an initiative which Austria gladly welcomes and has supported in the thirty-third session of the General Assembly. During the last year the international community for the first time has experienced a brief spell of hope and optimism for peaceful and negotiated political change in Namibia on the basis of the United Nations transition plan. This plan still offers the most promising way to the achievement of an early, peaceful and negotiated transition to majority rule, self-determination and independence in Namibia. Its implementation would serve as a stabilizing factor of far-reaching consequence for the whole area of southern Africa.

We maintain our hope for a successful execution of the United Nations responsibility for Namibia despite recent set-backs in the implementation of the United Nations plan.

In this context the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia will increase the awareness of international public opinion for the Namibian problem. It will reiterate the international support for the legitimate aspirations of the Namibian people for self-determination and independence and will uphold the principles which will have to guide our present and future actions.

Austria will continue to give full support to this just cause.

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BARBADOS

Message from the Minister for External Affairs of Barbados

/Original: English/

As we commemorate Namibia Day we salute the patriots of Namibia whose suffering and loss of life have been testimonies to their belief in the need for unceasing struggle to uphold their right to freedom. The suffering of the Namibians is also

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evidence of the failure of the world community, and in particular of this Organization, to achieve for Namibians the birthright of their own nationhood and their inherent right to pursue their own happiness free from oppression, colonialism and the worst forms of racism, as practiced by the illegal régime of South Africa.

The United Nations has had a direct responsibility for Namibia from the inception of the Organization itself and the problem remains as intractable today as it was in 1945. In the more than three decades that have elapsed the United Nations has failed to deal effectively with South Africa's refusal to adhere to United Nations decisions to end that country's illegal occupation of Namibia.

South Africa has met every United Nations initiative with derisive scorn and arrogance and has even made a mockery of the recent efforts of the five Western Powers.

South Africa continues to sustain its domination of the territory by its strong military presence. South Africa continues to rape the vast natural resources of the territory depriving present and future Namibian generations of their rightful inheritance. South Africa seeks to violate the territorial integrity of Namibia by detaching Walvis Bay from the territory. South Africa seeks to carve up the territory into homelands in a manner similar in all but name to the Bantustans, thus wickedly destroying the unity and national identity of the people.

South Africa has made all efforts to discredit SWAPO and deprive that organization of its proper role in the affairs of Namibia and through the recent orchestrated sham of elections has tried to impose South Africa's own choice of leaders on the people of Namibia.

We must recognize that appealing to the South Africans and half-heartedly instituting sanctions is nothing but a wasted effort. Only the application of full economic sanctions will have any telling effect. The Namibians have consistently displayed courage in the face of the most daunting circumstances and we must play our part in assisting them to achieve their goals. But those goals cannot be achieved without the faithful and honest co-operation of those States whose financial, economic and other interests in South Africa sustain South Africa's defiance of the United Nations.

Those objectives cannot be attained unless the entire international community is prepared to cease its collaboration with South Africa.

The Government and people of Barbados will continue to play our part by continuing to assist through training Namibian students as at present and through contributing to the trust funds which are designed to improve the education, health and standards of living of Namibians.

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Barbados also pledges its whole-hearted support to the people of Namibia and SWAPO in their struggle to achieve their rights to self-determination, independence, human dignity and fundamental freedoms. Barbados calls upon the entire international community to stand up and be counted, aiming to bring to an end the shameful occupation of Namibia by South Africa and to allow Namibians to work out their own destiny in freedom.

H. deB. FORDE

BELGIUM

Message from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belgium

[Original: French]

In keeping with the commitments which it entered into in adhering to the United Nations Charter, Belgium has always supported the right of the Namibian people to self-determination and independence. As far back as May 1972 Belgium demonstrated its interest in the question when it agreed that the International Conference on Namibia organized by SWAPO should be held in Brussels. Belgium quite recently became a member of the United Nations Council for Namibia and is glad to be able to contribute to the work of this body, which is responsible for working out a democratic and peaceful solution to the Namibian problem. Belgium has been able to translate its concern for the fate of the Namibian people into action on a number of occasions, particularly by contributing to the United Nations Fund for Namibian refugees.

Belgium is firmly convinced that the illegal situation created in Namibia by the South African Government constitutes a definite threat to the inalienable rights of the Namibian people, and it is its sincere wish that the Namibian people as a whole may freely appoint the leadership of their choice and live within their national frontiers in peace and security. The Belgian Government firmly hopes that well before the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia is over, Namibia will have acceded to independence and national sovereignty based on respect for the fundamental principles laid down in the Charter and the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and Security Council.

Henri SIMONET

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BRAZIL

Message from the Minister of State for External Relations of Brazil

/Original: English/

Brazil associates itself with the Council for Namibia and with the other Member States of the United Nations on the occasion of the inauguration of the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia.

At this time, we reaffirm the strong support of the Brazilian Government for the United Nations decisions on Namibia. We reiterate our support for the Council for Namibia as the body responsible for the destiny of the territory until it is able to achieve full independence, in accordance with the guidelines determined by the Security Council.

The forthcoming reconvened session of the General Assembly will once more unequivocally express the wish of the international community that the negotiations on the future of the territory will not place in jeopardy the right of Namibia to territorial integrity, self-determination and independence.

In accordance with these criteria, Brazil will continue to co-operate with the efforts undertaken by the Security Council and the Secretary-General with a view to the full implementation of Security Council resolutions 385 (1976), 431 (1978) and 432 (1978).

Ramiro SARAIVA GUERREIRO

CHINA

Message from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of China

/Original: English/

On the occasion of the solemn meeting of the Council for Namibia to proclaim the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia, I have the honour to extend, on behalf of the Chinese Government, our solidarity and support to you and, through you, to the Council for its just cause.

The Namibian question is one of the important issues attracting the greatest attention of the world's people. In December 1978, the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution 32/182 C at its thirty-third session proclaiming 1979 as the "International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia". This reflects

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the desire of the people of Namibia and the rest of southern Africa and all the countries and people that uphold justice.

With the full support and solidarity of the people of all countries and the United Nations Organization, the Namibian people have continued to win new successes in their struggle for national independence and liberation. So long as they persevere in unity and struggle, guard against and get rid of super-Power meddling and sabotage and win the broadest possible international support, the Namibian people will definitely achieve final victory in their struggle.

Recently, the South African white racist régime has intensified its suppression of the revolutionary struggle of the Namibian people and carried out incessant armed provocations against neighbouring States while obstructing the United Nations from implementing the plan for the independence of Namibia in an attempt to maintain its illegal occupation and colonial rule there. We strongly condemn the South African authorities for their perverse criminal acts and firmly demand the adoption of truly effective measures, including sanctions, against the South African racist régime.

The Chinese Government and people have all along firmly supported the Namibian people in their just struggle against racism, colonialism, imperialism and hegemonism, and the African front-line States in their just struggle to repel the armed provocations and aggression on the part of the South African authorities.

Last February, we played host to the visiting delegation of the United Nations Council for Namibia headed by His Excellency Ambassador Ahmed Esmat Abdel Meguid, and both sides had a useful exchange of views. The Chinese side expressed its readiness to support and take an active part in the work of the Council, and we shall continue to be guided by this policy. It is our sincere hope that the United Nations Council for Namibia will make more positive and outstanding contributions to the realization of self-determination, freedom, national independence and territorial integrity of Namibia.

HUANG Hua

DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA

Message from the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Democratic Kampuchea

/Original: French/

On behalf of the Government of Democratic Kampuchea, I have particular pleasure in transmitting this message to you to express our great satisfaction at the proclamation, under the auspices of the United Nations, of the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia.

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On this memorable occasion, I should also like to convey to the Namibian people the cordial greetings of the people of Kampuchea and their most sincere congratulations for the successive victories the Namibian people have won, under the leadership of their sole authentic representative, the South West Africa People's Organization, in their just and valiant struggle for national independence in the context of a united Namibia.

The Government of Democratic Kampuchea and the people of Kampuchea, who have always supported the just struggle of the Namibian people, and the struggles of the peoples of Zimbabwe and Azania, will continue, as in the past, to back the Namibian people and give them active support until they regain their full freedom and independence.

In particular, we once again categorically condemn the barbarous crimes committed by the Pretoria authorities against the Namibian people. Far from intimidating the Namibian people, this fascist repression only strengthens the determination of the Namibian people to struggle until they achieve total victory. At the same time, we reaffirm our condemnation of the Pretoria régime for its sham elections and treacherous manoeuvres to maintain its domination and shatter the unity and territorial integrity of Namibia. We reiterate that Walvis Bay is an integral part of Namibia.

In order to compel the racist régime of Pretoria to abandon its colonial policy in Namibia, we call upon the United Nations to apply against it the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, including the sanctions provided for in the Charter.

Lastly, the Government of Democratic Kampuchea and the people of Kampuchea are firmly convinced that, under the leadership of SWAPO, the Namibian people, by continuing their just struggle and managing to overcome difficulties, are certain to be the final victors.

IENG SARY

EGYPT

Message from the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Egypt

/Original: English/

Today, the people and the Government of Egypt join the world community in observing the "International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia". They wish to express their unreserved support for the heroic struggle of the Namibian people, under the leadership of SWAPO, their sole and authentic representative, to achieve self-determination and national liberation.

The decision taken by the General Assembly in its thirty-third session to proclaim 1979 the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia came at a time when the Namibian question had reached a very serious and crucial stage.

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We are now witnessing desperate attempts by the racist régime of Pretoria to tighten its hold on Namibia, exercising all forms of oppression and injustice in an arrogant defiance of the will of the international community. Moreover, South Africa repeatedly launched brutal aggression against neighbouring African countries, mercilessly attacking the camps of refugees from Namibia and SWAPO forces in a bid to terrorize the Namibian people and to undercut their resistance to the illegal occupation of their territory.

The life and future of an entire nation are now hanging in the balance, pending a decisive action by the international community. The blood of thousands of innocent Namibians would be shed should the world community fail to take prompt and effective measures to put an end to the racist régime of Pretoria and to its occupation of the Territory.

Egypt reaffirms, once again, its complete solidarity and unreserved commitment to the people of Namibia, as well as the peoples of Azania and Zimbabwe, and pledges its continued political, material and moral support in their valiant struggle to rid their countries from the evils of the racist régimes in this part of Africa.

Botros GHALI

#### ETHIOPIA

##### Message from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia

/Original: English/

On behalf of the people and Government of Socialist Ethiopia, I would like to take this opportunity, on the inauguration of the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia, to reiterate Ethiopia's unswerving support for the valiant people of Namibia in their long struggle against the illegal occupation of their country by the racist régime of South Africa.

We are confident that the proclamation of this Solidarity Year would focus increasing world attention on the unfolding treacherous imperialist manoeuvres to install a puppet régime in Namibia, thereby delaying the attainment of genuine independence by the heroic people of the territory under the leadership of their sole and legitimate representative - SWAPO.

On this solemn occasion, I wish to call upon all progressive and freedom-loving peoples of the world to redouble their efforts in the struggle against the evils of apartheid and to stand firmly in solidarity with the people of Namibia .

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until full national independence is achieved and colonialist, new-colonialist, racist and imperialist oppression and exploitation are completely eradicated.

In conclusion, I would like to express Socialist Ethiopia's best wishes for the United Nations Council for Namibia in discharging the responsibilities entrusted to it by the international community.

Feleke GEDLE-GIORGIS

GUYANA

Message from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guyana

/Original: English/

The Government and people of Guyana join the rest of the international community today in observing the inauguration of the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia.

It was on 4 May last year that the South African racists ruthlessly bombed Cassinga in Angola and perpetrated the brutal and callous massacre of over 600 Namibian refugees, mainly women and children, who had fled repression perpetrated by South Africa in their native land, Namibia.

Those valiant people - the people of Namibia - under the leadership of their authentic representatives, SWAPO, continue to wage a relentless struggle against the illegal occupation of their country by the white minority régime in Pretoria. We in Guyana applaud their successes. On this solemn occasion the Guyanese people and their Government reiterate their unshakeable solidarity with the oppressed people of Namibia in their fight for self-determination, freedom, independence and territorial integrity.

As a member of the United Nations Council for Namibia since its inception, Guyana has supported fully the efforts of the Council and of the United Nations as a whole to bring to an end the illegal occupation by South Africa of Namibia and to assist the people of Namibia to regain their long lost freedom. These efforts have been frustrated by the intransigence of the South African racists and the succour which they received from their friends.

Today the devious stratagems of the white minority régime in South Africa stand fully exposed. The fascist oppressors have never wavered from their intention of constructing a white redoubt in southern Africa with South Africa as the heart land. But the people of Namibia under SWAPO's determined leadership along with the people of Zimbabwe led by the Patriotic Front, will, with the support of the progressive forces throughout the world frustrate these nefarious ambitions.

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Let us pause today to salute the heroic people of Namibia and give testimony in solidarity with them in their bitter and unrelenting struggle for freedom and human dignity and let us restore within the international community to take all the necessary steps, individually and collectively including the imposition of mandatory economic sanctions by the United Nations against South Africa and so rid Namibia and indeed all of southern Africa of the cancer of racism and oppression which now afflicts the people of these territories.

Guyana remains unswerving in the support of their struggle by all the means at their disposal.

R. E. JACKSON

HUNGARY

Message from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Hungary

/Original: English/

On this solemn occasion I wish to convey the deep feelings of solidarity of the Government and people of the Hungarian People's Republic with the people of Namibia suffering under colonial oppression.

The Hungarian Government and people are totally committed to the elimination of all remnants of colonialism, racism and apartheid in southern Africa. They condemn the sham elections held recently in the country to establish a puppet government. They fully support the national liberation struggle of the Namibian people under the leadership of SWAPO for genuine independence on the basis of respect for the unity and territorial integrity of the country.

We are convinced that the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia will promote the just cause of the Namibian people and will contribute to the world-wide struggle against colonialism and all forms of racial discrimination.

Frigyes PUJA

INDIA

Message from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of India

/Original: English/

On the occasion of the proclamation of International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia, the Government and people of India reaffirm their wholehearted

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support and commitment to the heroic cause of the Namibian people in their just and legitimate struggle for the liberation of their country. The United Nations bears direct responsibility towards Namibia - a responsibility to ensure that national independence is established there. Despite the concerted efforts of the United Nations to fulfil that responsibility, the racist South African régime, together with its collaborators inside Namibia, has consistently shown callous disregard of the aspirations of the majority of the Namibian people.

In recent weeks the world has had news of the ominous intentions of the so-called constituent assembly, established as a result of the sham elections held by the Pretoria régime in Namibia in December, to set up an "Interim Government" under DTA auspices and thus add another chapter to the long catalogue of repression, intimidation, humiliation and terrorization of the people of Namibia. It is only inevitable that under such circumstances the liberation struggle in Namibia, led by heroic freedom fighters of SWAPO, should intensify.

This liberation struggle has the unremitting support of the people of India. At the same time, vigorous efforts are called for on the part of the United Nations to assist the people of Namibia in securing their inalienable right to freedom in accordance with Security Council resolutions 385 (1976) and 435 (1978) and to bring effective pressure to bear on the South African Government so as to prevent it from going ahead with the implementation of its illegitimate and unjust plans regarding the future of Namibia.

A. B. VAJPAYEE

INDONESIA

Message from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia

[Original: English]

On behalf of the Government and people of Indonesia I am privileged to send a message to this solemn meeting launching the United Nations International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia.

The Indonesian people, historically committed to the fight against all forms of racism and colonialism as the result of their colonial experience as well as the five basic principles of their State philosophy - the Pancasila, feel proud and privileged to express once more their solidarity and support of the people of Namibia in their quest for freedom and genuine independence under their sole and authentic representative, SWAPO. Recalling that the commitment of the States of Africa and Asia to the liberation of southern Africa goes back a long way, I would like to refer to one of the principles of the declaration adopted at the close of the Conference of the Asian and African Countries held in Bandung in 1955, which recognized the equality of all races and nations. I am even happier, moreover, to be able to say that over the course of the past decades that joint commitment has been solidified and strengthened further.

In addition to renewing my country's support for the people of Namibia and SWAPO, I would also like to reiterate its continuing support for all of the oppressed peoples of southern Africa, in particular those in Zimbabwe and South Africa; the people of Namibia and southern Africa can rest assured that my country will continue to do all it can to assist in the struggle against colonialism and in the quest for freedom and independence.

Finally, Mr. President, I would like to extend to you, the members of the Council for Namibia, and to the United Nations in general, my country's sincere hope that the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia will prove to be a success and will promote the cause of the people of Namibia. The people of my country will be following the activities of your committee and of the United Nations, as well as the developments in the Territory, with close attention in the months ahead, and will contribute to your activities in any manner that it can.

Mochtar KUSUMAATMADJA

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IRELAND

Message from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ireland

/Original: English/

On the occasion of the solemn meeting of the United Nations Council for Namibia to proclaim the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia, the Government of Ireland welcomes this opportunity of reiterating the consistent support which Ireland has given to the efforts of the United Nations to secure justice and peace for the people of Namibia and its support for international action to this end. The Government of Ireland is deeply concerned at the suffering of the people of Namibia and believes strongly that they must be free to exercise their inalienable right to self-determination and territorial integrity. The Government of Ireland further pledges itself to co-operate fully with the Council for Namibia and the Secretary-General in their activities to promote this objective.

Michael O'KENNEDY

JAPAN

Message from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan

/Original: English/

Today marks the beginning of the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia. On this solemn occasion, I wish to pay high tribute to Your Excellency and, through you, to all the members of the Council for Namibia who have been making unremitting efforts for the advancement of the cause of the Namibian people. I take great pleasure in noting that the special mission sent by the Council to Japan last March has made a valuable contribution to the promotion of mutual understanding of the question of Namibia.

Japan has consistently supported the Namibian people's aspirations and struggles for self-determination and independence and, accordingly, a solution of the Namibian problem on the basis of Security Council resolution 385 (1976) and other relevant resolutions, inter alia, Security Council resolution 435 (1978), I sincerely hope that all the parties concerned, particularly South Africa, will co-operate fully with the resolutions of this world Organization and ensure that an internationally acceptable solution is realized as speedily as possible.

To help further the cause of independence for Namibia, Japan has pledged substantially increased contributions to the various United Nations funds for southern Africa for 1979 and reaffirms its readiness to extend as much co-operation as it can to the nation-building of an independent Namibia.

Sunao SONODA

PHILIPPINES

Message from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Philippines

/Original: English/

On this the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia, I wish to reiterate the total and unequivocal support of the Government and people of the Philippines for the Namibian people who, "under the leadership of SWAPO, their sole and authentic representative, are waging a heroic struggle against South African illegal occupation and for the attainment of the objective of national independence", as embodied in the joint communiqué issued in Manila by the Government of the Philippines and the Mission of Consultation of the United Nations Council for Namibia, during the Mission's visit from 1 to 4 March 1979.

If the special and direct responsibility of the United Nations over Namibia until genuine self-determination and national independence are achieved is to be exercised meaningfully and effectively, the role of the United Nations Council for Namibia as the sole legal administering authority for Namibia until independence must be reaffirmed by the international community, as the Philippines on this solemn occasion so reaffirms its firm support of the Council.

The Philippines joins the Council and the international community in the universal demand that South Africa immediately and unconditionally terminate its illegal occupation of Namibia and that free elections under the supervision and control of the United Nations be held.

In this spirit, the people and Government of the Philippines will continue to give both moral and material support to the people of Namibia through the United Nations Fund for Namibia, the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa, and the Institute for Namibia in Lusaka.

Carlos P. ROMULO

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Message from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the  
Republic of Korea

/Original: English/

On the occasion of the proclamation of the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia, I wish to reaffirm, on behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Korea, our continuous support for the inalienable right of the Namibian people for self-determination, freedom and national independence.

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It is regrettable that the independence of Namibia has not been realized as yet despite the strenuous efforts of the United Nations to enable the people of Namibia to determine their own future in free elections under the supervision and control of the United Nations. The Government of the Republic of Korea takes this opportunity to join other members of the international communities in urging the South African Government to withdraw from Namibia and fully comply with all the relevant resolutions of the United Nations for the early attainment of independence by the people of Namibia.

As a token of its solidarity with the struggle of the people of Namibia and in support of the United Nations effort in the matter, the Government of the Republic of Korea pledged, on the occasion of observing the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on 21 March this year, to make a contribution to the United Nations Fund for Namibia.

The Government of the Republic of Korea will continue, within the framework of the United Nations, to support the people of Namibia in their struggle for achieving the long-awaited independence as early as possible.

Tong-Jin PARK

C. MESSAGES RECEIVED FROM SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

/Original: English/

On occasion proclamation 1979 the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia I wish on behalf of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) to assure you and through you the people of Namibia of the firm commitment of this organization to assist Namibia in meeting its development objectives in the present crucial period of struggle and preparation for independence. My organization fully realizes the special responsibility it has received from your Council within the Nationhood Programme for Namibia and I wish to give you the assurance that I personally and the organization as a whole will spare no efforts to make the pre-independence projects FAO will implement this year a significant contribution to this end.

Edouard SAOUMA  
Director-General

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UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND  
CULTURAL ORGANIZATION

/Original: English/

On the occasion of the proclamation of the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia, UNESCO strongly and unequivocally reaffirms its support for the efforts being made by the international community to achieve speedy satisfaction of the legitimate claims of the people of Namibia to self-determination and national independence.

The South African Government's tactics for impeding the achievement of independence by Namibia are obviously designed to create political confusion and divisions among Namibians, to perpetuate its illegal occupation of the country and thus frustrate the United Nations plan to bring about genuine independence.

The continuation of South African domination of Namibia is doing lasting harm to the people of that country. To speak only of the fields of UNESCO competence, South African colonialism has virtually destroyed Namibian cultural traditions by a policy of imposing alien cultural patterns. This policy, combined with the disparagement of indigenous Namibian culture, has resulted in a denial of the very real cultural achievements of the Namibian people.

In Namibia, the South African colonial régime continues to use education, not as an instrument for developing the human resources of the country in accordance with the needs of society as a whole, but to set limits to such development and to channel it in directions which benefit only the occupying power.

In recognition of their importance to the Namibian people, UNESCO has concentrated on education and culture in its programmes of assistance to SWAPO, in the context of the Nationhood Programme for Namibia and in its studies on Namibia, considering that if culture constitutes the link between succeeding generations and between the people of Namibia and their brethren of the diaspora it is education which maintains that link.

A recent UNESCO study on Namibia which examined the effects of apartheid on culture and education in that country found not only that discrimination in education was being used as a means by which knowledge is controlled by the white minority but that the right to education, the right to information, the right to freedom of movement, the right to culture and the right to freedom of religion were all being infringed.

The liberation of a people should involve the liberation of its cultural genius and energies, the recovery and restoration of its heritage and its readjustment and readaptation to modern needs so as to achieve a synthesis of cultural traditions with modern techniques and technology.

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UNESCO will continue to provide assistance to SWAPO and stands ready and committed to help an independent Namibia in the vital task of nation-building and, in particular, in the elaboration and implementation of educational, social and cultural policies drawing upon the resources of its past while taking account of the realities of the present and its people's aspirations for the future.

Amadou-Mahtar M'BOW  
Director-General

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

/Original: English/

For President United Nations Council for Namibia on the occasion of the solemn meeting of the Council for Namibia to proclaim the International Year of Solidarity with the People of Namibia.

The Namibian people who are fighting for genuine self-determination, freedom and national independence in a united Namibia now stand at the threshold of assuming full responsibility for the destiny of their country. At this crucial moment, the World Health Organization pledges its full support to the people of Namibia in their effort to develop a health care system for the benefit of all.

The World Health Organization is convinced that, with political will and determination and concerted action of all social and economic development sectors related to the health sector, great strides will be made towards the fulfilment of the aspirations of the Namibian people to attain an acceptable level of health.

H. MAHLER  
Director-General

D. MESSAGES RECEIVED FROM SOLIDARITY GROUPS

BULGARIAN COMMITTEE FOR SOLIDARITY WITH THE  
PEOPLES OF AFRICA AND ASIA

/Original: English/

In expressing the unanimous opinion and will of the Bulgarian public, I have the honour, Mr. President, to address myself to you through this message on the occasion of the proclamation of the International Year for Solidarity with the People of Namibia.

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In the southern part of Africa there still subsist remnants of colonialism and racism which represent an overt defiance to the ideals of the United Nations for freedom and human dignity and which are a crime against humanity. They arouse the anger and indignation of all nations, of the progressive and democratic forces throughout the world.

The realization of the Namibian people's right to self-determination and independence is an issue which has been for many years in the limelight of the world Organization and remains one of its most urgent tasks.

That is why we are firmly convinced that the entire efforts of international public opinion should be directed at assisting the struggle of the Namibian people for liberty and independence under its militant vanguard and authentic legitimate representative - SWAPO. The immediate and definitive elimination of the racist régime of South Africa in Namibia and the transfer of the whole power to SWAPO will be of great importance in removing the obstacles standing in the way of peace and well-being in Africa and for the improvement of the situation in the world.

In pursuing consistently its principled policy of struggle against colonialism, neo-colonialism, racism and apartheid, the People's Republic of Bulgaria condemns most resolutely the criminal policies of South Africa in Namibia and firmly declares itself for a total boycott of the racist régimes in the southern part of Africa, for the final elimination of apartheid.

South Africa has to withdraw all its armed forces from Namibia and transfer the power to the authentic representatives of the Namibian people - SWAPO. South Africa has this obligation further to the numerous decisions of the world Organization which are supported by all peace-loving peoples and forces throughout the world.

The Government and the people of the People's Republic of Bulgaria are convinced that the proclamation of the International Year for Solidarity with the People of Namibia will play a substantial role in mobilizing world public opinion and Member States of the United Nations to render full material and moral support to the people of Namibia and SWAPO in their heroic struggle for independence. It is the duty of the United Nations to intensify still more its struggle against the disgraceful remnants of the past, against colonialism, racism and against all forms of racial discrimination and apartheid. In this line we highly value the activities of the United Nations Council for Namibia and your tireless efforts as the Council's President.

Allow me, Mr. President, to assure through you the people of Namibia and SWAPO that in the person of the People's Republic of Bulgaria they have and will always have a faithful and staunch ally.

Misho NIKOLOV  
President  
of the Bulgarian Committee for Solidarity  
with the Peoples of Africa and Asia

CZECHOSLOVAK COMMITTEE OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE NATIONS OF  
ASIA AND AFRICA

/Original: English/

I have the honour to send to you, and through you to the United Nations Council for Namibia and all the Namibian people, this message of the Czechoslovak Committee of Solidarity with the Nations of Asia and Africa on the occasion of the commencement of the International Year of Namibia.

Permit me to avail myself of this opportunity and to reaffirm the position of our Solidarity Committee, expressing also the view of all the Czechoslovak people on the situation in Namibia. Czechoslovakia, its representatives and all the Czechoslovak people have always supported and will continue to support the implementation of the legitimate right of the people of Namibia to self-determination and genuine independence based on the principle of the preservation of unity and territorial integrity of the country, on the immediate and complete withdrawal of the military forces and administration of South Africa and on the transfer of all power to the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) which was recognized by the United Nations as the sole legitimate representative of the people of Namibia.

It is apparent that the present situation in Namibia cannot be maintained further. We, therefore, support its political and peaceful solution on the basis of the resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly and the Security Council containing all the principles for a just settlement of the problem.

In this connexion, I believe that world public opinion constitutes a significant instrument for the advancement and the implementation of the principles contained in the United Nations decisions. World public opinion should make use of the opportunities offered by the International Year of Namibia and stand once again openly and firmly on the side of the right and justice. The Czechoslovak Solidarity Committee considers it one of its fundamental tasks to participate fully and effectively in these efforts.

Miloslav VACULIK  
Deputy Chairman of the Central Committee  
of the National Front of the  
Czechoslovak Socialist Republic,  
Chairman of the Czechoslovak Committee  
of Solidarity with the Nations  
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SOVIET AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE

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Soviet Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee on behalf Soviet public conveys warm greetings to participants special session United Nations Council for Namibia devoted to International Solidarity Year with Namibian People. Resolution United Nations General Assembly thirty-third session on International Solidarity Year with Namibian People plays important role in mobilization of broad world public for support Namibian people struggle for freedom. Year has passed since day massacre of Namibian refugees by South African racists in Kassinga camp in People's Republic of Angola. Pretoria régime continues resorting to most colonial oppression towards people of Namibia, barbaric aggressive actions against neighbouring independent African States violating fundamental international law regulations, letter and spirit of United Nations Charter and threatening world peace. Soviet people, following unchangeable policy of Soviet Union in support of national liberation movements and self-determination of peoples, resolutely condemn crimes South African racists against Namibian people. Once again we express our support of just struggle of Namibian patriots under leadership of SWAPO as well as United Nations resolutions aimed at achieving genuine freedom and independence by people Namibia. We express confidence that united efforts of people of goodwill will promote achievement genuine independence of Namibia and full elimination racism and apartheid in southern Africa.

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