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LETTER DATED 31 MAY 1983 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE
PERMANENT MISSION OF VENEZUELA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the message that the President of Venezuela, Doctor Luís Herrera Campíns, has sent through this Mission to Your Excellency:

"On the occasion of this solemn session of the Security Council at which homage is being paid to the heroic people of Namibia in their struggle for freedom, the Government of Venezuela reiterates its support for the inalienable right of Namibia to self-determination and national independence in a united Namibia, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States. The General Assembly and the Security Council have adopted numerous resolutions urging South Africa to end its illegal occupation of the Territory of Namibia. Venezuela participated as a non-permanent member of the Security Council in the debates that led to the adoption of resolution 435 (1978) which established the basis for a peaceful settlement of the problem; however, all these resolutions have been ignored by the South African régime which, in open rebellion has defied and continues to defy the proposals of the United Nations, thus impeding the negotiations on the question of Namibia. May this be an auspicious time to express, on behalf of the Government and people of Venezuela, their full support for the struggle being waged by the people of Namibia under the leadership of SWAPO, their sole and authentic representative.

"In this year of the bicentenary of the birth of Simon Bolívar, the Liberator, Venezuela, in accordance with its Bolivarian ideals, considers it imperative to achieve the national independence of Namibia and the full implementation of its fundamental freedoms.

Luís Herrera Campíns
President of the Republic of Venezuela"

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I request that this communication be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Roy CHADERTON
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