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REPRESENTATIVE OF ANGOLA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED  
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of Angola to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, upon instructions from the Government of the People's Republic of Angola, has the honour to attach herewith the text of a communiqué issued by the Ministry of Defence of the People's Republic of Angola, on 27 September 1979.

The Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of Angola to the United Nations requests that the attached be circulated as a document of the Security Council in connexion with the question of South African aggression against the People's Republic of Angola.

Annex

Communiqué issued by the Ministry of Defence  
of the People's Republic of Angola on  
27 September 1979

Once again, the racist South African régime has unleashed its murderous fury in the provinces of Cunene and Huila.

On 26 September 1979, at 11.28 a.m., four Mirage-type aircraft bombed and strafed the city of Lubango, capital of Huila province, and destroyed a wood furniture factory, leaving 26 workers and civilians dead and 84 wounded. Other bombs fell but did not hit designated targets.

At 11.30 a.m., and flying at the same altitude, six Mirage-type and Impala-type aircraft bombed and indiscriminately strafed the village of Xangongo (ex-vila Rocadas) in the province of Cunene, hitting a schoolhouse, homes and a fish market, leaving 34 civilians dead and 42 wounded.

In the face of this escalation of these murderous acts of aggression perpetrated by the racist South African régime - the massive destruction of production units and the killing of innocent workers and civilians - which are aimed at the destabilization of the political and social situation in our country in order to liquidate the base of revolutionary Angolan support for the struggles of peoples still under domination, we stand ready to exert all efforts and to take all necessary measures to ensure the defence and security of our country and its borders.

Honour and immortal glory to the leader of the Angolan revolution,  
Comrade Dr. Agostinho Neto.

The struggle continues.

Victory is certain.

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