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Agenda item 18IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF
INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLESLetter dated 2 November 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 to the President of the
General Assembly

I have the honour to refer to General Assembly resolution 2911 (XXVII) of 2 November 1972, by which the Assembly, conscious of the need of the colonial peoples of southern Africa and Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde for assistance and support to achieve freedom and independence, appealed to the Governments and the peoples of the world to hold annually a Week of Solidarity with the Colonial Peoples of Southern Africa and Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde Fighting for Freedom, Independence and Equal Rights, and proposed that the Week begin on 25 May, Africa Liberation Day.

Following the accession to independence, in 1973 and 1975 respectively, of the former Territories under reference, the title of the Week was changed to "Week of Solidarity with the Colonial Peoples of Southern Africa Fighting for Freedom, Independence and Equal Rights".

During its 1981 and 1982 sessions, the Special Committee considered the possibility of extending the commemoration of the Week to the peoples of all the remaining dependent Territories so as to provide an opportunity for the international community to reiterate its support for the attainment by those peoples of the objectives set forth in the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

I wish to inform you, in that connexion, that, on the basis of the consultations held with the presiding officers of the Special Committee against Apartheid and the United Nations Council for Namibia, it has been agreed upon by

the three bodies concerned to recommend to the General Assembly that the title of the Week should accordingly be changed to "Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Namibia and All Other Colonial Territories, as well as those in South Africa, Fighting for Freedom, Independence and Human Rights".

I would be grateful if the above recommendation would be brought to the attention of the General Assembly, under agenda item 18, for appropriate action.

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of the Declaration on the Granting
of Independence to Colonial
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