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LETTER DATED 14 MARCH 1969 ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF AFGHANISTAN, ALGERIA, BURUNDI, CAMEROON, CEYLON, CHAD, CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE), CONGO (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF), EQUATORIAL GUINEA, GABON, GHANA, GUINEA, INDIA, INDONESIA, IVORY COAST, MADAGASCAR, MALI, MAURITANIA, MAURITIUS, MOROCCO, NEPAL, NIGER, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, PHILIPPINES, RWANDA, SENEGAL, SIERRA LEONE, SINGAPORE, SOMALIA, SOUTHERN YEMEN, SUDAN, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, TOGO, TUNISIA, UGANDA, UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, YUGOSLAVIA AND ZAMBIA

Upon instructions from our respective Governments, we have the honour to request for an urgent meeting of the Security Council to examine the deteriorating situation in Namibia.

Your Excellency and members of the Security Council will recall that the General Assembly by its resolution 2145 (XXI) of 27 October 1966 terminated the mandate of the South African Government to administer Namibia (South West Africa), and decided that "henceforth South West Africa comes under the direct responsibility of the United Nations". Resolution 2145 (XXI) also reaffirmed the inalienable rights of the people of the territory to self-determination, freedom and independence in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV).

It will also be recalled that the Security Council in its resolution 246 of 1968 recognized its special responsibilities towards the people and territory of Namibia. In spite of the decisions of the General Assembly and the Security Council, the Government of South Africa continues to maintain its occupation of the territory of Namibia, constituting a grave threat to international peace and security.

Having regard to General Assembly resolutions 2372 (XXII) of 12 June 1968 and 2403 (XXIII) of 16 December 1968, our Governments believe that it is incumbent upon the Security Council to examine urgently this grave situation and take, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter, appropriate

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measures and actions to enable the people of Namibia to exercise their right to self-determination and independence.

Accept, Excellency, etc.

(Signed by the representatives of)

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