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LETTER DATED 22 DECEMBER FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF UGANDA TO THE
UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of a telegram message herewith attached from the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), with regard to the South African military attack on the capital of the Kingdom of Lesotho, Maseru, which took place on 9 December 1982.

I request that the contents of this message be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Olara A. OTUNNU
Ambassador, Permanent Representative

Annex

Telegram from the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity
addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations

We have just learned, with deep dismay and great indignation, of the incursion by South African forces today, 9 December 1982, into Maseru, the capital of Lesotho, leaving some 30 persons dead.

We regard this attack, which constitutes deliberate aggression against an independent State member of the Organization of African Unity, as an infringement of the sovereignty and integrity of Lesotho and therefore of international law.

World opinion will agree with us that the South African régime, a staunch ally of the Zionist régime, would now like to repeat in Africa the tragedy of Lebanon, with the Sabra and Shatilla massacres which are still fresh in our memory.

We resolutely condemn this aggression by the South African forces against Lesotho and call on the international community to take energetic measures calculated to induce the South African régime to desist from its acts of aggression.
