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MIPT: CONDEMNED ANC MEMBERS.

DRAFT UK STATEMENT:

I DO NOT NEED TO REMIND THE COUNCIL OF MY GOVERNMENT'S DEEP CONCERN AT THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND OF OUR EFFORTS OVER MANY YEARS TO ASSIST IN THE SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE REGION.

THE UNITED KINGDOM, LIKE OTHER DELEGATIONS, GAVE ITS SUPPORT TO THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON 5 FEBRUARY 1981, IN WHICH THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL EXPRESSED THEIR GRAVE CONCERN OVER THE DEATH SENTENCES PASSED ON JOHNSON LUBISI, PETRUS MASHIGO AND NAPHTHALI MANANA.

I WOULD ALSO REMIND THE COUNCIL OF THE CONCERN WHICH WE EXPRESSED ON 27 AUGUST 1981 OVER THE CASE OF MR TSOTSOBE, MR SHABANGU AND MR MOISE, AND OF OUR VIEW THAT ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS CLEMENCY SHOULD THEN HAVE BEEN EXERCISED.

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-FGQXKBQGOVERNMENT THEREFORE GIVES ITS FULL SUPPORT TO THE PROPOSED APPEAL ON BEHALF OF THIS COUNCIL THAT CLEMENCY SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN THE CASES NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION. WE WOULD VERY MUCH HOPE, ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS, THAT THE DEATH SENTENCES WILL NOT BE CARRIED OUT. AND WE BELIEVE THAT A MERCIFUL DECISION WOULD MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE LOWERING OF TENSION IN THE REGION.

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