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QUESTION OF NAMIBIA

SECURITY COUNCIL

Thirty-eighth year

Letter dated 26 April 1983 from the Permanent Representative
of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United
Nations addressed to the Secretary General

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of a message dated 25 April 1983 from the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR and the Council of Ministers of the USSR entitled "To participants in the International Conference in Support of the Struggle of the Namibian People for Independence".

I request you, Sir, to distribute the text of this message as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 18 and 36 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) O. TROYANOVSKY

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ANNEX

TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT
OF THE STRUGGLE OF NAMIBIAN PEOPLE FOR INDEPENDENCE

We extend warm greetings to the participants in the International Conference in Support of the Struggle of the Namibian People for Independence.

Solidarity with peoples struggling against colonialism to achieve independence is one of the basic principles of Soviet foreign policy. True to its international obligation, the Soviet Union provides consistent support to the just struggle of the people of Namibia against colonial domination, a struggle waged under the leadership of SWAPO - its sole, authentic and legitimate representative. The United Nations, including the Security Council, has adopted many decisions aimed at guaranteeing the legitimate interests of the people of Namibia and its right to self-determination and independence. However, those decisions are being flagrantly defied by the racist régime of South Africa, which, by force of arms and terror, is keeping the Namibians in the clutches of colonial bondage. The "front-line" African States are constantly subjected to aggressive and subversive activities from that régime.

The criminal activities of the racists of South Africa constitute a serious threat to international peace and security.

It is quite obvious that the racists could not behave so defiantly if they did not enjoy direct support from imperialist circles which openly proclaim the racist clique in power in South Africa to be their "historical ally".

The Soviet Union resolutely condemns the attempts of the racist régime of South Africa and its imperialist sponsors to maintain its rule in Namibia and reaffirms its unfailing solidarity with the heroic struggle of the people of Namibia for freedom and independence. It staunchly supports the "front-line" African States, which are resolutely standing up to the aggression of the South African racists.

The Soviet people demand an immediate end to the unseemly manoeuvres of the United States and other Western Powers aimed at frustrating United Nations decisions concerning the granting of real independence to Namibia. The United Nations, and, first and foremost, the Security Council, has a direct obligation to take all necessary steps to ensure a just settlement of the question of Namibia as soon as possible.

The people of Namibia have an inalienable right to free and independent development.

We wish your Conference success in its work.

PRESIDIUM OF THE SUPREME SOVIET
OF THE USSR

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE USSR
