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LETTER DATED 21 JULY 1965 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 resolution on the question of South West Africa (A/AC.109/126) 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 372nd meeting on 17 June 1965.

Operative paragraph 5 of this resolution "recommends to the General Assembly and the Security Council to take appropriate steps to safeguard the sovereignty of the people of South West Africa and the integrity of the Territory and to this end to take the necessary concrete and adequate measures in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity".

Operative paragraph 6 of the same resolution "draws the attention of the Security Council to the serious situation prevailing in South West Africa".

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) Sori COULIBALY  
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

Resolution adopted by the Special Committee at its  
372nd meeting on 17 June 1965

The Special Committee,

Having examined the situation in the Mandated Territory of South West Africa,

Having heard the statements made by the petitioners,

Having also heard the statement of the Administrative Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity on the problem of decolonization in general and on the especially dangerous situation that exists in South West Africa,

Recalling Article 73 of the United Nations Charter and General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples,

Also recalling General Assembly resolutions 1702 (XVI) of 19 December 1961, 1805 (XVII) of 14 December 1962 and 1899 (XVIII) of 13 November 1963, and the resolution adopted by the Special Committee on 21 May 1964 (A/5800/Add.2, para. 232),

Noting with deep concern the continued deterioration of the situation in South West Africa resulting from the intensification of the practice of apartheid and from the determination of the South African Government to apply in the Territory the recommendations of the Odendaal Commission in violation of Article 73 of the Charter and operative paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV),

Having heard the expressions of concern by the Governments of the African States adjacent to South West Africa regarding the military installations established in the Territory by the South African Government, including the installation of an important military base in the Eastern Caprivi Zipfel,

Considering that the South African Government has persistently failed to discharge its international obligations in the administration of South West Africa and that by its insistence on pursuing the policy of apartheid in defiance of world opinion it has forfeited its moral authority to administer the Territory,

Considering that in general the behaviour of the South African Government towards the African populations under its administration, and its persistent refusal to observe the principles of the United Nations Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples constitutes not only a serious challenge to the United Nations but also a continuing threat to peace and security,

Aware of the obligations of the United Nations towards the population of South West Africa,

1. Reaffirms the right of the people of South West Africa to self-determination and independence and condemns the South African Government for its persistent refusal to apply the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Special Committee;
2. Recognizes as legitimate the struggle of the people of South West Africa for the effective exercise of the rights set forth in the United Nations Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples;
3. Appeals to all States to give the African population of South West Africa the necessary moral and material support to enable them to accede to national independence and to exercise fully their sovereignty over their country's natural resources;
4. Requests the South African Government to withdraw forthwith all the bases and other military installations situated in the Territory of South West Africa; and to refrain from using the Territory in any way whatever as a base for the concentration of arms or armed forces for internal or external purposes;
5. Recommends to the General Assembly and the Security Council to take appropriate steps to safeguard the sovereignty of the people of South West Africa and the integrity of the Territory and to this end to take the necessary concrete and adequate measures in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity;
6. Draws the attention of the Security Council to the serious situation prevailing in South West Africa;
7. Invites the Secretary-General to request all States to inform him of the measures they have taken to carry out operative paragraph 7 of resolution 1899 (XVIII);
8. Further invites the Secretary-General to transmit this resolution to all States and requests him to report to the General Assembly and the Special Committee on the application of paragraph 7 mentioned above;
9. Requests the Chairman of the Special Committee to transmit this resolution to the President of the Security Council;
10. Decides to maintain the question of South West Africa on its agenda.

