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Letter dated 25 May 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of of the Permanent Mission of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith the statement of 20 May 1982 by the spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam condemning the South African authorities' new aggressive plots and actions against the People's Republic of Angola and kindly request Your Excellency to have this note and its enclosure circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 59 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

STATEMENT

BY THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM

According to a Communique issued on May 17 by the Angolan National Defence Ministry, the South African authorities, within the first ten days of this month, conducted repeated and barbarous bombings and shellings of many populated and industrial areas in Angola's Southern provinces, some of them lying hundreds of kilometres deep inside Angolan territory, causing a lot of human and material losses to the Angolan people.

Along with these piratic actions, the South African authorities mastered troops and war materials close to Angolan borders and openly threatened to launch so-called "deterring and punitive" attacks into Angolan territory.

With such arrogant actions, the South African aggressors have grossly violated Angola's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity. This is also part of the U.S. imperialists' scheme to destabilise Southern Africa and check the front-line countries' support for the Namibian people's struggle for independence.

The Vietnamese people and Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam strongly condemn the South African authorities' new aggressive plots and actions and demand an immediate end to such criminal actions against the People's Republic of Angola.

The Vietnamese people are convinced that, enjoying the sympathy and support of the world people, the Angolan people will certainly smash all aggressive plots and actions of the South African Apartheid aggressors.

HANOI, May 20, 1982