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Letter dated 20 December 1982 from the Permanent Representative of
Madagascar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the telegram which His Excellency Mr. Didier Ratsiraka, President of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar, addressed to you concerning the aggression perpetrated by the South African régime against Lesotho and, on instructions from my Government, to request you to circulate that message as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 33, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Blaise RABETAFIKA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Telegram from the President of the Democratic Republic
of Madagascar addressed to the Secretary-General

The unswervingly barbarous racist régime of Pretoria, has just revealed again to the entire world its fundamentally aggressive and terrorist nature by deliberately attacking Lesotho.

We must note that the impunity enjoyed by the South African racists and their Zionist acolytes in the Middle East is based on the active complicity of their friends seeking to undermine all the attempts to defend themselves effectively made by South Africa's neighbours, who are seriously concerned by the permanent threat which such régimes pose to the peace and security of their respective regions and of the rest of the world, as demonstrated by the acts of subversion, destabilization and deliberate military invasion committed to date in Angola, Mozambique and Lebanon. Paying homage to the victims who fell at Maseru, and particularly the heroic fighters of the African National Congress (ANC), the Democratic Republic of Madagascar strongly condemns this new aggression by South Africa and requests you, in accordance with the spirit and letter of the Charter of the United Nations, to call on the international community to intensify action to end the intolerable situation, instigated by the South African racist régime, prevailing in southern Africa. One way of doing so would be to increase political, economic and military assistance to permit Lesotho and the other neighbouring States to strengthen their capacity for self-defense.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Didier RATSIRAKA
President of the Democratic Republic
of Madagascar
