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1. JORNAL DE ANGOLA TODAY PUBLISHES TEXT OF A MESSAGE TO THE U N SECRETARY GENERAL FROM PRESIDENT DOS SANTOS. THE MESSAGE REFERS TO THE S A G ATTACKS ON ANGOLA AND THAT A FORCE MORE THAN 45,000 STRONG OF S A TROOPS, MERCENARIES AND REBELS IS CONCENTRATED ALONG THE NAMIBIA/ANGOLA BORDER WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF OCCUPYING PART OF ANGOLA. THIS GRAVE PROVOCATION IS A SERIOUS THREAT TO PEACE IN THE REGION AND TO INTERNATIONAL SECURITY.

2. THIS GRAVE SITUATION COULD LEAD TO A WAR WITH UNFORSEEABLE CONSEQUENCES AND QUOTE THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA, AS A SOVEREIGN STATE AND A MEMBER OF THE U N, COULD BE FORCED TO HAVE RECOURSE TO ARTICLE 51 OF THE CHARTER TO DEFEND ITS SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

THUS I ASK YOUR EXCELLENCY TO USE THE POWERS CONFERRED ON YOU BY THE U N CHARTER TO PUT AN END TO THE SUCCESSIVE ACTS OF AGGRESSION OF WHICH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA IS VICTIM AND TO PUT A STOP TO THE IMMINENT AND MAJOR INVASION WHICH HAS BEEN PREPARED AGAINST MY COUNTRY. UNQUOTE.

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