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LETTER DATED 15 AUGUST 1984 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF LESOTHO
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to attach a text of the message that the Lesotho Government sent to the Republic of South Africa on 10 August 1984 in response to the South African proposal that Lesotho enter into a non-aggression pact with her.

I shall be grateful if this letter together with the attachment could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) T. MAKEKA
Ambassador/Permanent Representative

Annex

Text of message dated 10 August 1984
from the Government of Lesotho

Lesotho refers to the South African proposal regarding the conclusion of a non-aggression pact between the two countries and has the honour to inform South Africa that after extensive consultations at home and abroad, it seems the Lesotho and South African positions are still far apart.

However, the Lesotho Government reaffirms its readiness and willingness to abide by and adhere to the principles hereunder declared:

The principles of sovereign equality and territorial inviolability of all States, the obligation of every State to prevent its territory from being used for the commission of acts prejudicial to the territorial integrity, security and independence of other States. The principles of peaceful co-existence and settlement of disputes as the only civilized and acceptable method in the conduct of bilateral and multilateral relations.

Pursuant to the foregoing the Lesotho Government has in the past respected and shall continue to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity and independence of other States and has accordingly refrained and shall continue to refrain from interfering directly in the internal affairs of other States.

The Government of Lesotho shall continue to respect the bilateral and/or multilateral agreements, conventions or arrangements and the consequent obligations arising therefrom with other countries, institutions and organizations.

Where it falls within its competence, scope and jurisdiction it shall facilitate the smooth and effective carrying out of such obligations by rendering such assistance as may be appropriate and expected by other States.

The Government shall continue to make a genuine effort to resolve by peaceful means any differences and disputes which may arise between Lesotho and any other State which may endanger peace and security. It shall further continue to take steps that may be necessary to prevent its territory and airspace from being used in any manner by any State, Government, organization or person for the purpose of committing any act prejudicial to the safety, sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of any other State.

The Government shall further continue to cultivate and promote social, economic and political co-operation with other States conducive to the welfare of the people of Lesotho and the people of other countries, and to accord fair, just and humane treatment to the nationals of other States.

The Government shall continue to render such other assistance to any other country as may be appropriate in matters relating to the security and maintenance of law and order.

The Government shall continue to permit and facilitate without delays transit of persons and goods destined to other countries. Priority of such transit being accorded to goods destined for basic human consumption, medical use, educational use and maintenance of law and order.

The Government shall continue to co-operate with other countries in taking steps to ensure that common boundaries are effectively patrolled and border posts effectively and humanely administered.

The above shall be pursued for the purpose, inter alia, of preventing illegal transit from or through Lesotho territory. Preventing crossings at unauthorized entry points. Prevention and suppression of smuggling and carrying out of illegal trade. Preventing the conveyance of persons, materials, equipment, apparatus or other goods for the purpose of committing any act prejudicial to the security, sovereignty, territorial integrity or economy of Lesotho and other States.
