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QUESTION OF NAMIBIA\*

Letter dated 4 September 1968 from the President of the United Nations  
Council for Namibia to the Secretary General

I have the honour to inform you that, in conformity with a decision of the United Nations Council for Namibia taken on Friday 30 August 1968, I issued the enclosed statement on the forcible removal of non-white Namibians from their homes in the Old Location of Windhoek to a new segregated area in Katutura.

It would be appreciated if you would have this statement circulated as an official document of the General Assembly.

(Signed) D.E. POLLARD  
President  
United Nations Council  
for Namibia

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\*Item 64 of the provisional agenda.

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA

Over a considerable period of time the South African authorities have been taking steps to forcibly remove non-white Namibians from their homes to new segregated areas ostensibly on the ground that these moves are intended to provide better living conditions for the non-white Namibians. In actual fact, however, it has been clear that the forcible removal of non-white Namibians is being undertaken exclusively to extend areas of white settlement and to ensure that white and non-white residential areas are separated from one another.

Earlier this month, information was received that the South African authorities were proceeding to implement a plan to remove forcibly non-white Namibians who have traditionally been resident in the Old Location of Windhoek to a new segregated area in Katitura. Despite the active opposition of the non-white Namibians to this move and the express protest of the United Nations Council for Namibia and the international community at large, it is understood that the South African authorities intend to complete these arbitrary and illegal actions on 31 August 1968. As a result, 8,000 Africans who refuse to move to segregated areas will either be deprived of their livelihood or imprisoned. Plans are already in hand for the large-scale demolition of schools, shops and churches.

The United Nations Council for Namibia as the legal authority charged with the administration of the Territory views these arbitrary and illegal actions of the South African authorities with the gravest concern. The Council condemns these actions in the strongest possible terms and calls upon the South African authorities to desist forthwith from implementing these proposed actions. The Council, at the same time, appeals to Member States to exert every possible influence to persuade South Africa to desist from proceeding with its illegal plans which will cause widespread suffering to a people already victims of the most inhuman oppression.

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