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LETTER DATED 13 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 the text of a consensus on the question of Namibia (A/AC.109/926) adopted by the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples at its 1324th meeting, on 12 August 1987. 1/

In so doing, I wish to draw your particular attention to paragraphs 10, 17 and 22 of the consensus, which read as follows:

"10. The Special Committee ... reaffirms that the United Nations plan for the independence of Namibia, embodied in Security Council resolutions 385 (1976) and 435 (1978), is the only internationally accepted basis for a peaceful settlement of the Namibian question, and demands its immediate implementation without pre-condition or modification. The Committee notes with regret the continued failure of the Security Council to discharge effectively its responsibilities for the maintenance of peace and security in southern Africa, owing to the vetoes of two of its Western permanent members, and urges the Security Council to resume forthwith its consideration of further measures to give effect to the Council resolutions on this question, as called for by the Extraordinary Ministerial Meeting of the Co-ordinating Bureau of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries on the question of Namibia, held at New Delhi from 19 to 21 April 1985, as well as by a number of related conferences and meetings held recently, including in particular the World Conference on Sanctions against Racist South Africa, held in Paris from 16 to 20 June 1986; the International Conference for the Immediate Independence of Namibia, held at Vienna from 7 to 11 July 1986; the Eighth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Harare from 1 to 6 September 1986; the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) at its twenty-third ordinary session, held at Addis Ababa from 27 to 29 July 1987; and the United Nations Council for Namibia extraordinary plenary meetings at Luanda from 18 to 22 May 1987.

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"17. ... The Committee urges that the Security Council consider, as a matter of urgency, the report of the Committee established under its resolution 421 (1977) and that it should adopt further measures to widen the scope of resolution 418 (1977) in order to make it more effective and comprehensive. The Committee also calls for the scrupulous observance of Security Council resolution 558 (1984) of 13 December 1984 enjoining Member States to refrain from importing armaments from South Africa ...

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"22. The Special Committee recommends that the Security Council should act decisively against any dilatory manoeuvres and fraudulent schemes of the illegal occupation régime aimed at frustrating the legitimate struggle of the Namibian people. The Committee strongly recommends that the Security Council respond positively to the overwhelming demand of the international community by imposing forthwith comprehensive mandatory sanctions against that régime under the terms of Chapter VII of the Charter."

(Signed) Tesfaye TADESSE
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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.109/926.
