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Letter dated 25 January 1984 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of
the Permanent Mission of the Lao People's Democratic Republic
of the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a message dated 25 January 1984 and addressed to you by Mr. Phoune Sipraseuth, Vice-President of the Council of Ministers and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, which concerns the death sentence passed on the ANC freedom fighter Mr. Malesele Benjamin Maloise.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this letter and its annex to be distributed as an official document of the General Assembly, under the item "Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Alounkeo KITTIKHOUN
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Permanent Mission of the
Lao People's Democratic Republic
to the United Nations

ANNEX

Message dated 25 January 1984 from the Vice-President of the Council
of Ministers and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's
Democratic Republic addressed to the Secretary-General

For some years, while the peace-loving and justice-loving peoples of the world have been striving to find ways of strengthening international peace and security and of promoting confidence-building measures among peoples, the Government of South Africa, strengthened by the many forms of support extended to it by certain Western Governments, in particular the Government of the United States, has made another dangerous advance in the blind implementation of its criminal policy of apartheid. Thus, it has intensified its repression of the opponents of apartheid by, for example, persecuting black trade unionists, students and journalists and condemning to death political prisoners, particularly ANC freedom fighters, while, externally, it continues its illegal occupation of Namibia, despite the decisions of the United Nations, and at the same time is increasing its acts of aggression and terrorism against neighbouring African States. The arrogant attitude of the Pretoria régime towards the United Nations and the international community is demonstrated once again by the death sentence passed on 6 June on Mr. Malesela Benjamin Maloise under arbitrary repressive laws and the decision of the South African judicial authorities to reject an appeal against that iniquitous judgement notwithstanding the calls for clemency from around the world. The Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic is revolted by this attitude and unreservedly supports Security Council resolution 547 (1984). It feels bound to state, however, that the Pretoria régime has so far paid very little heed to the decisions and resolutions of the United Nations. The Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic therefore feels that the effective way of making that régime see reason is to apply comprehensive and mandatory sanctions against it.

(Signed) Phoune SIPRASEUTH
Vice-President of the Council of Ministers
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the
Lao People's Democratic Republic
