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Letter dated 21 April 1988 from the Charge d'affaires a.i. of  
the Permanent mission of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to  
the Secretary-General

I have the honor to forward the enclosed communique issued on 21 April 1988 by the Co-ordinating Bureau of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries (see annex), with the request that it be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 37 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Communiqué issued on 21 April 1988 by the Co-ordinating Bureau  
Of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries

The Co-ordinating Bureau of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries held an urgent meeting on 21 April 1988 in order to consider the situation created by the new deliberate attack on the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Tunisia.

The Bureau vehemently condemned the terrorist assault perpetrated by Israel during the early hours of 16 April 1988 against Tunisia, violating the sovereignty and territorial integrity of this member State of the Movement and of the United Nations, by attacking under cover of darkness the residence of Mr. Khalil Al-Wazir ("Abu Jihad"), Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the forces of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), brutally assassinating him and other Palestinian and Tunisian nationals by means of Israeli commando units, estimated to number no less than 30, supported by sophisticated naval and aerial coverage.

The Bureau further condemned this repeated act of state terrorism against a hospitable and peaceful sovereign State Member of the United Nations in total disregard of Security Council resolution 573 (1985), which demanded that Israel refrain from perpetrating such acts of aggression and requested the States members of the United Nations to take measures to dissuade Israel from resorting to such acts against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all States. The Bureau expressed its support and solidarity with the people and

Government of Tunisia and the Palestine Liberation Organization in the face of this blatant act of aggression and its dangerous consequences. In this regard, it expressed its full support for Tunisia's request for an urgent meeting of the Security Council in order to consider appropriate and effective action against Israel.

The Bureau noted that the Israeli iron-fist policies and practices and attempts to suppress the Palestinian national uprising, climaxed by the most recent violation of the territorial integrity of the Republic of Tunisia and the assassination of one of the leaders of the Palestinian people, justify the most urgent need for the international community to help to bring about an urgent, just, peaceful settlement of the Palestinian question in accordance with all the United Nations resolutions and the attainment of the inalienable national rights of the Palestinian people to return to their homeland, to self-determination and establishment of their independent State on their national territory.

The Bureau reaffirmed the active solidarity of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries with the people and Government of Tunisia, victims of Israeli aggression, and with the just struggle of the Palestinian people, under the leadership of PLO, its sole and legitimate representative.

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