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OF SOUTH AFRICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE  
SECRETARY-GENERAL

I refer to Security Council document S/16725 dated 30 August 1984 and have the honour to enclose the text of a press release dated 5 September 1984 containing the reaction of the South African Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Honourable R. F. Botha, to the "SWAPO Statement on Cessation of Armed Hostilities in Namibia" dated 13 August 1984.

I should be grateful if this letter and its annexure could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kurt von SCHIRNDING  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

Annex

"The statement does not contain anything new. It is simply a repetition of SWAPO's position which is in effect that resolution 435 (1978) must be implemented without an agreement with regard to Cuban withdrawal.

"The question of Cuban withdrawal is not a subject on which SWAPO has any say. It is a matter which rests with the Angolan Government and which is being discussed with that Government.

"In the meantime, and until a conclusion has been reached on the question of Cuban withdrawal, the South African Government would like to see an end to violence in South West Africa. There is no reason, except bloodthirstiness and the desire to kill, why the violence should not be ended before resolution 435 (1978) is implemented. Thus, if SWAPO should stop its violence, peace could immediately be established. On the other hand, if SWAPO continues with violence, action will be taken against it."

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