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LETTER DATED 7 JANUARY 1982 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE
PERMANENT MISSION OF BENIN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the statement by the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Parti de la Révolution Populaire du Bénin dated 28 December 1981 concerning the decision taken by Israel to extend the application of its laws to the Syrian territory of the Golan Heights:

"Following the annexation of the Golan Heights by the Israeli Government, the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Parti de la Révolution Populaire du Bénin, having examined all aspects of this important question, believes that the new situation created in the Middle East as a result of this illegal annexation of part of Syrian territory is serious and disquieting. In the light of this explosive situation, which is fraught with dangers for the peace and security of the region and of the world, the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Parti de la Révolution Populaire du Bénin strongly condemns Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights and reaffirms its full solidarity with the Syrian and Palestinian peoples and its unfailing support for their legitimate aspirations. The People's Republic of Benin resolutely opposes any annexation by force of the territory of a State and considers that Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights constitutes yet another obstacle to a comprehensive and permanent settlement to the Middle East conflict."

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

(Signed) Saturnin K. SOGLO
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