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LETTER DATED 30 NOVEMBER 1979 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL  
ADDRESSED TO THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF  
SOUTH AFRICA

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 27 November 1979 (S/13651). May I say, in this connexion, that it is not my practice to comment upon statements made to the press by any of the parties in the course of the search for a peaceful solution to the question of Namibia. I should, however, like to recall paragraph 10 of my report of 20 November (S/13634) in which I stated that, at the conclusion of the recent consultations in Geneva, "the front-line States accepted the concept of the demilitarized zone and the broad outline of the working paper. SWAPO also accepted the concept of the demilitarized zone". It was understood that, provided that South Africa also accepted the concept, detailed technical discussions could follow.

I therefore look forward to receiving from Your Excellency the reaction of the South African Government concerning the acceptance of the concept of the demilitarized zone.

(Signed) Kurt WALDHEIM

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