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

Upon instruction from my Government, I have the honour to transmit the attached press release concerning the invasion by South Africa of the People's Republic of Angola (see annex).

It would be highly appreciated if the press release could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under items 34 and 35 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Legwaila J. M. J. LEGWAILA
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Press release

The Department of External Affairs has received with great concern press reports of an invasion by the Republic of South Africa of the People's Republic of Angola. These reports state that the South African Defence Force based illegally in Namibia invaded Angola using the army and the airforce. It has further been reported that the South African Airforce has bombed the territory of Angola on which there were Angolan Army units. This constitutes an act of aggression on the territory of Angola against the people and Government of the People's Republic of Angola. The Government of Botswana condemns this invasion and calls upon the Government of South Africa to withdraw its forces immediately out of Angola. Botswana also appeals to the United States Government to continue efforts to restrain South Africa from pursuing such acts of aggression.

The Department of External Affairs also wishes to state that acts of war by South Africa against neighbouring countries are unlikely to bring about a solution to the internal problems of South Africa. They simply aggravate problems and escalate the violence that has been such a sad phenomenon of South African life.
