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POLICIES OF APARTHEID OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA

Letter dated 21 July 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of
the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to request you to arrange for the attached document, a press communiqué of the Co-ordinating Bureau of Non-Aligned Countries, to be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 33 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Communiqué issued on 21 July 1982 by the Co-ordinating Bureau of
Non-Aligned Countries

The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Countries, having heard a statement by the Head of the African National Congress Observer Mission to the United Nations on 21 July 1982, invites the attention of the international community to the rapidly deteriorating situation in South Africa.

The Bureau condemns the racist regime of South Africa for the brutal repression of the struggling people of South Africa, particularly the black working class and calls for world-wide support for and active solidarity with their just cause. It further condemns the recent shooting, killing, dismissal and forced removal to the Bantustans of workers in the gold mines, in violation of their fundamental human rights.

The Bureau takes note of the ever-widening disparity between the wages of black and white workers and the spiraling cost of living, and emphasizes the legitimacy of the demand of the black workers for higher wages and better living conditions. The widely publicized "reforms" are designed merely to placate international opinion, while, in reality, control over black trade unions has been further tightened and the deplorable condition of the black workers has worsened.

The Bureau observes that the astronomical expenditure by the Apartheid regime in pursuit of its policy of accelerated arms build-up, full-scale militarization of the entire country and occupied Namibia, destabilization of the neighboring States and the stepping-up of the undeclared war against Angola and Mozambique have further deepened the Apartheid regime's economic and political crisis. The regime has now embarked on a secret and frantic campaign to raise substantial loans from international financing institutions. The Bureau calls upon these institutions to refrain from bolstering the Pretoria regime in any manner.

The Bureau commends the organizations and personalities who have given practical expression to their opposition to apartheid by refusing to participate in sports and other cultural activities in South Africa.

The situation in South Africa calls for the intensification of the struggle of the patriotic forces against settler colonialism, oppression and exploitation. The Bureau commends the African National Congress for intensifying mass political mobilization and stepping up the armed struggle against the racist regime in order to establish a democratic nation state on the basis of majority rule in South Africa.

The intensification of the struggle in South Africa has coincided with the irresistible march to victory of the Namibian people under the leadership of SWAPO, their sole and authentic representative, in their struggle for self-determination and national independence. It is also encouraged by the renewed pledge by the Front Line States to increase their support for the people of South Africa and Namibia.

The increased repression of the people of South Africa is taking place at a time when attempts are being made by Israel, South Africa's close ally, to destroy the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples. The Bureau condemns the growing collaboration between South Africa and Israel, as well as the support extended to them by certain powers, which has increased the destructive capabilities of the two regimes, and has emboldened them in their aggression.

The Bureau reaffirms the position of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries that there will be no peace, stability and security in Southern Africa unless the inhuman system of Apartheid is totally destroyed and replaced by a democratic nation state for the South African people as a whole regardless of race, color, sex or creed. It reiterates its determination to campaign vigorously for comprehensive and mandatory sanctions against South Africa and underlines the need for enforcement of voluntary punitive measures against the Apartheid regime including an oil embargo and severance of sports and other cultural ties.
