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LETTER DATED 11 APRIL 1974 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 for the attention of the Security Council the text of a consensus concerning the question of Namibia (A/AC.109/446),* 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 973rd meeting, on 8 April 1974.

Paragraph 3 of the consensus reads as follows:

"3. The Special Committee considers that the recent mass arrests, the detention and trial of political leaders and the efforts to restrict the freedom of the press constitute a grave escalation of repression by the South African authorities which seriously endangers peace and security in the region. In the light of these developments and of South Africa's continued and flagrant defiance of United Nations decisions, and bearing in mind the direct responsibility of the United Nations for the Territory and its people, the Special Committee expresses the hope that the Security Council will consider, as a matter of urgency, taking effective measures, in accordance with the Charter, to secure South Africa's compliance with its resolution 310 (1972) and previous resolutions calling for the latter's immediate withdrawal from the Territory."

(Signed) Salim Ahmed SALIM
Chairman
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with regard to the Implementation
of the Declaration on the Granting
of Independence to Colonial
Countries and Peoples

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