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QUESTION OF NAMIBIA

Letter dated 2 March 1981 from the Permanent Representative  
of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the  
President of the General Assembly

I should like to advise Your Excellency of my wish to address the General Assembly in connexion with the report of the Credentials Committee, before any motion seeking to approve that report is put to the vote in the General Assembly.

As you will be aware, rule 29 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly stipulates the following:

"Any representative to whose admission a Member has made objection shall be seated provisionally with the same rights as other representatives until the Credentials Committee has reported and the General Assembly has given its decision." (emphasis added)

South Africa's material interests, including its right to participate in the General Assembly, are directly affected by the report of the Credentials Committee. Accordingly, under the terms of rule 29 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, South Africa has the fullest right to express its views on this question to the General Assembly before the matter is put to a vote.

I should appreciate it if this letter could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda items 3 and 27.

(Signed) J. Adriaan EKSTEEN  
Permanent Representative