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Letter dated 9 November 1988 from the Chairman of the Fourth
Committee addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to enclose herewith, for your kind transmittal, a letter addressed by me to the Chairman of the Second Committee concerning agenda item 12.

(Signed) Jonathan C. PETERS
Chairman
Fourth Committee

Annex

LETTER DATED 9 NOVEMBER 1988 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FOURTH
COMMITTEE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 26 October 1988 (A/C.4/43/L.9, appendix), in which you requested the views of the Fourth Committee on aspects of the guidelines for international decades that may fall under the mandate of the Committee.

I wish to inform you in that connection that I have received a communication from the Acting 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. A copy is herewith attached for the attention of the Second Committee.

(Signed) Jonathan C. PETERS
Chairman
Fourth Committee

Appendix

LETTER DATED 8 NOVEMBER 1988 FROM THE ACTING 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 CHAIRMAN OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

I have the honour to refer to a letter dated 26 October 1988 addressed to you by the Chairman of the Second Committee regarding the "Guidelines for international decades" contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/63.

I wish to inform you that, subject to any decision that the General Assembly might take in this regard at its current session, the Special Committee, mindful that the year 1990 will mark the thirtieth anniversary of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, plans to prepare and submit to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, for consideration and approval, recommendations on appropriate programmes to be undertaken by the United Nations, Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations during the course of the commemorative year.

It is expected in that regard that the Special Committee would also consider all aspects of a recommendation contained in the Final Declaration of the Conference of Ministers of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Nicosia from 7 to 10 September 1988, to the effect that the General Assembly, mindful that 1990 will mark the thirtieth anniversary of the Declaration, "declare the 1990-2000 ten-year period as the 'International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism' and adopt an Action Plan aimed at inaugurating the twenty-first century with a world free from colonialism". In so doing, the Special Committee would hold extensive consultations with the United Nations bodies concerned and other relevant intergovernmental organizations, with a view to submitting to the General Assembly appropriate recommendations thereon.

In the circumstances, and without prejudice to any decision that the General Assembly may take in respect of the guidelines at its current session, the Second Committee may wish to take the foregoing into account in its consideration of this matter.

(Signed) Oscar ORAMAS-OLIVA
Acting Chairman
Special Committee on the Situation
with regard to the Implementation
of the Declaration on the Granting
of Independence to Colonial Countries
and Peoples
