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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The following statement was made by the President of the Security Council on 22 March 1985:

"The members of the Security Council have entrusted me to express on their behalf their grave concern over the rapid deterioration of the situation in South Africa resulting from the spate of violence against defenceless opponents of apartheid throughout the country and most recently in the town of Uitenhage on 21 March 1985 where the South African police opened fire on innocent people proceeding to a funeral, killing and wounding scores of them.

"The members of the Council strongly deplore such acts of violence, which can only further aggravate the situation in South Africa and make more difficult the search for a peaceful solution of the South African conflict.

"The members of the Council recall the provisions of resolution 560 (1985), adopted unanimously on 12 March 1985, in which the Council noted with deep concern the intensification of repression in South Africa, commended the massive united resistance of the oppressed people of South Africa against apartheid, and reaffirmed the legitimacy of their struggle for a united, non-racial and democratic South Africa.

"The members of the Council urge the Government of South Africa to end violence and repression against the black people and other opponents of apartheid and to take urgent measures to eliminate apartheid."
