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Letter dated 21 December 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i.,
of the Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

At the request of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Information of South Africa, the Honourable R. F. Botha, I am enclosing the text of a letter dated 21 December 1982 that he has addressed to Your Excellency.

I should appreciate it if this letter could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 32, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Leopold L. Conradie
Deputy Permanent Representative
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

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Letter dated 21 December 1982 from the Minister of Foreign Affairs
and Information of South Africa to the Secretary-General

On 20 December 1982, the General Assembly adopted five resolutions on South West Africa/Namibia. The position of the South African Government on General Assembly resolutions in respect of the Territory has been stated unequivocally over the years and is fully documented in numerous official United Nations records. In rejecting these resolutions, I wish to state that acts of this nature hamper negotiations which are currently under way, create further suspicion in regard to the position of the United Nations and undermine the trust which is such an essential element in negotiations.

R. F. BOTHA
Minister for Foreign Affairs
and Information
