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LETTER DATED 3 JULY 1969 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 to you 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 704th meeting, on 3 July 1969, and to
request you to bring it to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mahmoud MESTIRI
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

QUESTION OF NAMIBIA

Consensus 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 704th meeting, on 3 July 1969

1. The Special Committee, within the context of the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, is gravely concerned at the illegal action taken by the Government of South Africa in committing for trial a further group of nine Namibians on charges under the South African Terrorism Act of 1967 which could result in the imposition of death sentences. These nine persons, who are reported to have been imprisoned in South Africa for periods up to three years before being formally charged, were scheduled to be brought to trial in Windhoek, Namibia, on 1 July 1969.
2. In this connexion, the Special Committee recalls that the action by the South African authorities is in direct violation not only of resolution 2145 (XXI) of the General Assembly which terminated South Africa's right to administer Namibia and of resolution 264 (1969) of the Security Council which called upon South Africa to comply with that resolution, but is also in flagrant contravention of resolutions 2324 (XXII) of the General Assembly and 245 (1968) and 246 (1968) of the Security Council, which voiced the universal condemnation of the international community for the action previously taken by South Africa in illegally applying the Terrorism Act of Namibia and sentencing Namibians under it in denial of their rights and status as persons for whom the United Nations has direct responsibility.
3. The Special Committee considers that this fresh outrage by the South African authorities constitutes not only a cynical denial to the Namibian people of their basic rights, but is a further flagrant defiance of the United Nations which has assumed the responsibility to protect those rights. Such action by a Member State is not only unacceptable but is calculated to destroy the authority of the United Nations.
4. It is accordingly the view of the Special Committee that the Security Council in pursuance of its resolutions 245 (1968) and 246 (1968), and

especially of operative paragraph 8 of its resolution 264 (1969), should consider urgently effective steps or measures in accordance with the relevant provisions of the United Nations Charter in order to obtain the compliance of South Africa with its decisions.
