

MESSAGE TO ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT FROM THE  
SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT : 3 April 1981

1. You will be aware that at the conclusion of the Conference on Namibia in Geneva, the President of SWAPO, Mr Sam Nujoma, declared that his Organization intended intensifying its armed attacks against the Territory of Namibia and its people. This declaration has subsequently been repeated by SWAPO spokesmen in various other forums.
2. The South African Government wishes to inform the Government of the People's Republic of Angola that it possesses reliable information which indicates that SWAPO is at present actively increasing its activities in Southern Angola to give effect to these declarations.
3. In this regard the South African Government has strong reason to believe that SWAPO is attempting to involve the forces of the People's Republic of Angola through rumours of a pending attack on Angola by South African forces. The South African Government categorically rejects these allegations and trusts that the Government of the People's Republic of Angola will not be deceived by this subterfuge.
4. The Government of the People's Republic of Angola is aware of the consistent policy followed by the South African forces, i.e. action is, as far as possible, taken solely against SWAPO terrorists and any contact with the forces of the People's Republic of Angola is avoided. The South African Government wishes to place on record its determination that, should the present build up by SWAPO near the Namibian border precipitate hostile action of any kind against the Territory of Namibia or its inhabitants, South Africa reserves the right to take appropriate action against SWAPO.
5. Through its actions it is clear that SWAPO is attempting to influence the course of events in the near future, and it is hoped that the Government of the People's Republic of Angola shares the view of the South African Government that SWAPO should not be allowed to take any action which would leave the South African forces no alternative but to take counter-measures.