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LETTER DATED 24 AUGUST 1982 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 concerning the question of Namibia (A/AC.109/716 and Corr.1) 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 1225th meeting, on 20 August 1982.*

In so doing, I wish to draw your particular attention to paragraphs 12 and 15 of the consensus which read as follows:

"(12) The Special Committee condemns South Africa for its intensified military build-up in Namibia, its recruitment of Namibians into a so-called SWA/Namibia Territory Force, its use of mercenaries to reinforce its illegal occupation of the Territory, its illegal use of Namibian territory for acts of aggression against independent African countries, its continued forcible removal of Namibians from the northern border of the Territory for military purposes and the continued establishment of new military bases. The Committee calls upon all States to take effective measures to prevent the recruitment, training and transit of mercenaries for service in Namibia. It further condemns the continued military collaboration between South Africa and certain Western and other States. It expresses its grave concern at their continued collaboration in the nuclear field. The Committee considers that such collaboration constitutes a serious violation of Security Council resolution 418 (1977) of 4 November 1977 imposing a military embargo against South Africa and is a threat to international peace and security. It accordingly calls for

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the termination forthwith of all such collaboration. It recommends that the Security Council consider adopting, as a matter of urgency, further measures to widen the scope of resolution 418 (1977) in order to make it more effective and comprehensive. The Committee draws attention to the conclusions and recommendations adopted at the Seminar on the Military Situation in and relating to Namibia, held at Vienna from 8 to 11 June 1982 under the auspices of the United Nations Council for Namibia.

"(15) The Special Committee recommends that the Security Council act decisively against any dilatory manoeuvres and fraudulent schemes of the illegal occupation régime aimed at frustrating the legitimate struggle of the Namibian people. Further, the Committee strongly recommends that the Security Council, in the light of the serious threat to international peace and security posed by South Africa, respond positively to the overwhelming demand of the international community by imposing forthwith comprehensive mandatory sanctions against that country under the terms of Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations."

(Signed) Frank ABDULAH
Chairman

Special Committee on the Situation
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of the Declaration on the Granting
of Independence to Colonial
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