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PRIME MINISTER'S  
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TO IMMEDIATE MASERU  
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INFO IMMEDIATE UKMIS NEW YORK, PRETORIA, WASHINGTON  
YOUR TELEGRAM 158: SOUTH AFRICAN RAID ON LESOTHO

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1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER  
TO DR JONATHAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

BEGINS: I WAS GRATEFUL FOR YOUR MESSAGE INFORMING ME OF THE  
DEPARTURE OF YOUR FOREIGN MINISTER FOR THE UNITED NATIONS AND  
YOUR INTENTION TO SEEK A SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON THE  
RAID BY SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS ON MASERU.

I WAS DEEPLY SHOCKED TO HEAR OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN  
INCURSION, AND THE LOSS OF INNOCENT LIVES WHICH HAD RESULTED.  
WE HAVE MADE CLEAR IN PUBLIC THAT WE REGARD THIS INCURSION AS  
A FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF LESOTHO'S SOVEREIGNTY, AND THAT WE  
DEPLORE THE USE OF VIOLENCE IN THE SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS TO THE  
PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. WE HAVE APPEALED TO ALL COUNTRIES  
IN THE REGION TO SHOW RESTRAINT.

YOUR HIGH COMMISSIONER CALLED ON THE MINISTER OF STATE  
FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS EARLY IN THE MORNING OF  
9 DECEMBER, AND MR ONSLOW WAS ABLE THEN TO EXPRESS MY SYMPATHY  
AND OUTRAGE. LATER THAT DAY MR ONSLOW SUMMONED THE SOUTH  
AFRICAN AMBASSADOR TO PROTEST AT THE SOUTH AFRICAN ACTION.  
THE SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR WAS LEFT IN NO DOUBT OF THE  
SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE REGARD THIS INCIDENT.

WE SHALL OF COURSE DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO SUPPORT YOUR  
EFFORTS TO OBTAIN AN APPROPRIATE RESOLUTION IN THE SECURITY  
COUNCIL. YOU SAY IN YOUR MESSAGE THAT YOUR FOREIGN MINISTER

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WILL WISH TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED TEXT WITH OUR AMBASSADOR AND THOSE OF OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES AT THE UN BEFORE IT IS TABLED. I WELCOME THIS OFFER OF CONSULTATION, AND I AM INSTRUCTING OUR AMBASSADOR TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH YOURS AND WITH YOUR FOREIGN MINISTER WHEN HE ARRIVES AND TO OFFER EVERY ASSISTANCE. THE MOST EFFECTIVE RESOLUTIONS ARE, OF COURSE, THOSE WHICH HAVE THE FULL SUPPORT OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. I HOPE THAT IN THIS CASE, WHERE WE VERY MUCH WISH TO SUPPORT YOU, WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO PRESENT A TEXT WHICH WILL COMMAND UNIVERSAL SUPPORT. ENDS

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