

LETTER DATED 26 SEPTEMBER 1985 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOTSWANA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Decision

At its 2609th meeting, on 30 September 1985, the Council decided to invite the representative of Botswana to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled:

“Letter dated 26 September 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/17497);”⁸⁸

“Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to Security Council resolution 568 (1985) (S/17453).”⁸⁹

Resolution 572 (1985)

of 30 September 1985

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolution 568 (1985),

Having considered the report of the mission to Botswana appointed by the Secretary-General in accordance with resolution 568 (1985),⁸⁹

Having heard the statement of the Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations⁹⁰ expressing the deep concern of his Government over the attack by South Africa against the territorial integrity of Botswana,

Deeply concerned that the attack by South Africa resulted in the loss of life and casualties to many residents and refugees in Gaborone as well as the destruction of and damage to property,

Noting with satisfaction the policy which Botswana follows in regard to the granting of asylum to people

⁸⁸ See *Official Records of the Security Council, Fortieth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1985*.

⁸⁹ *Ibid.*, document S/17453.

⁹⁰ *Ibid.*, *Fortieth Year*, 2609th meeting.

fleeing from the oppression of *apartheid* as well as its respect for and adherence to the international conventions on the status of refugees,

Reaffirming its opposition to the system of *apartheid* and the right of all countries to receive refugees fleeing from the oppression of *apartheid*,

Noting further the urgent needs of Botswana to provide adequate shelter and facilities to refugees seeking asylum in Botswana,

Convinced of the importance of international support for Botswana,

1. *Commends* the Government of Botswana for its steadfast opposition to *apartheid* and for the humanitarian policies it is following in regard to refugees;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for having arranged to send a mission to Botswana to assess the damage caused by South Africa's unprovoked and premeditated acts of aggression and for proposing measures to strengthen Botswana's capacity to receive and provide assistance to South African refugees as well as for determining the level of assistance required by Botswana to cope with the situation resulting from the attack;

3. *Endorses* the report of the mission to Botswana under resolution 568 (1985);

4. *Demands* that South Africa pay full and adequate compensation to Botswana for the loss of life and damage to property resulting from its act of aggression;

5. *Requests* Member States, international organizations and financial institutions to assist Botswana in the fields identified in the report of the mission to Botswana;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give the matter of assistance to Botswana his continued attention and to keep the Security Council informed;

7. *Decides* to remain seized of the situation.

Adopted unanimously at the 2609th meeting.

LETTER DATED 1 OCTOBER 1985 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TUNISIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Decisions

At its 2610th meeting, on 2 October 1985, the Council decided to invite the representatives of Algeria, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Tunisia and Turkey to participate, without vote, in the discussion of the item entitled “Letter dated 1 October 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the

United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/17509).”⁹¹

At the same meeting, the Council also decided, by a vote, that an invitation should be accorded to the

⁹¹ *Ibid.*, *Fortieth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1985*.