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YOUR TEL NO 482: SECURITY COUNCIL - ANGOLA

1. THANK YOU FOR THESE MOST HELPFUL INSTRUCTIONS.

2. MCHENRY WAS OUT OF TOWN TODAY LECTURING. AS A RESULT THE AMERICANS WERE QUITE RELAXED ABOUT A TRIPLE ABSTENTION. THE FRENCH TOO APPEARED TO HAVE FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONS. THERE WAS SOME DESULTORY NEGOTIATION DURING THE DAY WITH THE AFRICAN MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AT THEIR REQUEST IN WHICH WE AND THE AMERICANS SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT. BUT THE AFRICANS CAME BACK TO CLAIM THAT THE ANGOLANS WOULD NOT ACCEPT ANY OF THEM, ALTHOUGH WE SUSPECT THAT ZAMBIA, SPURRED ON BY THE SOVIET UNION, WAS REALLY MAKING THE RUNNING. WE, THE FRENCH AND THE AMERICANS SAID THAT IN THAT CASE WE WOULD ABSTAIN.

3. A LETTER FROM PIK BOTHA TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL WAS CIRCULATED JUST BEFORE THE RESUMPTION OF THE DEBATE. THIS WAS IN PREDICTABLE TERMS AND CLAIMED THAT ONLY A "SMALL COMBAT TEAM WITH SOME AIR SUPPORT" HAD BEEN IN ACTION AGAINST SWAPO. ALLEGATIONS OF CIVILIAN CASUALTIES AND DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY WERE "UNFOUNDED". WITHDRAWAL OF THE COMBAT TEAM WOULD BE "COMPLETED WITHIN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO".

4. THE RESOLUTION WAS THUS ADOPTED THIS EVENING AS SCR 475-12-0-3, TEXT AS IN MY TEL NO 936. THE TEXT OF MY STATEMENT IS IN MIFT. THE OTHER TWO WESTERN PERMANENT MEMBERS SPOKE ON SIMILAR LINES, ALTHOUGH THE AMERICANS WERE MORE SHARPLY CRITICAL OF SOUTH AFRICA.

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MY STATEMENT:

I VIVIDLY RECALL THE MOVING STATEMENT OF THE DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVE OF ANGOLA WHEN THE COUNCIL MET LAST NOVEMBER IN SIMILARLY SAD CIRCUMSTANCES, AND I KNOW NONE OF US HERE COULD FAIL TO HAVE BEEN MOVED AGAIN, AND VERY DEEPLY, BY AMBASSADOR FIGUEIREDO'S STATEMENT OF YESTERDAY DESCRIBING THE BLOODSHED, DESTRUCTION AND MISERY WHICH HIS COUNTRY HAVE SUFFERED. WE PROFOUNDLY REGRET THE LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY IN ANGOLA. WE CANNOT IN ANY WAY CONDONE THE ACTIONS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN ARMED FORCES. WE CONDEMN THE RESORT TO VIOLENCE.

AMBASSADOR FIGUEIREDO SPOKE OF THE INEFFECTIVENESS OF PREVIOUS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS IN PREVENTING ATTACKS UPON HIS COUNTRY. I FULLY UNDERSTAND WHAT HE MEANS. NO-ONE COULD FAIL TO SYMPATHISE WITH HIS DEEP FRUSTRATION AND STRONG FEELINGS.

BUT WE, WITH OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES AND THE FRONT LINE STATES, ARE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO CUT OUT THE PROBLEM AT ITS ROOTS. I AM SPEAKING OF WHAT WE HOPE AND BELIEVE TO BE PROGRESS TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT OF THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM WHICH WILL BRING THAT COUNTRY TO INDEPENDENCE AND PEACE. I AM, I HOPE, NO FOOLISH OPTIMIST, BUT I DO BELIEVE THAT THE SETTLEMENT WHICH WE ALL DESIRE MAY BE WITHIN OUR GRASP. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WROTE A WEEK AGO TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF SOUTH AFRICA IN TERMS WHICH REFLECTED THE VIEWS PUT TO HIM BY THE FRONT LINE STATES AND SWAPO AND WHICH WE HOPE WILL CONSTITUTE A MAJOR STEP TOWARDS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 435. MY GOVERNMENT, ALONG WITH THE FOUR OTHER WESTERN GOVERNMENTS WHICH ORIGINATED THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS FOR NAMIBIA, SUPPORT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND HAVE INFORMED THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT OF THAT SUPPORT. WE WILL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO HELP SECURE THE EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 435. A SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA REMAINS OUR TOP PRIORITY. THE BLOODSHED IN ANGOLA SERVES ONLY TO MAKE US REDOUBLE OUR EFFORTS TOWARDS THAT GOAL.

TURNING FINALLY TO THE DRAFT RESOLUTION BEFORE THE COUNCIL, MY DELEGATION REGRETS THAT WE CANNOT SUPPORT IT POSITIVELY. WE AGREE WITH MANY OF THE PROPOSITIONS IN IT AND WITH ITS MAIN THRUST. BUT IT STILL CONTAINS LANGUAGE IN CERTAIN OF THE /THRUST

THRUST. BUT IT STILL CONTAINS LANGUAGE IN CERTAIN OF THE
PREAMBULAR AND OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS WHICH WE CANNOT ACCEPT.
WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE CO-SPONSORS FOR CONSULTING WITH US SO
FULLY IN AN ATTEMPT TO REACH CONSENSUS. WE FELT THAT WE WERE
VERY CLOSE TO AGREEMENT AND REGRET THAT IN THE END THIS DID
NOT PROVE POSSIBLE. DESPITE THE LANGUAGE OF CERTAIN PASSAGES
THE RESOLUTION, IF ADOPTED, WOULD NOT IN OUR VIEW AMOUNT TO A
DETERMINATION IN THE TECHNICAL SENSE OF CHAPTER VII OF THE
CHARTER.

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