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LETTER DATED 2 JUNE 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 herewith the text of a resolution (AF/109/4)\* on the Question of Southern Rhodesia 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 347th meeting on 28 May 1965.

In operative paragraph 4 of this resolution, the Special Committee "Drew the attention of the Security Council to the extremely serious situation which would arise in the Territory if the authorities of Southern Rhodesia were to execute the persons sentenced to death under the amended Law and Order (Maintenance) Act".

In operative paragraph 6 of this resolution, the Special Committee decided to transmit to the Security Council the records of its debates on the question, including the statements of the petitioners and of the representative of the Organization of African Unity, as a supplement to the document transmitted to the Council and reproduced as document S/6300. These records, which are contained in documents A/AC.109/SR.339-347, will be transmitted to you as soon as they are issued in final form.

In transmitting the resolution which is the subject of this letter, I wish also to draw the attention of members of the Council to the declaration of a state of emergency in several areas of Southern Rhodesia by the so-called Government of that Territory on 28 May 1965.

Accept, etc.

(Signed) Sori COULIBALY

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\* Reissued at Headquarters under the symbol A/AC.109/120.

Resolution adopted by the Special Committee  
at its 347th meeting on 28 May 1965\*

The Special Committee,

Having re-examined the Question of Southern Rhodesia,

Having heard the statements made by petitioners and the representative of the Organization of African Unity,

Recalling Security Council resolution 202 (1965) of 6 May 1965 and General Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, 1747 (XVI) of 28 June 1962, 1760 (XVII) of 31 October 1962, 1883 (XVIII) of 14 October 1963, 1889 (XVIII) of 6 November 1963 and 1956 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963 and the resolution adopted by the Special Committee on 22 April 1965 (A/AC.109/112),

Considering that no steps have been taken by the administering Power to implement Security Council resolution 202 (1965) and that no constitutional progress has been announced in the Territory since the question was examined by the Security Council,

Considering that, on the contrary, the situation continues to deteriorate in the Territory, in particular, as a consequence of the death sentences imposed under the amended Law and Order (Maintenance) Act,

Considering that the question is still on the agenda of the Security Council,

1. Reaffirms the right of the people of Southern Rhodesia to self-determination and independence and recognizes the legitimacy of their struggle for enjoyment 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;

2. Regrets that the United Kingdom Government has not yet responded to the appeal made to it by the Special Committee on 25 May 1965 to secure the release of Mr. Mkombe and the Rev. Sithole and other political prisoners so as to enable them to appear before the Special Committee;

3. Requests the United Kingdom Government to take the necessary steps to enable a Sub-Committee of the Special Committee to proceed to Southern Rhodesia so as to make contact with the various sectors of the population and report back;

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\* Originally issued in provisional form under the symbol AF/109/4 during the Special Committee's visit to Africa.

4. Draws the attention of the Security Council to the extremely serious situation which would arise in the Territory if the authorities of Southern Rhodesia were to execute the persons sentenced to death under the amended Law and Order (Maintenance) Act;

5. Further draws the attention of the Security Council to the threats made by the Southern Rhodesian authorities, in particular, the economic sabotage which the Southern Rhodesian authorities intend to carry out in regard to the independent African States adjoining the Territory;

6. Decides to transmit to the Security Council the records of the meetings devoted to this question by the Special Committee during its visit in Africa, including the statements of the petitioners and of the representative of the Organization of African Unity, as a supplement to the document transmitted to the Security Council and reproduced as document S/6300;

7. Requests the Chairman of the Special Committee to transmit the present resolution to the President of the Security Council.

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