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Letter dated 9 September 1977 from the Acting President of the
United Nations Council for Namibia to the Secretary-General

The United Nations Council for Namibia, at its 263rd meeting on 7 September 1977 adopted a statement strongly condemning the reported intention of the Government of South Africa to carry out nuclear tests in the near future at South African nuclear installations in the Kalahari Desert region of Namibia. I have the honour to transmit to you the text of the statement.

The United Nations Council for Namibia decided furthermore to request that the statement be circulated as a document of the General Assembly and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Rikhi JAIPAL
Acting President of the
United Nations Council for Namibia

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ANNEX

Statement of the United Nations Council for Namibia on the reported
preparations of the Government of South Africa to carry out nuclear
tests on Namibian territory

1. The United Nations Council for Namibia expresses its profound concern at the reports from several governmental sources that South Africa has established nuclear test installations in the Kalahari Desert region of Namibia. Furthermore, reports indicate that South African officials have carried out preparations to test a nuclear device for military and aggressive purposes in the near future.
2. The United Nations Council for Namibia strongly condemns South Africa for exploiting the uranium resources of Namibia and for pursuing reckless policies of nuclear adventurism with incalculable consequences for the people of Namibia and southern Africa and for international peace and security. The designs of the Pretoria régime to acquire nuclear weapons capability to intimidate neighbouring States and thus perpetuate its colonialist and racist régime in Namibia are an indication of the extremes to which the unprincipled rulers of Pretoria are willing to go in order to challenge the civilized values of the United Nations and its Charter.
3. The United Nations Council for Namibia earnestly appeals to all States Members of the United Nations as well as the Security Council to endeavour to the utmost to prevent South Africa from pursuing its policy of developing nuclear weapons capability, and in particular to dismantle the nuclear test installations in the Kalahari Desert and to refrain from exploding nuclear devices. It further draws the attention of those States which have contributed to South African nuclear development to the perils which such policies bring upon the international community and in particular on southern Africa, and underlines their special responsibility for the present dangerous situation.
