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destructive consequences in southern Africa

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Secretary-General has the honour to bring to the attention of the members of the General Assembly the attached letter dated 29 June 1989 addressed to him by the Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid (see annex).
2. In order to enable the General Assembly to consider the recommendations of the Special Committee, referred to in the annex below, it will be necessary to re-open agenda item 36, entitled "Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa".

ANNEX

Letter dated 29 June 1989 from the Chairman of the Special
Committee against Apartheid to the Secretary-General

You may recall that the General Assembly, in resolution 43/50 G of 5 December 1988, decided to hold "a special session of the General Assembly on apartheid and its destructive consequences in southern Africa before its forty-fourth session, on a date to be determined by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Special Committee against Apartheid". The convening of the special session was subsequently supported by the meeting of the Movement of Non-aligned Countries held at Harare, Zimbabwe, from 17 to 19 May 1989.

The Special Committee against Apartheid held consultations with the members of the front-line States, the African Group of States and the two national liberation movements. It was decided that it would be much more opportune, for a number of reasons, if the special session is held in December instead of holding it prior to the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly. It was further understood that the debate on item 28 of the preliminary list, entitled "Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa", will be held about 3 to 4 weeks before the proposed dates of the special session. I have drawn this to the attention of the chairmen of the regional groups for the month of June 1989. I hope that the General Assembly would meet as soon as possible to take a decision on the matter.

I would, therefore, appreciate it if you would bring this to the attention of the General Assembly.

(Signed) Joseph N. GARBA
Chairman
Special Committee against Apartheid
