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LETTER DATED 22 DECEMBER 1981 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MADAGASCAR  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you below a message dated 17 December 1981 addressed to you by His Excellency the President of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar:

"Sir,

"We have learned with indignation and concern that Israel has once again, rivalling its South African counterpart in aggressiveness, decided deliberately to threaten world peace and security by an action which defies international law and the relevant resolutions of the United Nations. The annexation of the Syrian territory of the Golan by the Zionist State confirms that it has an unceasing desire for expansionism which it has not stopped pursuing since its creation to the detriment of Arab territories, in violation of United Nations decisions. In the face of this act of irremediable hostility, which we vigorously condemn because it aggravates a situation already made dangerous by a long series of Israeli provocations and acts of aggression (bombing of southern Lebanon and Tamouz, violation of Saudi air space), we consider it our duty to call upon the United Nations to demonstrate its solidarity with the Arab peoples and Governments, in particular by denouncing the involvement and responsibility of Israel's allies in the pursuit of its present policy. We must also remind the international community that the allies of the Zionist State are also the last bulwarks of the racist South African State, which has recently outdone itself in terrorism against its neighbours and in its defiance of United Nations resolutions.

Highest consideration.

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

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this message circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Blaise RABETAFIKA  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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