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LETTER DATED 5 NOVEMBER 1979 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF SOUTH AFRICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE  
SECRETARY-GENERAL

At the request of the South African Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Honourable R. F. Botha, I am enclosing the text of a letter he addressed to Your Excellency on 5 November 1979.

I should appreciate it if this letter and its annexure could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) J. Adriaan EKSTEEN  
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 5 November 1979 from the Minister of Foreign  
Affairs of South Africa addressed to the Secretary-General

I have received the text of resolution 454 (1979) adopted by the Security Council on 2 November 1979.

The South African Government emphatically rejects the resolution, which was adopted without attempting first to establish the true facts.

As I pointed out to Your Excellency in my letter of the same date (S/13604), there is, firstly, a civil war raging in Angola which leads to the kind of incident of which South Africa now stands accused. Secondly, SWAPO is persistently using Angola as a springboard for hit-and-run attacks across the border in its campaign to terrorize the people of South West Africa/Namibia.

South Africa is responsible for the safety of the inhabitants of the Territory and will continue to honour that commitment for as long as this situation persists.

South Africa is still waiting for Your Excellency and the Security Council to condemn SWAPO for its villainous acts. But instead of this, the latest resolution further demonstrates the United Nations lack of impartiality.

(Signed) R. F. BOTHA  
Minister of Foreign Affairs

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