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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM IN THE AGENDA
OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION

CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE ORGANIZATION
OF AFRICAN UNITY: MANIFESTO ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

Letter dated 16 October 1969 from the representatives of Algeria, Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Chad, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Democratic Republic of), Dahomey, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, the Ivory Coast, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, the United Arab Republic, the United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta and Zambia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instruction from our respective Governments, we have the honour to request the inclusion of the following item in the agenda of the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly:

"Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity: Manifesto on Southern Africa."

In accordance with article 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the present letter is accompanied by an explanatory memorandum.

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. Following the inscription of an item on the agenda of the twentieth session of the General Assembly at the request of thirty-six African States,^{1/} resolution 2011 (XX) was adopted on 11 October 1965 which invited the Secretary-General of the United Nations "to explore, in consultation with the appropriate bodies of the Organization of African Unity, the means of promoting co-operation between the two organizations and to report to the General Assembly as appropriate".
2. In accordance with that resolution and on the recommendation of the Secretary-General, the same item was inscribed on the agenda of the twenty-first and the twenty-second sessions of the General Assembly. The Secretary-General also submitted reports to the Assembly at those two sessions on the state of co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity.^{2/}
3. However, exercising the discretion allowed him by resolution 2011 (XX), the Secretary-General did not deem it necessary to submit further reports to the General Assembly at its twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions.
4. The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, at its sixth ordinary session held in Addis Ababa from 6 to 10 September 1969, adopted a Manifesto on Southern Africa and entrusted President Ahmadou AHIDJO, current Chairman of the OAU Assembly, to submit this Manifesto, on behalf of States members of the Organization of African Unity, to the General Assembly of the United Nations. It will be recalled that President Ahidjo, in his statement to the General Assembly on 6 October 1969, brought to the attention of the General Assembly this important document.
5. Since the African States consider the Manifesto as an authoritative expression of their collective views and policies with regard to the colonial

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Twentieth Session, Annexes, agenda item 108, document A/6174.

^{2/} Ibid., Twenty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 22, document A/6408; and
ibid., Twenty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 22, document A/6885.

questions in southern Africa and of their expectations in terms of commitment for action from the United Nations and States Members of the United Nations, they request the inscription of an item which would enable the General Assembly to consider the Manifesto at its twenty-fourth session and to take due note of it.

6. With that in view, a reactivation of the previous item is recommended under the title of "Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity: Manifesto on Southern Africa".
