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Letter dated 22 August 1985 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Nicaragua to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a communiqué on the situation in South Africa issued by the Government of Nicaragua on 22 August 1985 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the communiqué to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 35 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Communiqué on the situation in South Africa issued by the Government
of Nicaragua on 22 August 1985

The Government and people of Nicaragua condemn the most recent wave of repression and crime unleashed against the persecuted black population of South Africa by the Pretoria Government in reprisal for the popular uprising triggered by the imposition of an unjustified state of emergency, which is but one more manifestation of the apartheid system.

The apartheid régime, which is sinking deeper and deeper into the desperation of a declining power facing the determination and valour of a proud people, has resorted anew to the violence which it has institutionalized in the country, becoming more violent than ever and disregarding yet again the universal call for justice for that people.

Responsibility for the survival of apartheid cannot be separated from the consent of those who resist the imposition of political and economic sanctions, for which there exists ample justification. It is past time for talk; the time has come for action to end the long suffering of the South African people.

Our people, which is also a victim of State terrorism, cannot but side with the people's resistance and reaffirm its total support for the African National Congress, which, in what are already the final stages of its struggle, is unflinching leading its people towards freedom and liberation.

