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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF  
INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

Letter dated 27 May 1976 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of  
the Permanent Mission of the German Democratic Republic to  
the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of the message of congratulations from the Chairman of the Council of State of the German Democratic Republic, His Excellency Willi Stoph, on the occasion of the thirteenth anniversary of the founding of the Organization of African Unity.

I request you, Sir, to have the annexed text of the message of congratulations circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 24 of the preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-first session.

(Signed) Bernhard NEUGEBAUER  
Envoy Extraordinary and  
Minister Plenipotentiary  
Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.

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ANNEX

Message of congratulations from the Chairman of the Council of State of the German Democratic Republic, His Excellency Willi Stoph, on the occasion of the thirteenth anniversary of the founding of the Organization of African Unity, addressed to the Heads of State of the OAU member countries

On the occasion of the thirteenth anniversary of the founding of the Organization of African Unity, I convey to you and the people of your country cordial greetings and congratulations on behalf of the Council of State and the people of the German Democratic Republic.

The international situation has decisively changed in favour of the forces of peace, progress and national liberation, offering favourable conditions for the attainment of the lofty goals after which the States and people of Africa and the Organization of African Unity aspire. In their just struggle against imperialism, colonialism, neo-colonialist exploitation and racism, the African States are strengthening their national independence and defending their legitimate political and economic rights. Success in their struggle will grow as the unity of the countries of Africa and their co-operation with the socialist States and all progressive forces develop.

Support of the peoples fighting for their liberty, national independence and sovereignty, of their legitimate organizations forms part and parcel of the policy of the German Democratic Republic.

Let me assure you that the German Democratic Republic will also in the future support in solidarity the struggle for national and social liberation in Africa, and that it will work together with the African States and peoples in a spirit of friendship and mutual understanding.

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