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REPLIES RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENTS

AFGHANISTAN

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Since the Government of Afghanistan has no diplomatic relations with the Government of South Africa, there is no direct contact between the two Governments.

The Government of Afghanistan, however, has done its best, by whatever means are at its disposal, to give expression to its support to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 2324 (XXII) with the hope that the Government of South Africa, as a Member of the United Nations, will honour the resolution of the United Nations.

BOTSWANA

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The Government of Botswana does not consider it has any influence with the Government of South Africa in the present matter.

BYELORUSSIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC

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The Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic has consistently opposed and continues to oppose the inhuman policies of apartheid, terror and oppression directed against those who are fighting for the freedom and independence of South West Africa. The policies of the racist régime of the Republic of South Africa have been branded in the resolutions of the United Nations as a crime against mankind, and the Byelorussian SSR fully supports that definition.

The Byelorussian people resolutely condemn the arbitrary police rule of the racist authorities and the impending reprisals, in the guise of a so-called "trial", against those who are fighting for the national liberation of South West Africa. The Byelorussian SSR, like the overwhelming majority of States, voted in favour of General Assembly resolution 2324 (XXII), which calls for the release of the arrested South West African patriots from the prison torture-chambers of the South African racists. It fully supports resolution 245 (1968), adopted by the Security Council yesterday, concerning the release of these persons who are fighting for a just cause.

The Byelorussian SSR gives its support to appropriate steps in the international arena for protecting the inalienable right of the people of South West Africa to freedom and independence and for eliminating forthwith the shameful system of colonialism and racism; for its part, it does not maintain any relations with the racist régime of the Republic of South Africa.

The Byelorussian SSR will continue to support the legitimate and just struggle of the people of South West Africa for liberation from the colonial racist yoke.

IRELAND

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On 6 September 1967 the Government of Ireland made an approach to the Government of South Africa in which it expressed grave anxiety about the trial, having regard particularly to the retroactive nature of the 1967 Terrorism Act and to the inapplicability to South West Africa of South African legislation. The Government urged that the trial should be abandoned and the men concerned released.

On 25 January 1968 the Government of Ireland made further representations to the Government of South Africa in the same sense and once more urged that those on trial should be released forthwith.

LIBYA

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The Libyan Government maintains no diplomatic or economic relations with South Africa. Libya condemns the illegal arrest and trial at Pretoria of thirty-five South West Africans. These actions taken by the South African Government constitute a flagrant violation of their rights and of the international status of the Territory of South West Africa under the direct responsibility of the United Nations and now illegally occupied by the Government of South Africa.

MALDIVE ISLANDS

Original: English
24 January 1968

In view of the fact that we have no relations with the Government of South Africa, whatever action my Government may decide to take on this matter, it may not achieve the intended influence called for by resolution 2324 (XXII).

NORWAY

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25 January 1968

The Norwegian Government, acting in the spirit of General Assembly resolution 2324 (XXII), of which Norway was a sponsor, has urged the Government of South Africa to discontinue proceedings against the thirty-seven South West Africans, and to release and repatriate the prisoners.

UKRAINIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC

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26 January 1968

The Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic has consistently opposed and continues to oppose the inhuman policies of apartheid, terror and oppression being pursued by the racist régime of the Republic of South Africa against those who are fighting for the national liberation of South West Africa.

These policies constitute one of the worst manifestations of colonialism, are a violation of the principles of the United Nations Charter and have been branded in the resolutions of the United Nations as a crime against mankind.

The Ukrainian people resolutely condemn the reprisals being prepared by the South African authorities against the South West African national liberation fighters.

The Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic voted in favour of General Assembly resolution 2324 (XXII) and supports Security Council resolution 245 (1968) of 25 January 1968, condemning the illegal arrest and trial of the South West African patriots and calling for the immediate discontinuance of the illegal trial, the release of all those under detention and their repatriation to their homeland.

The Ukrainian SSR gives its support to appropriate steps in the international arena for eliminating the shameful system of colonialism and racism and protecting the inalienable right of the people of South West Africa to freedom and independence; for its part, it does not maintain any relations with the racist Pretoria régime.

The Ukrainian SSR has supported and will continue to support the just struggle of the people of South West Africa for liberation from colonial rule.

YEMEN

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24 January 1968

While fully concerned in bringing about the release of the political prisoners and the implementation of the said resolution, I would like to advise that Yemen has no diplomatic relations or economical relations with the Government of South Africa.
