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Letter dated 20 March 1984 from the Permanent Representatives  
of Angola and Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

On instructions from our respective Governments, we request you to have the joint declaration of the Governments of the Republic of Cuba and the People's Republic of Angola, annexed hereto, circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 29 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Joint declaration of the Governments of the Republic of Cuba  
and the People's Republic of Angola

More than two years ago, the Governments of the People's Republic of Angola and the Republic of Cuba, in their joint declaration of 4 February 1982, which was disseminated world wide, set forth with total clarity their position of principle with regard to the situation of tension prevailing in the southern part of Africa.

The intervening period has only confirmed the justice of all the points contained in that declaration, which has enjoyed the approval of international public opinion and the quasi-unanimous sympathy of all the countries of the globe, with the shameful exception of the United States of America and South Africa, which have for years stuck to the pernicious formula of so-called "linkage", which lacks any legal and moral basis and is rejected by the whole world, except its authors.

The heroic resistance of the Angolan people, firmly supported by its internationalist allies, has persuaded the imperialist aggressors of the impossibility of making the People's Republic of Angola yield and liquidating its revolutionary process, thus obliging them to accept negotiations on new bases.

The Government of the People's Republic of Angola has kept the Government of Cuba informed in detail about the course of the talks which it is currently holding with South Africa and the United States, with the aim, on the part of Angola, of seeking, on bases of principle, a negotiated solution to the conflict which has for years brought the Angolan people into confrontation with the South African aggressors and creating conditions that will make possible the immediate implementation of resolution 435 (1978) of the United Nations Security Council and the independence of Namibia.

In the context of this peace effort on the part of Angola, the joint declaration of 4 February remains in full force and constitutes a basis of principle for any negotiated situation that will eliminate the current tension and ensure peace and full independence for the nations of this region.

Having strict regard to what is laid down in the above-mentioned joint declaration, the Governments of Cuba and Angola reiterate that they will reinitiate, by their own decision and in exercise of their sovereignty, the execution of the gradual withdrawal of the Cuban internationalist military contingent as soon as the following requirements are met:

1. Unilateral withdrawal of the racist troops of South Africa from Angolan territory;
2. Strict implementation of resolution 435 (1978) of the United Nations Security Council, the accession of Namibia to true independence and the total withdrawal of the South African troops which are illegally occupying that country;

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3. Cessation of any act of direct aggression or threat of aggression against the People's Republic of Angola on the part of South Africa, the United States of America and their allies.

Also added to these three requirements will be the indispensable condition, as expressed by the Government of Angola in the declaration of 26 August 1983 by President José Eduardo Dos Santos, that all aid to the counter-revolutionary organization UNITA and any other puppet group from South Africa, the United States of America and their allies must cease.

Satisfaction of these demands would mean respect for the rules of international law and of the Charter of the United Nations and observance of the many resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly of the United Nations, the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and the Organization of African Unity.

The Government of Cuba, on behalf of the Cuban people, pays well-deserved homage to the heroism of the Angolan people, who, for almost a quarter of a century, have been waging the war of liberation against the colonialists and the racists and their imperialist masters and their lackeys and have paid a high tribute in blood in winning their full independence and in rendering internationalist assistance to other fraternal peoples.

The Government of the People's Republic of Angola expresses the infinite gratitude of the Angolan people for the internationalist assistance given by the Cuban people, over two decades, to its struggle for liberation and voices its most fervent appreciation for the generosity, sacrifice and heroism of more than 150,000 Cuban men and women who have set foot on Angolan soil bringing their invaluable collaboration, in both the military and the civilian fields, for the independence, territorial integrity and national reconstruction of Angola, thereby making a historic contribution to the cause of all the peoples of the continent.

Both Governments expressed their admiration for and their solidarity with the heroic struggle being waged by the peoples of Namibia and southern Africa, under the leadership of their sole and legitimate representatives, SWAPO and ANC, against the hateful régime of apartheid and reaffirm their conviction that such a repugnant institution is historically condemned to disappear.

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of the Communist Party of Cuba and  
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Done at Havana, on 19 March 1984, in duplicate in the Portuguese and Spanish languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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