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SUMMARY STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON MATTERS OF WHICH
THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS SEIZED AND ON THE STAGE REACHED IN
THEIR CONSIDERATION

Addendum

Pursuant to rule 11 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Secretary-General is submitting the following summary statement.

The list of items of which the Security Council is seized is contained in documents S/12520 of 9 January 1978 and S/12520/Add.17 of 11 May 1978.

During the week ending 30 September 1978, the Security Council took action on the following item:

The situation in Namibia (see S/8367, S/8424, S/8428, S/8438, S/8450, S/8468, S/9107, S/9373, S/9382, S/9395, S/9636, S/9898, S/10351, S/10369, S/10375, S/10377, S/10757, S/10770/Add.15, S/10770/Add.16, S/10855/Add.3, S/10855/Add.50, S/11185/Add.50, S/11593/Add.21, S/11593/Add.22, S/11935/Add.4, S/11935/Add.35, S/11935/Add.39, S/11935/Add.40, S/11935/Add.41, S/11935/Add.42 and S/12520/Add.29).

The Security Council resumed its consideration of the item at its 2087th and 2088th meetings, held on 29 and 30 September 1978, and included in its agenda the report of the Secretary-General submitted pursuant to paragraph 2 of Security Council resolution 431 (1978) concerning the situation in Namibia (S/12827).

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Benin, Botswana, Guinea, Sudan and Zambia, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote. The President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure, at his request, to 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, and at her request, to the President and three other members of the United Nations Council for Namibia. In accordance with the requests contained in letters dated 28 September 1978 from Gabon, Mauritius and Nigeria (S/12866 and S/12872), the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 to Mr. Sam Nujoma and H.E. Mr. Edem Kodjo.

The President called attention to the draft resolution before the Council, contained in document S/12865, sponsored by Canada, France, Gabon, Germany, Federal Republic of, Mauritius, Nigeria, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The Security Council adopted the draft resolution (S/12865) by a vote of 12 in favour, none against, with 2 abstentions (Czechoslovakia, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) as resolution 435 (1978). One member (China) did not participate in the voting.

Resolution 435 (1978) reads as follows:

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolutions 385 (1976) and 431 (1978), and 432 (1978),

Having considered the report submitted by the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 2 of resolution 431 (1978) (S/12827) and his explanatory statement made in the Security Council on 29 September 1978 (S/12869),

Taking note of the relevant communications from the Government of South Africa addressed to the Secretary-General,

Taking note also of the letter dated 8 September 1978 from the President of the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) addressed to the Secretary-General (S/12841),

Reaffirming the legal responsibility of the United Nations over Namibia,

1. Approves the report of the Secretary-General (S/12827) for the implementation of the proposal for a settlement of the Namibian situation (S/12636) and his explanatory statement (S/12869);
2. Reiterates that its objective is the withdrawal of South Africa's illegal administration of Namibia and the transfer of power to the people of Namibia with the assistance of the United Nations in accordance with resolution 385 (1976);
3. Decides to establish under its authority a United Nations Transition Assistance Group (UNTAG) in accordance with the above-mentioned report of the Secretary-General for a period of up to 12 months in order to assist his Special Representative to carry out the mandate conferred upon him by paragraph 1 of Security Council resolution 431 (1978), namely, to ensure the early independence of Namibia through free and fair elections under the supervision and control of the United Nations;
4. Welcomes SWAPO's preparedness to co-operate in the implementation of the Secretary-General's report, including its expressed readiness to sign and observe the cease-fire provisions as manifested in the letter from the President of SWAPO dated 8 September 1978 (S/12841);

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5. Calls on South Africa forthwith to co-operate with the Secretary-General in the implementation of this resolution;

6. Declares that all unilateral measures taken by the illegal administration in Namibia in relation to the electoral process, including unilateral registration of voters, or transfer of power, in contravention of Security Council resolutions 385 (1976), 431 (1978) and this resolution are null and void;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council no later than 23 October 1978 on the implementation of this resolution.
