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Letter dated 19 June 1985 from the Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of the statement dated 17 June 1985 issued by the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania concerning the decision of the racist South African Government to install a so-called "interim government" in Namibia.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and the text of the statement circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 34 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(<u>Signed</u>) Muhammad Ali FOUM
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Statement of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania dated 17 June 1985

Tanzania condemns unreservedly the installation today of a so-called internal government in Namibia by the racist South African Government. This action is yet another in the series of acts of arrogant defiance of the will of the international community. Furthermore, it brazenly flouts the decisions of the United Nations and its Security Council.

United Nations Security Council resolution 435 (1978) has set out the plan for the peaceful evolution of Namibia to independence, through free elections under United Nations supervision and control. This is the only viable negotiated path a recognized and internationally acceptable independence. But South Africa, through various pretexts and deceptions, has obstructed the implementation of this plan for the last eight years.

The so-called interim government is yet another ploy to further delay implementation of resolution 435 (1978). It constitutes an attempt to impose a government on the people of Namibia, and to create a Bantustan out of its illegal occupation of the territory of Namibia. The so-called government is no more than a coalition of Namibian puppets of the South African Government and should be universally denied any manner of recognition.

This latest act of the South African Government in Namibia underscores the urgency with which the international community must now act. It must step up its efforts to isolate and ostracize South Africa politically, diplomatically, economically and culturally. In particular, the United Nations should now institute measures against the racist régime under Chapter VII of the Charter so as, to force it to end its occupation of Namibia.