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Letter dated 26 June 1985 from the Permanent Representative of the  
Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith an official statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan issued in Khartoum on 21 June 1985 regarding the aggression of racist South Africa on 14 June 1985 against the capital of the Republic of Botswana.

I should be grateful if the above-mentioned text could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 34 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Omer Y. BIRIDO  
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ANNEX

Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic  
Republic of the Sudan regarding the aggression against the  
Republic of Botswana

Once again, the racist régime in Pretoria is committing acts of aggression aimed at upsetting the stability of the neighbouring African States and violating the integrity of their territories, their airspace and their independence and national sovereignty. Yesterday morning, the news agencies brought reports of the iniquitous aggression carried out by the forces of the apartheid régime against fraternal Botswana on the pretext of wiping out the bases of the African National Congress there. The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan, deeply concerned about the aggression against Botswana, strongly condemns South Africa's violation of the national sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Botswana. The undeclared war of aggression being waged by the racist régime in South Africa against the African front-line States constitutes blatant threats to all African States and a serious threat to international peace and security. In the face of these developments, the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan expresses its full support for the call of the Assistant Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity for the Security Council to meet immediately. The United Nations, as represented in the Security Council, is called upon to assume its responsibilities fully and to take deterrent measures under Chapter VII of the Charter against the racist régime. The Government of South Africa's continuation of its policies of aggression confronts the United Nations with one of the most dangerous crises in its history. It constitutes a blatant challenge to its credibility, its effectiveness and its ability to discharge its responsibilities in the context of the maintenance of international peace and security. What South Africa has done confirms beyond any doubt the racist régime's rejection of any solutions and also its adherence to the use of force as a means of subjugating the struggling peoples of the African continent and perpetuating the racist régime. The Security Council must act without delay to impose comprehensive mandatory sanctions against South Africa in order to uphold the lofty principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations. The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan, in condemning the iniquitous military operation against the fraternal Republic of Botswana, declares its solidarity with the people of Botswana and confirms once again its absolute support and backing for the political armed struggle being waged by the people of Namibia and South Africa, under the leadership of the South West Africa People's Organization and the African National Congress, for freedom, independence and an end to colonial domination and racist oppression.

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