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Letter dated 17 October 1985 from the Permanent Representative of
Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the circulation as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 35, of the attached text of the press release issued yesterday, 16 October 1985, by the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs, concerning the case of Mr. Benjamin Maloise, a member of the African National Congress.

(Signed) Mario MOYA PALENCIA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Press release issued on 16 October 1985 by the
Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Government of Mexico, in keeping with its traditional policy of repudiating the system of apartheid, firmly supports the international community's appeal to the Government of South Africa to commute the death sentence against Mr. Maloise. The Government of Mexico also reiterates its opposition to the death penalty, which it considers an affront to human dignity.

By the same token, the Government of Mexico reaffirms the need to adopt all measures consistent with international law in order to compel the Pretoria Government to put an end to the racist apartheid system. For this reason, our country supports the efforts by the international community as a whole, together with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the President of the African National Congress, to persuade the Government of South Africa to commute the death sentence against Mr. Maloise.
