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Communication from the Chairman of the Special Committee against  
Apartheid to the President of the General Assembly

The following communication, dated 15 October 1982, has been received by the Chairman of the Fifth Committee from the President of the General Assembly:

I have the honour to transmit to you for any appropriate action the enclosed letter dated 14 October 1982 which I have received from the Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid.

(Signed) Imre HOLLAI  
President of the General Assembly

Annex

Letter dated 14 October 1982 from the Chairman of the Special Committee  
against Apartheid to the President of the General Assembly

As the Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid, I have the honour to refer to the report of the Committee on Conferences contained in document A/37/32, in which it recommends to the General Assembly, inter alia:

1. Reaffirms that no United Nations body or organ shall have both verbatim and summary records for the same meeting;
2. Confirms the present arrangements in regard to the provision of meeting records for the General Assembly, its Main Committees and the General Committee;
3. Decides that, for an experimental period of three years, no subsidiary organ of the General Assembly shall be entitled to summary records with the exception of the following:
  - (a) International Law Commission;
  - (b) United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;
  - (c) Legal Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space;
  - (d) United Nations Council for Namibia.

I would like to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the importance of the maintenance of summary records for the Special Committee, whose work is closely followed by many non-governmental organizations and anti-apartheid movements throughout the world and serves as guidance in their activities for an effective international mobilization for sanctions against South Africa called for by the General Assembly.

In this connexion, I would like to request that the General Assembly, in considering the recommendations referred to above, authorize that summary records be provided for the meetings of the Special Committee against Apartheid.

(Signed) Alhaji Yusuff MAITAMA-SULE  
Chairman  
Special Committee against Apartheid

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