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Letter dated 5 July 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus on the decision of the Pretoria régime to establish the so-called "interim government" in Namibia.

I should be grateful if this letter and its annex could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 34 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Statement issued on 3 July 1985 by the Ministry of
Foreign Affairs of Cyprus

The unilateral decision of the Pretoria régime to establish the so-called "interim government" in Namibia, which is illegally occupied by South African troops, constitutes another act of flagrant defiance of the will of the international community and an affront to the universal demand for genuine Namibian independence. This is a manoeuvre in total disregard of the legitimate demand of the people of Namibia for self-determination and violates Security Council resolutions 435 (1978) and 439 (1978), declaring null and void any unilateral measures taken by the South African régime in this direction.

Cyprus strongly condemns and rejects this unacceptable unilateral action as null and void and declares that any future measures taken in pursuance thereof will be without effect and calls upon the international community to reject this illegality and to resolutely refrain from according any recognition to it.

Cyprus consistently supports the taking of all appropriate practical measures to pave the way for Namibia's genuine independence and calls upon the South African régime to rescind the action taken by it and to comply with and implement unconditionally the relevant United Nations resolutions.

On this occasion Cyprus reaffirms once more that the United Nations has primary and direct responsibility over Namibia and that the SWAPO is the sole, authentic and legitimate representative of the Namibian people.

