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LETTER DATED 5 APRIL 1989 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF SOUTH AFRICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE  
SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour, further to my letters of 4 April 1989 (S/20565 and S/20566), to enclose a letter dated 5 April 1989 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of South Africa concerning the events in northern Namibia.

I should be grateful if it could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Jeremy B. SHEARAR  
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 5 April 1989 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of South Africa addressed to the Secretary-General

Further to my letter of 4 April 1989, I wish to inform you that the South African Government feels encouraged by the firm and positive reaction of various Governments endorsing the provisions of the Geneva Protocol, including the obligation on the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) to remain north of latitude 16°S in terms of paragraph 5 of the Protocol.

I would like to repeat my urgent appeal to you to bring influence to bear on the SWAPO leadership to cease the senseless course on which it is embarked. The SWAPO leadership must be persuaded immediately to call a halt to the continuing illegal armed incursions of its members into Namibia, which is the cause of the needless human carnage taking place at the moment. I have been informed that a further 300 SWAPO armed personnel crossed the border from Angola last night. A captive today disclosed to the Police that he was on the border on 3 April 1989 with his group awaiting instructions. They received orders by radio to cross the border on the same day.

In an effort to relieve the situation, the South African Government has requested the Administrator-General to broadcast a message to the northern region of the Territory. His message will contain an appeal to the infiltrators to surrender and to lay down their arms or to withdraw northwards to Angola. He will explain that it is unnecessary to return to their own country to die in this way when they could return to vote and to live in their land in a peaceful way as provided for in agreements to which SWAPO has subscribed. Whoever gave the order for SWAPO members to infiltrate into Namibia in uniform and heavily armed to establish bases and caches of arms, misled them as this action is in violation of the agreements for a peaceful settlement reached by Angola, Cuba and South Africa, which were endorsed by the United Nations and accepted by SWAPO.

The message will add that the decision to return in peace and to work for progress in Namibia is in the hands of the people of Namibia. SWAPO members who lay down their arms in peace will be given a guarantee that no steps will be taken against them and they will be given safe conduct to assembly points under the United Nations Transition Assistance Group (UNTAG) supervision from where they can be transported safely to suitable points north of latitude 16°S with the co-operation of the Angolan authorities. Further, SWAPO members who wish to return northwards into Angola are assured that the Namibian Police Force will not pursue them.

This appeal will also be broadcast by the Administrator-General on television. The radio broadcast will be repeated at regular intervals for the next week or more. It would be helpful if the United Nations as well as all Government members of the United Nations could assist in this effort to save human lives.

(Signed) R. F. BOTHA