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Corrigendum

Page 20: replace paragraph 72 by the following:

72. Mrs. FRANCO (Portugal) said that she had abstained in the vote on draft resolutions A/C.3/36/L.3 and L.11 because the text contained certain provisions which her country could not support. Everyone knew that Portugal and the Portuguese people were implacably opposed to all forms of racial discrimination, including apartheid. In the first case (A/C.3/36/L.3), however, the guidelines of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination had to be defined in the light of the objectives set forth in General Assembly resolution 3057 (XXVIII), which had been adopted by the entire international community. It was unfortunate that elements not relevant to those objectives had been introduced in the new text, with all the consequences that might have for the success of the action envisaged. In the second case (A/C.3/36/L.11), isolating South Africa did not appear to be the best way to solve the Namibian problem and the question of apartheid. In spite of the seriousness of the situation, it was still possible to achieve a peaceful settlement and efforts to that end should be pursued. That was why Portugal must condemn the recent attacks on certain front-line States, in particular Mozambique and Angola, since such attacks could only hamper the attainment of that objective.