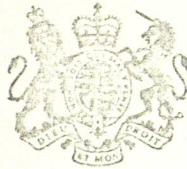


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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 October 1982

Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your letter of 9 September about your visit to Britain. We, too, felt that this was a most valuable event which further reinforced the close links between our countries. I appreciate your kind remarks about our aid programme.

I agree with you that it is most important to achieve an early solution to the Namibia problem. As you know, we are continuing our efforts in conjunction with our partners in the Five. We have been encouraged by recent progress on issues relating to Security Council Resolution 435. We hope that other outstanding problems will soon be resolved in order to open the way for implementation of the UN Plan.

We regard stability and security in the countries of your region as a major objective. Zimbabwe's independence was an important step in this direction; a successful outcome in Namibia would be another. Stability and security can only be maintained on the basis of mutual respect by all countries for each other's territorial integrity and sovereignty and an effective working relationship, particularly in the economic field. We make every effort to ensure that the South African Government are well aware of our deep concern at any activities which are in breach of these principles.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

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