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Letter dated 16 April 1979 from the Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a communiqué issued today by the Co-ordinating Bureau of Non-Aligned Countries concerning Rhodesian aggression against Zambia and Botswana.

I should be grateful if you would kindly have the communiqué circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 91 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) B. J. FERNANDO
Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka
to the United Nations and Chairman of
the Co-ordinating Bureau of Non-Aligned
Countries

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ANNEX

Communiqué on Rhodesian aggression against Zambia and Botswana
issued on 16 April 1979 by the Co-ordinating Bureau of
Non-Aligned Countries

1. The Co-ordinating Bureau of Non-Aligned Countries vehemently and categorically condemns the illegal racist régime in Southern Rhodesia for its repeated armed invasions of Zambia and Botswana between 10 and 14 April, which are acts of war and naked provocation against these front-line countries. These wanton and unprovocative acts of aggression have resulted in the tragic killing and maiming of hundreds of Zimbabwean refugees and Zambian nationals, in addition to the utter destruction of property.
2. The Bureau also rejects categorically the malicious claims by the Salisbury clique and its allies that the attacks were directed against guerrilla bases and not against refugee centres. There is irrefutable proof that Zambia and Botswana are merely hosts to thousands of Zimbabwean refugees who have fled the tyranny of the war machine and repression by the Smith régime.
3. The Bureau reaffirms that the war of liberation is being waged inside Rhodesian territory and not from the outside.
4. The Bureau calls upon all members of the international community to render valuable assistance and support to Zambia and Botswana in this hour of need. The Bureau further calls upon the United Nations to take all necessary measures to end Rhodesian aggression which continues to menace international peace and security.
5. The Bureau commends the Governments of Zambia and Botswana for the support which they continue to render to the dispossessed African people of Zimbabwe. Any attempt by the rebel régime to use front-line States as scapegoats for its inevitable impending collapse is doomed to failure.
6. The Co-ordinating Bureau expresses its firm solidarity with the people of Zambia and Botswana in these difficult times, in accordance with the recent declaration of its Extraordinary Ministerial Meeting held at Maputo from 26 January to 2 February 1979 (see A/34/126, annex).
