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His Excellency Henry Verwoerd
Prime Minister of the Union of South Afrika
Pretoria
Union of South Afrika.

Sir,

The Dutch Student Council, being the representative body of Dutch students, takes the liberty of pleading Your Excellency's attention to the following motion:

The Dutch Student Council (NSR) united on Friday, May 26th in the Clubbuilding of the Association of girl-students of Wageningen,

has taken notice of the letter sent to it by the National Union of Basutoland Students (NUBS);

considers, that the policy of apartheid in the Union of South Afrika as a discriminating policy is a violation of fundamental human rights;

that the NSR adopted in its fifth National Congress in 1960 a resolution saying that the NSR, as a participant in the international student community, must feel a co-responsability for the concrete realisation of human rights;

that the policy of apartheid is demonstrated among others by legislation infringing the free bases of University Education, such as the "Extension of University Education Act" and the "Fort Hare University College Transfer Act";

that the proclamation of the Republic on May 31st next is likely to produce an aggravation of the tense situation;

condemns the discriminating policy in the Union of South Afrika and the curtailment of the students rightsto free development, which is a result of this policy;

reaffirms its concern about the arrangements for Higher Education, provided in the tribal colleges, yet expressed in a letter to the Honorable P.O. Sauer, dated May 2nd 1960;

expresses its hope that the South African government when dealing with the deteriorating situation will take into consideration the disapproval and the solicitude in the world;

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mandates to notify this statement to the South African government and furthermore to give it a wide publicity.

We want to inform Your Excellency with the fact that Dutch students feel particularly concerned with the problems of the Union of South Africa. The reason consists in the numerous ties of common history and language, which link our two countries. Therefore we hope that You will take into account with a special interest our feelings on the events in Your country.

I remain for the Dutch Student Council, respectfully
Yours,

L.G. Schimmelpennick
President-NSR.

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