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COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA

SECURITY COUNCIL  
Thirty-seventh year

Letter dated 13 April 1982 from the Permanent Representative of South  
Africa to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

At the request of the South African Minister of Foreign Affairs and Information, the Honourable R. F. Botha, I am enclosing the text of a letter he has addressed to Your Excellency on 13 April 1982.

I should appreciate it if this letter could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 17 (k) of the preliminary list and of the Security Council.

(Signed) David W. STEWARD  
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter from the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Information  
of South Africa to the Secretary-General

The General Assembly decided on 29 March 1982 to accept Your Excellency's recommendation that Mr. B.C. Mishra be appointed as so-called Commissioner for Namibia.

The South African Government does not and will not recognize the so-called United Nations Council for Namibia and its Commissioner for Namibia.

The South African Government views the appointment of Mr. Mishra as provocative, particularly at this sensitive stage of the negotiations. This appointment again demonstrates that the United Nations has no desire to depart from its adopted course of favouring SWAPO to the exclusion of the democratic parties of the Territory.

The South African Government cannot be held responsible for any detrimental effect which this appointment might have on the delicate negotiation process currently underway.

I would appreciate this letter being circulated as a document of the General Assembly and of the Security Council.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

R.F. BOTHA

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION

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