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LETTER DATED 4 AUGUST 1987 FROM THE CHAIRMAN 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 ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

I have the honour to transmit herewith, for the attention of the members of the Security Council, the report of the Sub-Committee on Small Territories 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 (A/AC.109/L.1632) relating to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, adopted by the Special Committee at its 1315th meeting, on 4 August 1987. 1/

I should like, in so doing, to draw particular attention to subparagraphs (20) to (22) of the conclusions and recommendations contained in paragraph 5 of the report, which read as follows:

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"(20) The Special Committee takes note of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989 on the financing of trusteeship activities of the United Nations, which states that 'no formal proposal to terminate the agreement has been submitted yet to the Security Council in accordance with Article 83 of the Charter of the United Nations'. The Committee notes that, as indicated in the report of the Security Council to the General Assembly at its forty-first session, communications and reports on the Trust Territory were among the matters brought to the attention of the Security Council but not discussed in the Council during the period covered by the report.

"(21) The Special Committee invites the attention of the relevant organs of the United Nations to Article 83 of the Charter, under which the Security Council shall exercise all functions of the United Nations relating to strategic areas, including the approval of the terms of the trusteeship agreements and of their alteration or amendment and, inter alia, shall avail itself of the assistance of the Trusteeship Council to perform those functions of the United Nations under the Trusteeship System relating to political, economic, social and educational matters in the strategic areas. The

Committee also notes that the Trusteeship Council may submit to the Security Council recommendations concerning the approval of the terms of the trusteeship agreements and of their alteration or amendment in so far as it may be requested to do so by the Security Council.

"(22) The Special Committee takes note of the fact that the Trusteeship Council, at its fifty-fourth session, noted with satisfaction the assurances given by the Administering Authority that it would continue to fulfil its responsibilities under the Charter and the Trusteeship Agreement."

I wish also to draw attention to the verbatim records of the 1314th and 1315th meetings of the Special Committee (A/AC.109/PV.1314 and 1315), which contain a full account of the Committee's consideration of the question.

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with regard to the Implementation
of the Declaration on the Granting
of Independence to Colonial
Countries and Peoples

Notes

1/ Not reproduced in the present document; for the text, see document A/AC.109/L.1632.
