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Letter dated 14 April from the Permanent Representative of the
German Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General

I have the honour to convey to you the text of a telegram from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the German Democratic Republic, Mr. Oskar Fischer, regarding the unanimous adoption of Security Council resolution 503 (1982).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter to be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 33 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Harry OTT
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Permanent Representative of the
German Democratic Republic to the
United Nations

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ANNEX

Telegram from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the
German Democratic Republic to the Secretary-General

I welcome the unanimous adoption of Security Council resolution 503 (1982) calling for commuting the death sentences passed on the South African patriots Ncimbithi Johnson Lubisi, Petrus Tsepo Mashigo and Naphtali Manana. During its membership on the Security Council, the German Democratic Republic had always supported similar resolutions directed against the inhuman practices of the apartheid régime.

The people and the Government of the German Democratic Republic most strongly protest against the racist régime's murder plans. They demand most vigorously that the illegal death sentences be rescinded and that the three ANC members of the African National Congress be set free immediately.

I may assure you that the German Democratic Republic, in line with its policy of active solidarity with the South African people's struggle for freedom and human rights, will do all it can to save the lives of the freedom fighters.

Oskar FISCHER
Minister for Foreign Affairs of
the German Democratic Republic
