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Letter dated 12 August 1985 from the Deputy Permanent
Representative of Uruguay to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that on 10 August 1985 the Government of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay issued a press release in connection with the present situation in South Africa. The text of the press release is annexed hereto.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter and the annexed press release as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 35 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Humberto GOMEN-ALVEZ
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ANNEX

Press release dated 10 August 1985 issued by the Government
of Uruguay

The Government of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay, in the face of the events now taking place in the Republic of South Africa, which are a matter of common knowledge and which are claiming a growing number of innocent victims of racial violence, states the following:

(a) Faithful to the tradition of our people, which has, ever since the emancipation process itself, rejected any theoretical or practical manifestation of racism, a tradition strengthened throughout our independent life and now constituting an unrenounceable heritage of our national values, it declares its most resolute condemnation of these actions, which, in the context of the system of apartheid, violate the human rights of the people of South Africa and disregard the ceaseless appeals of the international community for an end to that racist régime, which the United Nations has branded a crime against humanity.

(b) It is firmly determined to comply strictly with the mandates arising out of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations and the specialized agencies of the system, including all their consequences.

(c) It urges the South African Government to desist from the practices which prevent its people from living in dignity, with full exercise of the rights established by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and by all the international instruments that protect those rights.
