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QUESTION OF NAMIBIA

Letter dated 24 May 1979 from the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria  
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to forward herewith the text of the joint communiqué issued at Sofia on 22 May 1979 on the official visit to the People's Republic of Bulgaria of the Mission of Consultation of the United Nations Council for Namibia.

I should appreciate it if you would circulate the text of this letter and of the joint communiqué as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 27.

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Ambassador Extraordinary and  
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Permanent Representative of Bulgaria  
to the United Nations

ANNEX

Joint communiqué issued at Sofia on 22 May 1979 on the official  
visit to the People's Republic of Bulgaria of the Mission of  
Consultation of the United Nations Council for Namibia

1. On the invitation of the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, a Mission of Consultation of the United Nations Council for Namibia paid an official visit from 20 to 22 May 1979. The Mission was composed of the following members:

- (a) Mr. Fathih K. Bouayad-Agha, Chairman (Algeria);
- (b) Mr. Joseph Stephanides (Cyprus);
- (c) Mr. Vicente Montemayor-Cantu (Mexico);
- (d) Mr. Milivoje Zagajac (Yugoslavia);
- (e) Mr. I. B. Kachunga (Zambia);
- (f) Mr. Tulinane Obed Emvula (SWAPO);
- (g) Mr. John F. Robson, Principal Secretary.

2. The Mission was received by H.E. Mr. Peko Takov, Vice-President of the Council of State of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, H.E. Dr. Vladimir Bonev, President of the National Assembly, and H.E. Mr. Anguel Tzvetkov, Vice-President of the National Council of the Fatherland Front. The Mission was also received by H.E. Mr. Marii Ivanov, First Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs.

3. The Mission of the United Nations Council for Namibia held official talks with a delegation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, headed by H.E. Mr. Boris Tzvetkov, Deputy Foreign Minister. The delegation of Bulgaria consisted of the following:

- (a) H.E. Mr. Boris Tzvetkov, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Head of Delegation;
- (b) H.E. Mr. Stefan Staykov, Ambassador, Head of the United Nations and Disarmament Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- (c) H.E. Mr. Dimitar Chorbadjiev, Ambassador, Head of the African Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- (d) H.E. Mr. Georgi Yovkov, Ambassador, Deputy Head of the African Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- (e) Mr. Ivan Garvalov, Minister Plenipotentiary, Deputy Head of the United Nations and Disarmament Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

and other officers of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Bulgaria.

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4. During the talks and meetings, the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria and the Mission of the United Nations Council for Namibia exchanged views on a wide range of questions relating to the legitimate and just struggle of the people of Namibia for self-determination and independence, for the preservation of the country's territorial integrity.
5. The two sides noted that the struggle of the people of Namibia for independence, under the leadership of their sole and authentic representative, the national liberation movement SWAPO, has already entered a decisive stage. They condemned most resolutely the racist régime of South Africa for its continued illegal occupation of Namibia, for its attempts to annex Walvis Bay, for the merciless repression of the Namibian people and for the attempts to impose a fraudulent régime in defiance of United Nations resolutions and the will of the international community. The two sides condemned most emphatically the policies and practices of South Africa's racist régime in accordance with which it uses the Territory of Namibia for aggression and repeated attacks on the neighbouring sovereign African States, the People's Republic of Angola and the Republic of Zambia and other front-line States to increase the tensions in the African continent and by its growing military strength and capacity to develop nuclear weapons.
6. The Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria and the Mission of the United Nations Council for Namibia also discussed the questions related to the resumption of the thirty-third session of the General Assembly, devoted to Namibia. The two sides are deeply convinced that the only just solution of the problem of Namibia is for all States Members of the United Nations to take effective and efficient steps to ensure the right to self-determination, national independence and territorial integrity of Namibia. The United Nations must take immediate and urgent measures to end the illegal occupation of Namibia by the South African régime, to press the latter to implement the relevant resolutions of the United Nations, including Security Council resolutions 385 (1976) and 435 (1978), and to apply economic and other effective sanctions against the racist régime of Pretoria.
7. The Government of Bulgaria and the Mission consider that any military, economic and political collaboration with South Africa should cease immediately and full co-operation should be extended to the international community as a whole, in order to bring South Africa to end its illegal presence in the territory so that the whole territory of Namibia, including Walvis Bay, may be liberated.
8. The Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria and the Mission of the United Nations Council for Namibia reaffirmed their full support for the legitimacy of the struggle of the people of Namibia, under the leadership of SWAPO, to obtain their right to self-determination and independence by all means at their disposal.
9. The two sides consider that SWAPO must be rendered all-round moral and material assistance as the sole legitimate representative of the people of Namibia fighting for their freedom and national independence.

10. During the talks, the delegation of the People's Republic of Bulgaria reaffirmed its position in full support of the United Nations Council for Namibia in its capacity as the legal Administering Authority for Namibia until the latter receives genuine independence in conformity with the United Nations resolutions.

11. The Mission of the United Nations Council for Namibia expressed its gratitude to the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria and the entire Bulgarian people for their consistent efforts and assistance, rendered to the Council, in the process of seeking ways and means to accelerate the granting of independence and State sovereignty to the people of Namibia and of stabilizing and strengthening international peace and security in this part of the world.

12. The Mission of the United Nations Council for Namibia expressed gratitude to the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria for the warm hospitality in its country.

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