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Note for the Secretary-General

1. Brian Urquhart has just called us from Lusaka. The talks in Luanda, Lusaka and Maputo were said to be constructive and encouraging. Urquhart will send you a cable on his mission as soon as possible through United Nations channels, either from Beirut or Geneva. We should be receiving this cable early next week.

2. A draft to be used as a basis for your report to the Security Council on the mission will be available when Ahtisaari returns to New York on Tuesday, 18 March.

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13 March 1980
UNITED NATIONS MISSION ON SOUTHERN AFRICA HOLDS FOUR DAYS OF INTENSIVE TALKS IN CAPETOWN

To Continue Discussions with Front-line States Beginning with Botswana

The following statement on behalf of Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim was made by a United Nations spokesman on Saturday, 8 March:

The United Nations mission [on southern Africa] has had four days of intensive and wide-ranging discussions with South African Government officials in Capetown relating to the demilitarized zone [in connexion with Namibia] and the implementation of Security Council resolution 435. It is now continuing with its mission to the front-line States.

(It will be recalled that a group under Lt. Gen. Prem Chand, responsible for the technical phase of the mission, had earlier completed its work in Namibia on 29 February.)

The mission, led by Brian E. Urquhart [Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Affairs], which began its talks with the South African Government in Capetown on 4 March, concluded them on Friday, 7 March. The mission will next hold discussions in Botswana. Leaving Capetown on the morning of 8 March, it will stop over in Windhoek. This will provide the opportunity for those members of the mission who have not yet visited Namibia to acquaint themselves briefly with the local situation. The mission will proceed to Botswana on 9 March.

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