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Letter dated 11 May 1979 from the President of the United Nations Council for Namibia to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the attached statement by the United Nations Council for Namibia, issued on 11 May 1979, on recent initiatives of the illegal South African administration in Namibia regarding the political future of the Territory.

I request that the statement be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 27, and of the Security Council.

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President of the
United Nations Council for Namibia

ANNEX

Statement issued on 11 May 1979 by the United Nations Council
for Namibia on recent initiatives of the illegal South African
administration in Namibia regarding the political future of
the Territory

1. The United Nations Council for Namibia has learned with the utmost concern and indignation that the illegal South African administration in Namibia intends to bestow upon the so-called Constituent Assembly in Windhoek extensive "legislative and executive powers". This action, in total defiance of Security Council and General Assembly resolutions on Namibia, is a further and unequivocal indication of South Africa's refusal to comply with Security Council resolutions 385 (1976) and 435 (1978) providing for free and fair elections under United Nations supervision and control and leading to genuine independence for Namibia.
2. In contravention of United Nations resolutions and the will of the international community, South Africa is clearly bent upon imposing a puppet régime on Namibia through which it intends to perpetuate its colonial exploitation of the people and resources of Namibia and, to this end, South Africa has, furthermore, continued to arrest and detain Namibian patriots who are part of the leadership of the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) within the Territory. The United Nations Council for Namibia wishes to refer to its previous statement, in which it condemned South Africa for the arrest of more than 50 Namibian patriots. The number of SWAPO leaders being arrested continues to increase.
3. The United Nations Council for Namibia draws the attention of the international community to the persistent attempts of South Africa to undermine the efforts for a negotiated settlement on Namibia through a series of unilateral acts, the sole purpose of which has been to ensure the perpetuation of its illegal occupation and ruthless exploitation of the people and natural resources of the Territory. By its actions, South Africa has revealed the full extent of its contempt for the well-considered views of the overwhelming majority of the members of the international community, which fully supports the aspirations of the Namibian people for self-determination, freedom and genuine national independence in a united Namibia.
4. The United Nations Council for Namibia demands the immediate release of Namibian patriots detained by South Africa. It further urges the international community to press for the release of the leaders of SWAPO and to continue to reject and denounce South Africa's manoeuvres to perpetuate its illegal occupation of Namibia through false pretences.
5. 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 arrangement by South Africa to impose unilaterally an internal settlement on the people of Namibia

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is in contravention of all decisions of the General Assembly and Security Council and constitutes an increasing threat to international peace and security.

6. The United Nations Council for Namibia draws the attention of the Security Council to South African defiance of the decisions of the General Assembly and the Security Council and, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 33/182 B, expresses the hope that the Security Council will consider taking relevant measures, as envisaged in Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations.

7. The United Nations Council for Namibia urges the international community, at the forthcoming resumed thirty-third session of the General Assembly, to be held in New York from 23 to 30 May 1979, to consider the implications of South Africa's refusal to comply with United Nations resolutions on the question of Namibia and to adopt effective measures to obtain the withdrawal of the illegal South African administration from Namibia.

8. The United Nations Council for Namibia calls upon the international community not to grant recognition to any régime imposed, through South African unilateral manoeuvres, on Namibia, a Territory under the direct responsibility of the United Nations, until genuine independence is achieved by the Namibian people in conformity with United Nations resolutions on Namibia.
