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OPEN LETTER TO THE CHILDREN OF AFRICA.

On the 26th of August every year, Africa, our continent, celebrates the liberation day of a country located south of Angola called Namibia. This country is fighting desperately for independence. In this country, your brothers, sisters, fathers and mothers are fighting with limited resources against South African forces, equipped with ultra-modern military weapons such as combat planes, armoured cars, tanks, bombs, surveillance satellites and so on.

These weapons, normally used here to defend a country, are used here to attack and destroy villages, and to fight SWAPO (South West Africa People's Organization) and Angola. Under this pretext, South Africa has occupied part of Angola.

Children like you are dying every day or witness their parents murdered, humiliated and imprisoned. Instead of going to school, to the farm or nourishing their future dreams, their lives are transformed into a nightmare because they are fighting for their country, and above all, for those of you whose countries are not near Angola, since they believe the fall of Angola today under South Africa's occupation will lead to the fall tomorrow of another African country.

Since the children of Angola and Namibia are fighting (and also defending your freedom), you should also support and encourage them. Write them a simple letter of encouragement to say you are heart and soul with them. Your letter will reach them, for PANA intends to select 10 children who will carry all the letters received to their brothers and sisters in Angola and Namibia.

We hope you would be among the first 1,000 African children to write to their brothers and sisters in Angola and Namibia. Your letter must bear the following title:

A letter to my brother or sister in Angola and Namibia

and should be sent to the following address:

PANA

B.P. 4056

DAKAR - (SENEGAL)



Your letter must also contain the following information:

- Your name, date and place of birth
- Your complete address