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IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 435 (1978) AND
439 (1978) CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF NAMIBIA

1. On 26 February 1979, I reported to the Security Council (S/13120) concerning the implementation of Security Council resolutions 435 (1978) and 439 (1978) on the question of Namibia. Therein, I noted the differing interpretations and perceptions of SWAPO and South Africa regarding the implementation of certain provisions of the settlement Proposal and concluded that the outstanding issues referred to in the report should be resolved along the lines there specified.
2. Thereafter, I had an exchange of correspondence with the Government of South Africa (S/13143, S/13148, S/13156, S/13172 and S/13173). It became apparent from this exchange that the two principal outstanding issues to be resolved in order to facilitate the implementation of Security Council resolution 435 (1978) centred on paragraphs 11 and 12 of my 26 February report. With a view to resolving these outstanding issues, consultations were held with all concerned in New York between 18-26 March 1979, but agreement was not reached. I nevertheless continued to seek to resolve the differences. I was, however, informed by representatives of the South African Government that certain elements of paragraphs 11 and 12 remained unacceptable.
3. On 15 July 1979, I met with the late President Neto of Angola in Luanda. At that meeting he suggested the establishment of a demilitarized zone on the northern frontier of Namibia with a view to facilitating the implementation of Security Council resolution 435 (1978). In this connexion he asked me to explore and develop the concept of the demilitarized zone as a means of resolving outstanding issues. President Neto also informed me that Angola would have no objection to the establishment of a United Nations liaison office as proposed in my report of 26 February. I also had talks in Luanda with the President of SWAPO.
4. During the Meeting of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, held in Monrovia from 17-20 July 1979, I discussed in depth the latest developments concerning the question of Namibia with African leaders, including those of the Front-Line States and the current Chairman of the OAU, President Tolbert of Liberia. Early in August, I was informed that the Summit Meeting of Front-Line States, held in Lusaka, had endorsed the proposal of President Neto for the establishment of a demilitarized zone. In September 1979, I had a further opportunity in New York to exchange views on the demilitarized zone with President Tolbert, and followed this with a discussion with the Secretary-General of the OAU.

5. On 1 October 1979, I submitted for consideration by the neighbouring States, as well as by the Government of South Africa, a working paper concerning monitoring and the establishment of a demilitarized zone on the Angola/Namibia and Zambia/Namibia frontiers, aimed at facilitating the implementation of the United Nations plan. Following preliminary reactions from Governments concerned, I suggested holding simultaneous high-level consultations in Geneva under the auspices of the United Nations to clarify questions arising from the working paper, with the implementation of Security Council resolution 435 (1978) in mind. To this end, I extended invitations to all those who had participated in the consultations in New York in March.

6. Exchanges of correspondence between the Government of South Africa and myself in regard to the Geneva consultations are contained in documents S/13611, S/13612, S/13614, S/13619, S/13620 and S/13621 and Add.1.

7. The consultations were held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, between 12-16 November 1979. I was represented at the consultations by Mr. Brian Urquhart, Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Affairs, Mr. Martti Ahtisaari, my Special Representative for Namibia, and Mr. Abdulrahim Farah, Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Questions, accompanied by senior military and political experts of the Secretariat.

8. The consultations covered all aspects of the concept of the demilitarized zone in relation to the United Nations plan as approved by Security Council resolution 435 (1978). In this connexion, the functions of UNTAG arising from the demilitarized zone were fully discussed in the context of the relevant provisions of the settlement Proposal. Provisions of the working paper in regard to the involvement of the neighbouring States and SWAPO, as well as of the Government of South Africa, were also considered. Further, views were exchanged on the relevant paragraphs of my report of 26 February 1979, in the context of the demilitarized zone proposal and arrangements envisaged for the cessation of hostilities.

9. In addition, my representatives met with the representatives of other Namibian organizations present in Geneva.

10. At the conclusion of the consultations, the Front-Line States accepted the concept of the demilitarized zone and the broad outline of the working paper. SWAPO also accepted the concept of the demilitarized zone. It was indicated that, provided that South Africa also accepted the concept, detailed technical discussions could follow.

11. Extensive consultations were held with the South African delegation on all aspects of the concept of the demilitarized zone. During these, a series of questions was discussed regarding the responsibilities of the various parties and the manner in which the demilitarized zone would be monitored and established. The South African delegation undertook to report on the consultations urgently to its Government, with a view to obtaining its earliest possible reaction, after the necessary consultations, concerning an acceptance of the concept of the demilitarized zone.

12. I shall not fail to inform the Council immediately of the reaction of the South African Government concerning the acceptance of the concept of the demilitarized zone.
