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Letter dated 11 July 1963 from the Permanent Representative of  
Poland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to your communication of 21 January 1963, No. PO 230 USAF (2), concerning General Assembly resolution 1761 (XVII) adopted on 6 November 1962, in connexion with the item "The policies of apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa" and upon instruction of my Government, I wish to state the following:

The Polish People's Republic has always considered the South African Government's policies of racial discrimination and apartheid as brutal violation of human rights and the most striking manifestation of colonial oppression.

Such a policy, based on the creed of master race, by its very nature leads to international friction and, like Nazism, causes a threat to peace and security of nations.

The Polish people have always denounced racial discrimination in all its forms. Accordingly, the Polish representatives in various United Nations organs have openly condemned the policies of apartheid applied in South Africa and have consistently supported all measures aimed at the eradication of this policy and at securing the compliance of the South African Government with the recommendations adopted by the United Nations.

Poland expressed also its solidarity with the resolution adopted by the recent conference of Heads of African States and Governments at Addis Ababa on apartheid and racial discrimination, which stressed the urgent necessity "to co-ordinate concerned measures of sanction against the Government of South Africa".

The Polish Government has no diplomatic nor consular relations with the present Government of South Africa. The Polish Government is not a party to any treaty nor agreement of commercial or any other nature with that Government.

I should be grateful if you would arrange, Sir, for the circulation of this statement as an official document of the General Assembly.

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Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Poland  
to the United Nations.

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