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Letter dated 16 December 1982 from the Permanent Representative of
Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith the message dated 13 December 1982 addressed to Your Excellency by His Excellency Mr. Nguyen Co Thach, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, concerning the death penalty passed by the South African authorities on six South African patriots belonging to the African National Congress.

I should be grateful if Your Excellency could have this note and its enclosure circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 33.

(Signed) HOANG BICH SON
Permanent Representative of the Socialist
Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations

ANNEX

M E S S A G E

To : H.E. Mr. JAVIER PEREZ DE CUELLAR,
Secretary General of the United Nations,

Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that I have received your message enclosed with the text of Resolution 525 (1982) adopted on December 7, 1982 by the United Nations Security Council, concerning the death penalty passed by the South African authorities against six South African patriots belonging to the A.N.C.

The Government and people of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam are deeply concerned about and extremely indignant at the fact that the South African administration supported and encouraged by imperialist circles, is carrying out a very barbarous policy of Apartheid against the South African people and patriots.

Another death penalty indicted on August 6, 1982 against Mr. Thelle Simon Mogoerane, Mr. Jerry Semano Mosololi and Mr. Marcus Thabo Motaung and the reaffirmation by the South African supreme Court on November 26, 1982, of the death sentence on Mr. Anthony Tsotsobe, Mr. Johannes Shabangu and Mr. David Moise, South African patriots belonging to the A.N.C.-aggravate the situation in South Africa and constitute another criminal act by the South African authorities against the self-determination and human rights of the South African people, grossly violating justice and the elementary principles of international law.

The Government and people of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam severely condemn the South African racist regime and demand that the South African administration immediately nullify the death sentence on the above-mentioned six south African patriots, put an end to the repression of all other patriots in South Africa.

The Government and people of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam constantly and firmly support the patriotic struggle of the South African people for their fundamental national rights and demand that the United Nations Security Council take more appropriate measures including the application of Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter to compel the South African racist administration to nullify the death sentences on the above-mentioned patriots.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

HANOI, December 13, 1982

NGUYEN CO THACH
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.
