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Letter dated 19 August 1985 from the Permanent Representative of
Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, issued on 19 August 1985, concerning the situation in South Africa.

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

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Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand
issued on 19 August 1985

Thailand hereby wishes to express its grave concern at the continuing violence and unrest brought about by the imposition of the State of Emergency on 20 July 1985 by the Pretoria régime in 16 South African townships and the unabated acts of violence and detention without trial of the opponents of apartheid.

As a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, Thailand has been closely following the deteriorating situation in South Africa and feels compelled by these recent events in that country to strongly condemn once again the evil policy and the oppressive practices of apartheid. Thailand hereby reiterates its solidarity with the oppressed black people in South Africa and fully supports the just struggle for their legitimate rights and racial equality.

Thailand demands that the Pretoria régime lift the State of Emergency immediately, end all acts of repression against the black people and take heed of the demands from the international community to abolish the abhorrent policy and practices of apartheid.

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