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LETTER DATED 15 APRIL 1980 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ZAMBIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On 10 and 11 April 1980, the Security Council considered the complaint by Zambia against continued and escalated acts of aggression committed by the racist régime of South Africa from Namibia, a Territory which South Africa illegally occupies and for which the United Nations has direct responsibility. At the conclusion of its meeting, on 11 April 1980, the Security Council unanimously adopted resolution 466 (1980), in which it strongly condemned the racist régime of South Africa for its acts of aggression against Zambia, demanded the immediate withdrawal of all South African military forces from Zambia and warned South Africa that in the event of any further acts of aggression against Zambia, the Council would meet to consider further appropriate action under the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, including chapter VII thereof.

During the meeting, which led to the unanimous adoption of resolution 466 (1980), the Zambian delegation, led by the Honourable R. C. Kamanga, Member of the Central Committee of the United National Independence Party and Chairman of the Political and Legal Committee of the Central Committee, made a statement in which, inter alia, a list of specific South African acts of aggression against Zambia committed between 12 January and 28 March 1980 was given. I have now received instructions from my Government to inform you of two other incidents as follows:

1. On 8 April 1980, a Zambian Government motor-vehicle, belonging to a State ranch with 10 passengers, hit a land mine planted by South African soldiers on the road to SHANGOMBO in SENANGA District of the Western Province of Zambia. The number of people killed and those injured is yet to be confirmed;

2. On 10 April 1980, another government motor-vehicle hit a land mine planted by South African soldiers near KALONGOLA in SENANGA District. Eight (8) Zambians were killed in that incident.

I should be grateful if Your Excellency would arrange for the circulation of this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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