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LETTER DATED 14 DECEMBER 1966 FROM THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE  
ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

In accordance with Article 54 of the United Nations Charter, I have the honour to transmit to you on behalf of the Administrative Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, for the information of the Security Council, the text of the resolution reproduced below, which was adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government at its third ordinary session, held at Addis Ababa from 5 to 9 November 1966, respecting South West Africa:

"The Assembly of Heads of State and Government meeting in its Third Ordinary Session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 5 to 9 November 1966,

"Recalling Article II (d) and Article III (6) of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity, and resolution CIAS/PLEN,2/Rev.2 of May 1963 on the question of South West Africa,

"Reaffirming the inalienable right of the people of South West Africa to freedom and independence, in accordance with the Charter of the O.A.U., the United Nations Charter and the relevant resolutions of the O.A.U. and the United Nations, in particular, the United Nations General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

"Taking note of the resolution of 27 October 1966 by the General Assembly of the United Nations:

(a) reaffirming that the people of South West Africa have the inalienable right to self-determination, freedom and independence in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, and that South West Africa shall maintain its international status until it achieves independence;

(b) deciding that the mandate conferred upon His Britannic Majesty to be exercised on his behalf by the Government of the Union of South Africa is terminated, that South Africa has no other right to administer the territory, and that henceforth South West Africa comes under the direct responsibility of the United Nations;

(c) resolving that in these circumstances the United Nations must discharge those responsibilities with respect to South West Africa; and

(d) calling upon the South African Government forthwith to refrain and desist from any action, constitutional, administrative, political or otherwise, which may in any manner whatsoever alter or tend to alter the present international status of South West Africa,

"Welcoming with satisfaction the fact that by this resolution the United Nations General Assembly has unequivocally terminated the mandate of the Government of South Africa over South West Africa and, therefore, the Government of South Africa has no right whatever to exercise authority in any form in South West Africa,

"1. Considers that the continued domination of South West Africa by South Africa constitutes an illegal military occupation of an African sister country;

"2. Calls upon all Member States to spare no effort in helping the people of South West Africa to rid themselves of foreign occupation in order to exercise their inalienable right to freedom and independence, and urges the Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa to give priority to the termination of the occupation of South West Africa;

"3. Calls upon the various organs of the United Nations to take all measures deemed necessary under its Charter to put into immediate effect the General Assembly's resolution of 27 October 1966 on South West Africa to terminate this oppressive illegal occupation of South West Africa;

"4. Pledges wholehearted co-operation with the United Nations in discharging its responsibilities with respect to South West Africa and urges all its Member States, in the light of the aforementioned United Nations General Assembly resolution, to communicate to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the manner and the extent of material support they are ready to place before the United Nations for the effective implementation of the United Nations resolution;

"5. Urges all States which have not yet done so to refrain from supplying arms, military equipment, petroleum or petroleum products to South Africa."

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