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OF SOUTH AFRICA

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Letter dated 5 August 1985 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the statement made on 24 July 1985 at Dakar by His Excellency Mr. Abdou Diouf, President of the Republic of Senegal and President in office of the Organization of African Unity, on the state of emergency in South Africa (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this statement to be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 25 and 35 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Amadou BA Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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ANNEX

Statement on the state of emergency in South Africa made on 24 July 1985 at Dakar by the President of Senegal, President in office of the Organization of African Unity

The segregationist Government of South Africa, increasingly perplexed by the scope and persistence of the resistance of our black brothers to its policy of apartheid, recently decreed a state of emergency.

Consequently, the security forces, given free rein, are acting in the most arbitrary manner, oppressing, arresting and killing people who are merely claiming their most elementary rights as human beings. Africa unanimously calls the international community to witness and places it before its responsibilities.

It calls upon those who experienced and so courageously fought against nazism, in the interest of mankind as a whole, to remember, to react and above all to adopt the appropriate sanctions, especially economic sanctions, so that apartheid may suffer the same fate as its sinister predecessor.

I appeal to public opinion and especially to the Governments of the countries to which the Charter of the United Nations entrusts primary responsibility for the establishment of peace in the world.

The Government of South Africa and its accomplices should not be mistaken. That country, and our planet itself, will never know real peace until apartheid has been completely eliminated.

Africa, through me, reaffirms its active solidarity with our brothers of ANC and PAC in their just struggle and reiterates its determination to apply the measures it has just decided upon in Addis Ababa, with a view to the total eradication of this shame of our century, apartheid.

(Signed) Abdou DIOUF
President of the Republic of Senegal,
President in office of the Organization
of African Unity