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Dear Sir,

In keeping with a UN decision, the year of 1978 has been proclaimed as the International Anti-Apartheid Year. The urgency of this decision is underlined by the increasingly alarming situation prevailing in Southern Africa and on the African continent as a whole.

This is demonstrated, among other things, by the further hardening of the régime of apartheid and reprisals in the Republic of South Africa, by the stubborn refusal by Smith to hand power in Zimbabwe over to the African majority, the continuing occupation of Namibia by South-African racists whose territory is used as a bridge-head for attacks on the sovereign African states. The armed aggression committed by the RSA against Angola has been a tragic proof of that.

The situation in the African continent has even more deteriorated as a result of an armed intrusion of NATO countries headed by US in Zair.

The situation fraught with the gravest consequences that exists in the south and in the centre of Africa, calls for the widest mobilisation of efforts by the peace-loving forces for the struggle for the elimination of the remaining vestiges of colonialism, racism and apartheid on the African continent, against the interference of imperialist states in Africa's domestic affairs.

The Soviet Peace Committee would like to acquaint you with its attitude toward the issue of Southern Africa.

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Soviet Peace Committee