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Letter dated 31 October 1988 from the Permanent Representative of
Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward the text of the enclosed communiqué, issued on 26 October 1988 by the Co-ordinating Bureau of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries regarding the racially-segregated elections held in South Africa (see annex), with the request that it be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 36, and of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
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ANNEX

Communiqué on the situation in South Africa in the light of the racially-segregated municipal elections organized by the Pretoria régime, issued on 26 October 1988 in New York by the Co-ordinating Bureau of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries

The Co-ordinating Bureau of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries met in New York on 26 October 1988 to consider the situation in South Africa in the light of the racially-segregated municipal elections organized by the Pretoria régime.

The Co-ordinating Bureau recalled and reaffirmed the decisions of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, the General Assembly and the Security Council declaring Pretoria's present apartheid-based constitution to be null and void. It further reiterated its conviction that apartheid can not be reformed, but must be totally eliminated and replaced by a non-racial, democratic society based on a universal franchise. In the light of the foregoing, it declared the present municipal elections, based on the present apartheid constitution, to be not only null and void, but a part of the Pretoria régime's manoeuvres aimed at hoodwinking the international community and of legitimising and perpetuating apartheid practices as well as of derailing the liberation struggle.

The Co-ordinating Bureau also noted that the present bogus elections were an exercise through which the Pretoria régime intended to place its hand-picked puppets on the so-called "President's Council", which has already been rejected the majority of the South African people and which, like the similarly rejected and condemned "tricameral" parliamentary system as well as the so-called "Natal option", are conclusive proof of the continuing intransigent refusal by racist Pretoria to recognize that apartheid can not be reformed, but must be totally eradicated.

The Bureau reaffirmed the determination by successive summit conferences of the Movement that the imposition of comprehensive and mandatory sanctions against South Africa, in accordance with Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, remained the only peaceful option to compel the Pretoria régime to abandon its abhorrent and indefensible apartheid policies and practices.

The Bureau reaffirmed further the legitimacy of the struggle of the people of South Africa against apartheid and for their right to self-determination in an unfragmented, non-racial and democratic South Africa. It also reaffirmed the right of the South African people to use all necessary means to achieve that just and legitimate objective.
