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NOTE VERBALE DATED 17 APRIL 1985 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE
UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to enclose herewith the text of the statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran with regard to Security Council resolutions 556 (1984) and 558 (1984).

It would be highly appreciated if this note and its annex were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Annex

Text of the statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Islamic Republic of Iran with regard to Security Council
resolutions 556 (1984) and 558 (1984)

The Islamic Republic of Iran, in its attempt to implement the resolutions of the United Nations as well as other practical measures against the apartheid régime in South Africa, has broken all diplomatic, economic and military ties with Pretoria and has condemned the racist policies of the South African régime at concerned international forums, including the United Nations and the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, calling for the imposition of sanctions against Pretoria. The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran attaches great importance to its relations with the nations of southern Africa - and especially the front-line States - and has, therefore, established diplomatic as well as essential economic ties with a substantial number of these African countries. The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, while refusing to issue or renew trade permits to its nationals planning to deal with South Africa, has prohibited all cultural and economic relations between its nationals and South Africa. Furthermore, no permission has been granted to the nationals of the Islamic Republic of Iran to travel to South Africa, nor has any South African national been granted a visa to enter the Islamic Republic. Moreover, since the victory of the Islamic Revolution, all air and sea transport between the two countries has been terminated.

The Islamic Republic of Iran reiterates its support for the struggling people of Namibia under the leadership of SWAPO, as well as for the masses of Azania fighting to rid themselves of the colonial and racist yoke of Pretoria. We are prepared to take definitive measures to support universal action against the illegal domination by the racist régime in Pretoria and its anti-human policies against the black majority. The Islamic Republic of Iran has always played a major role in drafting resolutions against apartheid within the competent international bodies and has strongly and repeatedly condemned the racist policies of Pretoria.

