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THE PRIME MINISTER

26 April 1982

Dear Mr. Chatty,

Thank you for your letter of 15 April on behalf of the 43 member states of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference, asking Her Majesty's Government to intervene in the case of Mr Lubisi, Mr Mashigo and Mr Manana condemned to death in South Africa.

As you may know, in February 1981 we associated ourselves with a statement by the President of the United Nations Security Council expressing concern over the sentences imposed on these three men. We also supported Security Council Resolution 503, adopted unanimously on 9 April this year, which called upon the South African authorities to commute the death sentences and urged all states to use their influence and to take urgent measures to save these men's lives.

In the light of Resolution 503 we, like other governments, have let the South African Government know of the deep public concern that has been expressed on this matter.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Shabeta

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