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### NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Following consultations with the members of the Council, the President of the Security Council made the following statement, on behalf of the Council, at the 2603rd meeting of the Security Council on 21 August 1985, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The question of South Africa":

"The members of the Security Council, deeply alarmed by the worsening and deteriorating situation of the oppressed black majority population in South Africa since the imposition of the state of emergency on 21 July 1985, express once again their profound concern at this deplorable situation.

"The members of the Council condemn the Pretoria régime for its continued failure to heed the repeated appeals made by the international community including Security Council resolution 569 of 26 July 1985 and in particular the demand made in that resolution for the immediate lifting of the state of emergency.

"The members of the Council strongly condemn the continuation of killings and the arbitrary mass arrests and detentions carried out by the Pretoria government. They call, once again, upon the South African government to set free immediately and unconditionally all political prisoners and detainees, first of all Mr. Nelson Mandela, whose home has lately been subjected to an act of arson.

"The members of the Council believe that a just and lasting solution in South Africa must be based on the total eradication of the system of apartheid and the establishment of a free, united and democratic society in South Africa. Without concrete action towards such a just and lasting solution in South Africa any pronouncements of the Pretoria régime can represent nothing more than a reaffirmation of its attachment to apartheid and underline its continuing intransigence in the face of mounting domestic and international opposition to the continuation of this thoroughly unjustified political and social system. In this context, they express their grave concern at the latest pronouncements of the President of the Pretoria régime."

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