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LETTER DATED 19 SEPTEMBER 1980 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
ADDRESSED TO THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INFORMATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

I should like to refer to your letter of 29 August 1980 (S/14139) in reply to the various clarifications I had communicated to you on 20 June 1980 (S/14011).

After careful consideration, taking all factors of the situation into account, as well as the great need to move forward without further delay, I believe that we should now proceed with the implementation of the United Nations plan. To this end, I propose to send a team of senior officials to South Africa to discuss with your Government the setting of a time-frame and other modalities for such implementation. I would suggest that these discussions take place during the week from 29 September to 4 October 1980.

As Your Excellency is aware, I have, on many occasions, expressed my deep concern at the cycle of violence resulting from the unresolved nature of the Namibian question. I wish, therefore, to reiterate my view that the best way to stop such violence is by establishing, as soon as possible, the cease-fire which is the first step in the implementation of Security Council resolution 435 (1978). Meanwhile, I shall continue to urge all concerned to exercise the maximum degree of restraint with a view to ending the bloodshed and facilitating the process of implementation.

(Signed) Kurt WALDHEIM