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The Permanent Mission of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to his notes of 8 February 1985 and 19 July 1985, has the honour to state the following.

This year marks the widespread commemoration by the international community of the fortieth anniversary of the victory over fascism and militarism in the Second World War. The aggressor was defeated by the joint efforts of the allies; however, the decisive contribution was made by the Soviet Union.

The great victory over the forces of aggression and reaction and the establishment of the United Nations as a result of this victory gave mankind the hope that racism and fascism, which had brought death and destruction in Europe and many other parts of the world, would finally be eliminated, and provided a powerful stimulus to the unprecedented upsurge of the national liberation struggle of oppressed peoples against colonialism, dependence and imperialist domination.

This year marks yet another significant date - the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, adopted by the General Assembly on the initiative of the Soviet Union. In the time that has passed, major successes have been achieved in the attainment of its lofty purposes. The colonial empires have fallen, and out of their fragments dozens of young independent States have arisen. Even today, however, colonialism, racism and racial discrimination still continue to exist in certain parts of the world.

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The Ukrainian SSR, unchanging in its support for the struggle of oppressed peoples to free themselves from the colonial yoke and from other forms of dependence and foreign domination, advocates the speediest possible complete elimination of all remnants of colonialism, without any exception, and the application of the United Nations decisions aimed at the full implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. The early achievement of genuine independence for Namibia is one of the most acute and urgent problems of the day. The Ukrainian SSR, which shares the concern of the international community at the seriousness of the situation in and around Namibia, has more than once stated its position of principle on this issue, both in notes on the subject and in the statements of its representatives in the United Nations and other international forums. This position remains unchanged.

The Ukrainian SSR takes a position for the Namibian people's immediate realization of its inalienable right to genuine self-determination and independence based on the maintenance of the country's unity and territorial integrity, including Walvis Bay and the offshore islands, for the immediate and complete withdrawal from Namibia of South Africa's occupation troops and colonial administration, and for the transfer of total power to the people of Namibia as represented by the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), which has been recognized by the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity, as well as by the non-aligned movement, as the sole lawful representative of the Namibian people.

The Ukrainian SSR is in full agreement with the reiteration by the General Assembly in its resolution 39/50 of 12 December 1984 that the continuing illegal and colonial occupation of Namibia by South Africa, in defiance of repeated General Assembly and Security Council resolutions, constitutes an act of aggression against the Namibian people and a challenge to the authority of the United Nations, which has direct responsibility for Namibia until independence. This responsibility for the political fate of Namibia makes it incumbent upon the United Nations to play a decisive role in the Namibian settlement, the whole process of which must be under the constant and effective supervision of the Security Council.

The Ukrainian SSR supports all the United Nations resolutions and decisions on the question of Namibia, including General Assembly resolution 39/50, and calls for an end to be put to the illegal occupation of Namibia by the racist régime of South Africa, and for the immediate granting of independence to Namibia in accordance with the United Nations decisions on the subject. The only acceptable basis for a political settlement of the question of Namibia and the accession of the Namibian people to independence and independent development remains Security Council resolution 435 (1978), the full implementation of which, without any changes, reservations or prior conditions, must be initiated forthwith.

As a member of the Security Council, the Ukrainian SSR supported Council resolution 566 (1985), in which the insistence on linking the independence of Namibia to irrelevant and extraneous issues is rejected.

The Ukrainian SSR strongly condemns the continuing illegal occupation of Namibia by the racist régime of South Africa and the steps it has taken to undermine the unity and territorial integrity of the country, as well as its

persistent unwillingness to implement the relevant United Nations resolutions and decisions and its refusal to concede to the people of Namibia the right to self-determination and independence. The Pretoria régime's extension of its inhuman apartheid system to Namibia and the brutal discrimination it practices against the population of the country by dividing up its territory on a racial basis are truly criminal.

The Ukrainian SSR supports the struggle of the Namibian people under the leadership of SWAPO against the aggression of South Africa and for the realization of their inalienable right to self-determination and independence in a united Namibia based on territorial integrity, in accordance with the United Nations Charter and the resolutions of the General Assembly. This struggle by all the means at their disposal, including armed struggle, has been and remains lawful and legitimate. The Ukrainian SSR condemns the persistent and systematic attempts by the illegal South African administration to undermine, discredit and destroy SWAPO and the members and supporters of this Namibian national liberation movement.

The Ukrainian SSR resolutely condemns South Africa for the continuing build-up of its military capability in Namibia, for its use of mercenaries to maintain the occupation of that country and launch attacks against independent African States, and for its use of Namibian territory to carry out repeated acts of aggression, subversion and destabilization against neighbouring countries. In this connection, the Ukrainian SSR fully supports the strong appeal to the international community contained in General Assembly resolution 39/50 to increase, as a matter of urgency, the financial, material, military and political support to the front-line States.

The Ukrainian SSR opposes the continuing plunder by foreign monopolies and transnational corporations of Namibia's natural resources, which are the inalienable and undisputed property of the Namibian people. It is essential to bring an end to the illegal activities of the imperialist States and transnational corporations in Namibia under the South African administration and to ensure their compliance with all the relevant United Nations resolutions and decisions, including the immediate withdrawal of all investments from Namibia and the termination of collaboration with the South African administration.

The Ukrainian SSR endorses the conclusion contained in General Assembly resolution 39/50 that the foreign economic, financial and other interests operating in Namibia constitute a major obstacle to its independence.

The continuing collaboration of the imperialist States with the racist South African régime in the political, economic, military and nuclear fields helps to perpetuate its illegal occupation of Namibia, undermining international solidarity against the apartheid régime and encouraging it to persist in its sabotage of United Nations decisions on the decolonization of Namibia. In view of the urgent need to ensure compliance with the United Nations decisions on granting genuine independence to Namibia and also considering the defiant actions of South Africa with regard to the Territory, which represent a serious threat to international peace and security, the Ukrainian SSR supports the appeal by the General Assembly for the Security Council immediately to impose comprehensive mandatory sanctions against South Africa, in accordance with Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter and the proposal by the African States for the Security Council to take further

measures against South Africa, including the imposition of an embargo on the supply of oil and oil products to the Pretoria régime. In addition, it resolutely condemns the actions of the United States of America, certain other Western States and Israel in contravention of decisions already taken by the United Nations with regard to sanctions against South Africa.

As part of their policy of "constructive engagement", the United States and South Africa are making stubborn attempts to link the granting of independence to Namibia with extraneous and irrelevant issues, in particular the withdrawal of Cuban forces from Angola, a position which represents interference in the internal affairs of that country. The Ukrainian SSR rejects such linkage as invalid and groundless.

The Ukrainian SSR condemns and rejects all the manoeuvres of South Africa aimed at perpetuating its domination in Namibia by establishing fraudulent independence and imposing a unilateral "internal settlement" on the Namibian people through the setting up of a "provisional Government" or any other illegal institution. The Ukrainian SSR believes that the racist Pretoria régime and those imperialist States which continue to sponsor its criminal policy of substituting a neo-colonialist solution for a just settlement in Namibia bear full responsibility for the dangerous implications for international peace and security of their attempts to frustrate the application of United Nations decisions on granting genuine independence and freedom to Namibia.

The Ukrainian SSR invariably complies with all the United Nations decisions and recommendations aimed at the isolation and boycott of the South African racist régime and maintains no political, economic, military or other relations with South Africa. It continues to advocate the termination of any collaboration with the apartheid régime by all States.

True to the principles of proletarian internationalism and in accordance with the United Nations Charter and the relevant United Nations resolutions and decisions, the Ukrainian SSR provides extensive political, moral and material assistance and support to the national liberation movement of the Namibian people and to all those fighting against colonialism, racism and apartheid in southern Africa.

The Ukrainian SSR regularly makes financial contributions to the International Defence and Aid Fund for Southern Africa and provides grants for training at educational institutions in the Republic to candidates who are recommended by the national liberation movements recognized by the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity.

Active public work is carried out in the Ukrainian SSR in support of the just struggle of the Namibian people. An important role in this respect is played by the Republic's mass information media, which provide extensive treatment of the purposes and goals of that struggle, the various aspects of the Namibian question and the work of the United Nations and its organs directed towards the speediest settlement of the Namibian problem.

The just struggle of the Namibian people, led by SWAPO, to achieve national independence and end the country's occupation and to oppose attempts by the racist régime of South Africa and its imperialist protectors to impose a neo-colonialist régime on Namibia will continue to enjoy full support from the Ukrainian SSR.

The Permanent Mission of the Ukrainian SSR to the United Nations requests that this note be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 34 of the preliminary list and as a document of the Security Council.
