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of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General

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 note dated 15 August 1985, has the honour to state the following.

The Ukrainian SSR unreservedly condemns and rejects the disgraceful apartheid system imposed by the racist régime of South Africa on the overwhelming majority of the population of that country. The policy of apartheid is contrary to the United Nations Charter, the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the universally recognized principles of international law. The United Nations has declared apartheid to be a crime against humanity.

The constant acts of aggression by Pretoria against independent African States clearly prove that apartheid represents a breach of international peace and security. Only through the total eradication of apartheid will there be a peaceful and lasting settlement of the situation in southern Africa. The criminal policy and practices of apartheid must be completely and definitively eliminated.

The Ukrainian SSR supports and scrupulously observes all the United Nations decisions and recommendations which condemn apartheid, are aimed at its elimination or call for boycotts against and isolation of the South African racist régime.

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Strictly adhering to its principled policy on the complete and definitive eradication of colonialism and racism and the elimination of apartheid, the Ukrainian SSR has no political, economic, military or other relations with South Africa.

The Ukrainian SSR fully agrees that the primary reason for the serious situation in southern Africa is the policy of apartheid of the racist South African régime. Accordingly, the Ukrainian SSR supported Security Council resolution 569 (1985), in which the Council strongly condemned the apartheid system, the mass arrests and the murders, and called for the immediate lifting of the state of emergency in the country and for the release of all political prisoners, first of all Mr. Nelson Mandela.

The Ukrainian SSR advocates the total isolation of the criminal racist régime of South Africa and the cessation of all political, economic, military, cultural, scientific and sporting relations with the apartheid régime. It is important to bring to a complete end military and nuclear collaboration with South Africa, for it enables Pretoria to increase its military and nuclear capability and that poses a particular threat to peace. The Ukrainian SSR supports the appeal made by the African States and other non-aligned countries to the Security Council to impose comprehensive and mandatory sanctions on South Africa, in accordance with Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter. It is essential to overcome the negative position taken on this question by certain Western countries. In order to compel the Pretoria régime to renounce the apartheid system, there must be unity of purpose and co-ordinated action on the part of the entire international community, including all the members of the Security Council. We agree that it is necessary, pending the imposition of mandatory sanctions by the Security Council, to adopt measures such as those referred to in Security Council resolution 569 (1985) and in General Assembly resolution 39/72 G, adopted on 13 December 1984.

The Ukrainian SSR condemns the United States policy of "constructive engagement" with the racist Pretoria régime, as well as the policy which the United States, a number of other States members of NATO and Israel are following in maintaining broad collaboration with the South African régime in various spheres. That is nullifying international efforts to eradicate apartheid and is leading to the intensification of repression within the country and an increase in aggression against independent African countries.

The Ukrainian SSR remains in complete solidarity with the national liberation movements of southern Africa, which are waging a legitimate struggle against apartheid and for freedom and independence, and therefore gives them assistance and support.

In our opinion, the observance this year of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples should give an immense boost to the struggle against colonialism, racism and apartheid.

The Permanent Mission of the Ukrainian SSR to the United Nations would be grateful if this note could 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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