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Letter dated 22 August 1985 from the Permanent Representative of  
Jamaica to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement made by the Right Honourable Hugh Shearer, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Jamaica, on the situation in South Africa.

I should be grateful if you would have the statement circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 35 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Statement made by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign  
Affairs of Jamaica on the situation in South Africa

Jamaica's opposition to the system of apartheid is unswerving. We regard the system as abhorrent, indecent and uncivilized, and we are convinced that there can be no stability and no real development in that part of the world until the racist régime in Pretoria and the massive injustice that it calls apartheid are removed from that unhappy country. We feel deeply the suffering of the South African people, and we support them in their continuing protest against the brutal oppression to which they are subjected.

It is interesting to note that in recent months there has been a significant increase in public awareness of, and publicly expressed opposition to, this vicious system.

Vague promises, cosmetic changes of the offensive apartheid system by the South African Government, are totally unacceptable to us. There must be positive changes, a dismantling of the apartheid system, and black Africans in South Africa must get the right to vote on a one-man one-vote basis. All effective pressures must be mobilized and maintained against the oppressive racist South African Government to bring about the end of the abomination called apartheid.

I sincerely hope that the awakening of the international conscience on this issue will enable an early solution which achieves justice in South Africa, without an escalation in the level of repression and bloodshed of which there have been clear signs in recent months

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