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QUESTION OF NAMIBIA

Note by the Secretary-General

1. During the fifth special session, at its 1524th plenary meeting, on 17 June 1967, the General Assembly adopted a proposal by the Secretary-General, pursuant to resolution 2248 (S-V) of 19 May 1967, that "as an interim arrangement until the twenty-second session of the General Assembly... in addition to his duties as the Legal Counsel of the United Nations, Mr. Constantin A. Stavropoulos be appointed as Acting United Nations Commissioner for Namibia".<sup>1/</sup> During the twenty-second session, at its 1635th plenary meeting, on 16 December 1967, the General Assembly accepted a further proposal by the Secretary-General that "the present interim arrangement should be extended and that the Legal Counsel should continue to serve as Acting Commissioner until the General Assembly, on the nomination of the Secretary-General, appoints a Commissioner".<sup>2/</sup>

2. Mr. Stavropoulos has now informed the Secretary-General that, in view of his additional assignment as Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs, he has regretfully concluded that he is no longer in a position to discharge his responsibilities as Acting Commissioner for Namibia and he wishes to be relieved of those responsibilities. In view of this, the Secretary-General has the honour

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifth Special Session, Annexes, agenda item 7, document A/6656, para. 3.

2/ Ibid., Twenty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 64, document A/6930.

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to propose that, in addition to his duties as Assistant-Secretary-General for Public Information, Mr. Agha Abdul Hamid be appointed, effective 1 January 1970, as Acting Commissioner for Namibia to serve until the General Assembly, on the nomination of the Secretary-General, appoints a Commissioner.

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