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Mr. Chairman,

I should like to explain the position of my delegation in voting on the resolution contained in Document A/C.4/L777 on the question of Southwest Africa and on the amendments submitted by the United States delegation. During the general discussion on this subject many delegations expressed anew their abhorrence at the extension of the apartheid policy to Southwest Africa, a territory in which the Government of South Africa has undertaken the most solemn international obligations to ensure the social, economic, and political well being of all its inhabitants. My delegation associates itself most strongly with many of the views expressed by the various African and Asian states during the course of this debate. We are deeply concerned at the South African Government's refusal so far to permit the establishment of an effective United Nations presence in this international territory by agreeing to the appointment of a United Nations technical assistance representative, thus depriving the inhabitants of the territory of the very real benefits which the United Nations can offer in fields of education, health, and economic development. We were, therefore, most anxious to be able to agree to a resolution on this question and it is with very deep and sincere regret that my Government has decided that certain parts of the proposal now before us make it impossible for the resolution to command our unqualified support.

We are in complete agreement with the basic aims of the resolution contained in Document A/C.4/L777 and wholeheartedly join in the censure of South Africa's application of the degrading policies of apartheid in the territory, as well as of the persistent refusal of