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Letter dated 7 January 1972 from the Permanent Representative of Madagascar  
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions of my Government, I have the honour to inform you that Madagascar, to its great regret, has deemed it advisable to withdraw from membership of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

The Malagasy Republic feels honoured to have been a member of the Committee since its establishment. However, in recent years its obligations have increased because of its participation in such bodies as the Economic and Social Council, the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction, the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression and the Industrial Development Board.

However, I should like to assure you that Madagascar, which has always struggled for freedom, progress and the right to self-determination, will, despite this withdrawal, continue to make a positive contribution to the solution of the problems of decolonization.

(Signed) Blaise RABETAFIKA  
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