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Letter dated 28 December 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the attached press release issued by the Office of the President on 28 December 1988 (see annex).

I would be grateful if this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "Policies of Apartheid of the Government of South Africa", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Legwaila J. M. J. LEGWAILA  
Ambassador and  
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Press release issued on 28 December 1988 by the Office of the  
President of Botswana

As reported in the radio Botswana lunch-time news bulletin on 27 December, a 14-year-old school boy was killed in a bomb explosion in Gaborone West just after midnight on 27 December. The boy was killed whilst sleeping in a house with five other members of his family. The house was completely demolished by the explosion from which his mother sustained a fracture of the right leg. The rest of the family, including a 3-month-old baby, escaped unhurt. Eight other properties in the neighbourhood were damaged.

This latest bomb attack comes only 16 days after the attack on Ditlharapeng village near Botswana's southern border with South Africa and only 12 days after the meeting of security officials of Botswana and South Africa, which was held in Gaborone on 15 December.

The Botswana Government regards this bomb incident as the latest in South Africa's acts of aggression, in which innocent citizens of Botswana are always the victims. The Government of Botswana is concerned that such attacks are continuing despite the recent agreement by the Governments of Botswana and South Africa to hold regular talks aimed at addressing the security concerns of both countries.

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