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**Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of  
Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples****Letter dated 28 August 2000 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 Secretary-General**

On 14 December 1960, the General Assembly adopted resolution 1514 (XV), containing the historic Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. This year marks the fortieth anniversary of the Declaration.

The Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, in its report on the Majuro Regional Seminar, held during its session in 2000, agreed to recommend that the anniversary should be observed at the United Nations. Accordingly, on behalf of the Special Committee, I should like to propose, subject to a decision by the General Assembly at its forthcoming session, that the Assembly devote a plenary meeting to observing the anniversary of the Declaration.

I should like to request that this communication be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 18 of its provisional agenda.

(Signed) Peter D. Donigi

Chairman

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the  
Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting  
of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

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