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SUMMARY STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON MATTERS
OF WHICH THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS SEIZED AND ON THE
STAGE REACHED IN THEIR CONSIDERATION

Addendum

Pursuant to rule 11 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Secretary-General is submitting the following summary statement.

The list of items of which the Security Council is seized is contained in document S/13033 of 9 January 1979.

During the week ending 7 April 1979, the Security Council took action on the following item:

The question of South Africa (see S/12269/Add.12, S/12269/Add.13, S/12269/Add.43, S/12269/Add.44, S/12269/Add.49 and S/12520/Add.4)

In a letter dated 5 April 1979 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/13223), the representative of the Ivory Coast, on behalf of the African Group of States at the United Nations, requested that an urgent meeting of the Security Council be convened to consider the situation created in South Africa by the renewed outbreak of acts of repression against the African nationalist freedom fighters.

The Security Council considered the item at its 2140th meeting held on 5 April, on the basis of the request of the representative of the Ivory Coast. The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Ivory Coast, at his request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote.

The President announced that, after consulting with the members of the Security Council, he had been authorized to make a statement on behalf of the members of the Council, which would be conveyed immediately to the State President of the Republic of South Africa. He then read out the text of the following statement (S/13226):

"The Security Council expresses its grave concern lest the South African Government proceed with the execution of Mr. Solomon Mahlangu despite appeals from various countries, a number of world leaders, as well as the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

It also recalls the appeal for clemency by the family of Mr. Mahlangu made to the South African authorities through his lawyer. The Security Council also recalls the General Assembly's efforts to save the lives of Mr. Solomon Mahlangu and other South African leaders of the African people under death sentences.

Members of the Security Council hereby endorse the appeal already made by their President. They make a solemn call to the South African Government to spare the life of Mr. Mahlangu and others facing the same fate in South Africa.
