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Letter dated 14 December 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to enclose the text of a statement by the Right Honourable Hugh Shearer, P.C., M.P., Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Jamaica, regarding the recent South African incursion into the Kingdom of Lesotho, and to request that it be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 33, and of the Security Council.

(<u>Signed</u>) E. R. RICHARDSON
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ANNEX

Statement on the recent South African incursion into the Kingdom of Lesotho made by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Jamaica on December 14, 1982

The Government of Jamaica has noted with profound shock and deep concern the recent South African incursion into the Kingdom of Lesotho and the brutal massacre of innocent citizens which took place at the hands of the South African troops.

The Government of Jamaica joins with the rest of the international community in strongly condemning the South African Government for its unwarranted and illegal violation of Lesotho's territorial integrity.

The Jamaican Government also condemns the unprovoked attacks which were perpetrated by the South African military forces against the defense-less civilians in Lesotho, including the innocent South African refugees whose legitimate rights are covered under the terms of the Geneva Convention.

We call on the international community to impose the strongest sanctions against South Africa for its continuing atrocities and acts of aggression against its neighbouring states.

Jamaica pledges its full support for such sanctions against South Africa.
