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LETTER DATED 30 APRIL 1979 FROM THE ACTING PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA ADDRESSED
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you the attached statement regarding the arrest and detention of SWAPO leaders by the illegal South African administration in Namibia with the request that it be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Fathih K. BOUAYAD-AGHA
Acting President
United Nations Council for Namibia

Annex

STATEMENT MADE ON 30 APRIL 1979 BY THE ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
NATIONS COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA ON THE ARREST OF SWAPO LEADERS BY THE
ILLEGAL SOUTH AFRICAN ADMINISTRATION IN NAMIBIA

1. The United Nations Council for Namibia has learned with utmost concern and indignation that the illegal South African administration in Namibia has arrested and detained more than 40 leaders of the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) throughout the Territory of Namibia occupied by South African troops in defiance of all General Assembly and Security Council resolutions on Namibia.

2. According to available reports these arrests and detentions of Namibian patriots continue all over Namibia. The arrests carried out by South African agents are based on the so-called proclamation AG 26. This legislation put into force by the so-called Administrator General of South Africa in the Territory allows South Africa to detain all those who challenge the brutal and inhuman policies of the occupation régime. As a result of South Africa's repressive action the following members of SWAPO, amongst others, have been placed under detention by the illegal occupation régime:

Mr. Beukes
Ms. Lucia Hamutenya
Mr. Hausiku
Mr. Pastor Nashong
Mr. Tjavera
Mr. Charles Tjetenda
Dr. Uhiua
Mr. J. Hoebeb

3. The United Nations Council for Namibia draws the attention of the international community to the fact that the intensification of the repressive action of South Africa in Namibia takes place at the same time that the Pretoria régime, flaunting the decisions of the Security Council, is manoeuvring to install in Namibia a puppet régime of handpicked tribal elements and racist supporters of apartheid.

4. The United Nations Council for Namibia strongly condemns these arrests and detentions as the expression of the terror tactics of South Africa and its attempts in imposing a so-called internal settlement in Namibia in order to perpetuate its exploitation of the people and resources of the Territory. The Council demands the immediate and unconditional release of all the Namibian patriots who are being persecuted by the occupation régime and draws the attention of the Security Council to the repressive acts against the Namibian people being carried out by the illegal South African administration.

5. The repeated acts of aggression and repression against the Namibian people, especially against members of the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO)

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and the manoeuvring by the South African administration in the Territory provide further proof of the expansionist and hegemonic aims of the Pretoria régime in southern Africa with ominous implications for international peace and security in the region.

6. The United Nations Council for Namibia draws the attention of the international community to these dastardly acts of desperation and deception perpetuated by the illegal occupation régime of South Africa in Namibia which for two years purported to be willing to negotiate an internationally acceptable settlement of the question of Namibia while in actual fact it intends to perpetuate its illegal occupation of the Territory through false pretenses.

7. The Council for Namibia urges the international community to press for the release of the leaders of the South West Africa People's Organization and to continue to reject and denounce South Africa's manoeuvres to continue its illegal occupation of Namibia.

8. The United Nations Council for Namibia once again stresses the position of the United Nations that South Africa's presence in Namibia is illegal and should be immediately and unconditionally terminated and that any arrangements by South Africa to impose unilaterally an internal settlement on the people of Namibia is in contravention of all decisions of the Security Council and the General Assembly and would constitute an increasing threat to international peace and security.
