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OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF NIGERIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On the instructions of the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, H.E. General Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida, I have the honour to convey to you a statement issued today, 5 April 1989, at Lagos, by the Federal Government of Nigeria, on the situation in Namibia:

"The Federal Military Government has observed with grave concern the latest developments in Namibia following the beginning of the programme for transition to independence under the United Nations. It is therefore with utter dismay that we have learnt of the wanton killings of Namibians by South Africa's security forces. It is disheartening that the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, whose mission is peace-keeping in Namibia, gave permission to South Africa's infamous security forces to deal with Namibians on the pretext of alleged incursions by the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO). The Secretary-General's own report clearly stated that the Namibians entered their country - Namibia - without hostile intent. This calls into question the action of his own Special Representative.

"The Federal Military Government demands that the Secretary-General should deploy, without further delay, the full complement of the military component of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group (UNTAG). Africa cannot again afford another disastrous United Nations peace-keeping operation on its continent. The United Nations must therefore stand firm against any excuse by South Africa to back out from its obligation."

I have also been instructed to convey to you the wish of the Federal Government of Nigeria that the above statement be published as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) L. O. C. AGUBUZU
Ambassador/Acting Permanent
Representative