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Letter dated 5 January 1984 from the Permanent Representative of  
the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of a TASS statement dated  
5 January 1984 on South African aggression against the People's Republic of Angola.

I request you to have the text of this statement distributed as an official  
document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "Review of the  
implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security",  
and of the Security Council.

(Signed) O. TROYANOVSKY

ANNEX

TASS Statement

The situation in the southern part of the African continent has recently been seriously aggravated. Grossly flouting the decisions of the United Nations Security Council, the Republic of South Africa is not only continuing its illegal occupation of a part of Angolan territory, but is also expanding the scale of its aggressive operations against that sovereign country.

Motorized units of the South African regular army, supported by tanks, artillery and the air force, recently penetrated once again deep into the southern areas of Angola. Many population centres in that country are being subjected to massive missile and bomb attacks and artillery shelling, which have caused numerous victims among the civilian population and the destruction of homes, hospitals and schools.

The aggressor obviously counts on acting with impunity. The goal is the same, namely, the overthrow of the progressive régime in Angola. At the same time, behind these actions may be seen the more far-reaching plans of the South African leaders to perpetuate racist and colonial structures in the region of southern Africa by systematically using armed force, destabilizing the situation in neighbouring independent African States and thwarting a political settlement in Namibia.

It is perfectly obvious that South Africa's latest intrusion into sovereign Angola is directly linked to the increased aggressiveness of international - and primarily United States - imperialism and to the acts of lawlessness perpetrated by it against the peoples of Grenada, Lebanon and Nicaragua. The Pretoria racist régime would have been unable to behave in such an arrogant and brazen manner had it not felt that Washington was giving it support and encouragement. It is precisely the United States and certain other NATO countries that are supplying South Africa with the military technology which the racists are using in their fight against the freedom-loving peoples of Africa.

The Soviet Union resolutely demands an end to all South African acts of aggression, both direct and indirect, against Angola and the complete withdrawal of South African troops from the areas of Angola which they have occupied.

South Africa's latest act of aggression against Angola once again graphically demonstrates that, through the action of the racist leaders of South Africa and their backers, a situation endangering the cause of peace has developed in southern Africa, and that urgent and concerted international efforts are needed to eliminate it. In the present circumstances, the proposals put forward by the Government of Angola in a message to Mr. Pérez de Cuéllar, Secretary-General of the United Nations, are timely and well justified. They are: to put an end to the military operations in Angola, to remove the South African invaders from that area and at long last to set about the practical implementation of a political settlement in Namibia in accordance with United Nations decisions on Namibia, including Security Council resolution 435 (1978).

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The Soviet Union believes that States which cherish peace and the security of peoples and all people of good will should raise their voices in the defence of Angola and should, by their resolute actions, frustrate the plans of the racist aggressors and their backers. Aggression must not go unpunished.

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