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LETTER DATED 9 AUGUST 1988 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 on the question of Namibia 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 1336th meeting, on 8 August 1988. 1/

In so doing, I wish to draw your particular attention to paragraphs 10, 19 and 25 of the consensus, which read as follows:

"10. ... The Committee notes with regret the continued failure of the Security Council to discharge effectively its responsibilities for the maintenance of peace and security in southern Africa, owing to the vetoes of two of its Western permanent members, and urges the Security Council to resume forthwith its consideration of further measures to give effect to the Council resolutions on this question, as called for by the General Assembly, the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, the Special Committee against Apartheid and the United Nations Council for Namibia, as well as the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, the Organization of African Unity, the Commonwealth and a number of other intergovernmental and regional organizations.

"...

"19. ... The Committee urges that the Security Council consider, as a matter of urgency, the report of the Committee established under its resolution 421 (1977) of 9 December 1977 and that it should adopt further measures to widen the scope of resolution 418 (1977) in order to make it more effective and comprehensive. The Committee also calls for the scrupulous observance of Security Council resolution 558 (1984) of 13 December 1984 enjoining Member States to refrain from importing armaments from South Africa. ...

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"25. 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. The Committee strongly recommends that the Security Council respond positively to the overwhelming demand of the international community by imposing forthwith comprehensive and mandatory sanctions against that régime under the terms of Chapter VII of the Charter."

(Signed) Tesfaye TADESSE  
Chairman  
Special Committee on the Situation  
with regard to the Implementation  
of the Declaration on the Granting  
of Independence to Colonial  
Countries and Peoples

Notes

1/ Not reproduced in the present document; for the text, see document A/AC.109/967 and Corr.1.

