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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

PATTERN OF CONFERENCES

Letter dated 21 September 1981 from the Chairman of the Committee
on Conferences to the President of the General Assembly

By paragraph 34 of its decision 34/401, the General Assembly decided that no subsidiary organ of the General Assembly should be permitted to meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly, unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly.

At its last meeting, on 18 September 1981, the Committee on Conferences received requests for an exception to this rule from the following bodies:

- (a) Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean - for the purpose of concluding its work;
- (b) Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East - for the purpose of enabling the Working Group to meet with the Commissioner-General of UNRWA;
- (c) Committee of Trustees on the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa - for the purpose of adopting its report;
- (d) Advisory Committee on the Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa - for the purpose of adopting its annual report;
- (e) United Nations Council for Namibia - to meet on a continuous basis throughout the session of the General Assembly in its capacity as the legal administering Authority for Namibia;
- (f) Special Committee against Apartheid - to meet continuously throughout the session of the General Assembly.

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The Committee considered these requests and did not object to them. Accordingly, I would be very grateful if the General Assembly could explicitly authorize additional meetings for the above-mentioned bodies in accordance with their requests.

(Signed) Michael G. OKEYO
Chairman of the
Committee on Conferences
