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REVISED VERSION OF STATEMENT OF SOUTH AFRICAN MINISTER
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF 24 APRIL RECEIVED FROM SOUTH AFRICAN
EMBASSY.

*South African Embassy*

MEDIA RELEASE

12/1989

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR R F BOTHA,
CONCERNING THE INCIDENT IN PARIS ON 21 APRIL 1989.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr R F Botha, said today in Pretoria that the South African Government had initiated an enquiry into this matter and wished to point out that it was ARMSCOR's task to maintain South Africa's defensive capability. ARMSCOR was, as was the case in many other countries, required to consider offers of weapon technology. If it should be that, in this case, the actions in question exceeded South Africa's reasonable requirements, this had occurred without the knowledge of the South African Government.

"Therefore I would like to take this opportunity to, once again, state categorically that the South African Government is opposed to the use of deeds of terror or violence in the achievement of political aims. I also wish to give the assurance that the South African Government is not supplying arms to any terrorist organization.

If any organisation or individual in South Africa is guilty of any contravention in this area, steps will be taken against those involved and it will also be ensured that no repetition occurs."

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24 APRIL 1989