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ACTIVITIES OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC AND OTHER INTERESTS WHICH ARE
IMPEDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE
GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES
IN NAMIBIA AND IN ALL OTHER TERRITORIES UNDER COLONIAL
DOMINATION AND EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE COLONIALISM, APARTHEID
AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

Letter dated 24 August 1984 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 to
the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that, at its 1263rd meeting, on 21 August 1984, the Special Committee adopted a decision concerning "Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration which might be impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples" (A/AC.109/796), in which it recommended, inter alia, that this question should be taken up by the General Assembly in connection with its consideration, in the Fourth Committee, of the item entitled "Activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Namibia and in all other Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa", as at its thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth sessions.

In the light of the foregoing and bearing in mind the action taken by the General Assembly at its previous sessions, a brief outline of which is herewith

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annexed, I would request you kindly to bring the above recommendation of the Special Committee to the attention of the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

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on the Situation with regard to the
Implementation of the Declaration on
the Granting of Independence to
Colonial Countries and Peoples

ANNEX

Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers
in Territories under their administration which
might be impeding the implementation of the
Declaration on the Granting of Independence
to Colonial Countries and Peoples

1. At its 1967 session, the Special Committee decided that, subject to any decision which the General Assembly might take at its twenty-second session, it would undertake at its session in 1968 a study on the role of military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers which might be impeding the implementation of the Declaration in Territories under their administration (A/AC.109/PV.568).
2. At its twenty-second session, the General Assembly approved, in operative paragraph 4 of its resolution 2326 (XXII) of 16 December 1967, the programme of work envisaged by the Special Committee during 1968, including, inter alia, the study on military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers which might be impeding the implementation of the Declaration in Territories under their administration.
3. Since then, the Special Committee reviewed the question annually and included an account of its consideration thereof in its report to the General Assembly each year, which the Assembly took up in plenary meetings at its successive sessions within the context of an item relating to general aspects of decolonization.
4. At its 1228th meeting, on 20 September 1982, the Special Committee decided to authorize its Rapporteur to reformulate its decision on the question (Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh session, Supplement No. 23 (A/37/23/Rev.1), chap. IV, para. 11), which had been adopted at its 1226th meeting, on 20 August 1982, into a draft decision in General Assembly form and to submit it to the Assembly at its thirty-seventh session for consideration by the Fourth Committee. In pursuance of that decision, the Rapporteur of the Special Committee introduced the chapter of the report of the Special Committee containing the draft decision (Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh session, Supplement No. 23 (A/37/23/Rev.1), chap. IV, para. 12) to the Fourth Committee at its 4th meeting, on 19 October 1982.

5. In that connexion, the Chairman of the Fourth Committee stated at the Committee's 9th meeting, on 26 October 1982 (A/37/624, para. 8):

"Bearing in mind the nature of the recommendations contained in the draft decision, which encompass broad aspects of the process of decolonization, the Fourth Committee could very well take up the draft decision under any of the items which have been allocated to it by the General Assembly. However, in keeping with a long-standing practice of this Committee, it may very well be most appropriate for the Fourth Committee to be guided by the indication given by the Special Committee in this regard and take action thereon under agenda item 98."

6. At its 9th meeting, on 26 October 1982, the Fourth Committee approved the draft decision on the question, which the General Assembly adopted at its 77th plenary meeting, on 23 November 1982 (General Assembly decision 37/420).

7. At its thirty-eighth session, the General Assembly adopted a decision on the question on the basis of the recommendation contained in the report (A/38/582, para. 10) of the Fourth Committee to the General Assembly (General Assembly decision 38/419).
