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LETTER DATED 19 OCTOBER 1989 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF SOUTH AFRICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE  
SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to enclose for your information the text of the Joint  
Communiqué issued on 18 October 1989 by the Joint Commission established under the  
Brazzaville Protocol 1/ of 13 December 1988 at Pretoria, South Africa.

I should be grateful if this communiqué could be circulated as a document of  
the Security Council.

(Signed) Jeremy B. SHEARAR  
Ambassador

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Annex

Joint Communiqué issued on 18 October 1989 at Pretoria by the  
Joint Commission established under the Brazzaville Protocol  
of 13 December 1988

An extraordinary meeting of the Joint Commission established under the Brazzaville Protocol of 13 December 1988, a/ was held at Johannesburg and Pretoria, South Africa, on 16, 17 and 18 October 1989.

The meeting was attended by delegations of the Governments of Angola, Cuba and South Africa, members of the Commission, with the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics as observers.

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Administrator-General of Namibia also participated in this session as invitees.

The Commission discussed the status of the implementation of Security Council resolution 435 (1978) at length, at the same time taking particularly into account the report of the Secretary-General dated 6 October 1989 (S/20883). The Commission also received an update regarding the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola.

It noted the finalization of the Election Proclamation as well as the completion of the registration of voters and the repatriation of Namibians, which are essential steps in creating conditions for the holding of free and fair elections in Namibia. In this regard it welcomed the establishment of a code of conduct which provides guidelines for political parties in the Territory and underscored the Secretary-General's appeal for these parties to abide by the Code. The Commission urged all concerned to contribute to the holding of free and fair elections and urged universal acceptance of the outcome of elections, so certified by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General.

The Commission noted the statement of the Special Representative that there had been within the last two weeks an improvement in the co-operation between the South West Africa Police (SWAPOL), the United Nations Transition Assistance Group (UNTAG) and Civilian Police (CIVPOL) and urged that the closest co-operation be maintained in keeping with the settlement plan.

As regards the question of former members of Koevoet still in SWAPOL, the Joint Commission called for an urgent solution to facilitate the full implementation of the settlement plan in accordance with the pertinent Security Council resolutions. On the basis of the discussions in the Commission, the South African Government is giving further consideration to this matter and has undertaken to provide a timely response. The Commission also stressed the need to maintain law and order to ensure peaceful, free and fair elections.

In regard to the question of the two Bushmen battalions of the South West Africa Territorial Force (SWATF), the Commission took note of the clarification offered by the Special Representative and the Administrator-General stating that these had been demobilized under UNTAG supervision. The Commission adopted

measures to confirm this on the spot. Furthermore the Commission recommended that the Special Representative request the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to take over the administration of these Bushmen settlements.

It was brought to the attention of the Commission that the 156 South Africa Defence Force (SADF) personnel who staff the Department of Defence Administration have been reduced to 149 and will be reduced to 83 in the next two weeks. Note was taken that the UNTAG Force Commander has reported that, in his view, the military command structures of the SWATF battalions in the Territory have, for all practical purposes, been dismantled. With regard to those SADF personnel still performing essential civilian functions, the Commission expressed its desire that those personnel be replaced by civilians as soon as possible.

The Commission was informed that the South West Africa Broadcasting Corporation (SWABC) had taken measures to ensure equal access by all parties registered for the elections. The Commission considered that additional measures were necessary and should be adopted to guarantee that SWABC performs its functions in conformity with the letter and spirit of the settlement plan throughout the transition period.

As far as the Constituent Assembly Proclamation was concerned, the Commission expressed the firm view that the Special Representative and the Administrator-General should complete their work on the proclamation as soon as possible.

With regard to the matter of detainees, the Commission urged all sides to comply fully with their obligations in terms of the settlement plan in this connection.

The Joint Commission welcomed the decision of Angola and South Africa to improve the mechanism to register and investigate urgently alleged security breaches of the settlement plan for south-western Africa as contained in the New York agreements of 22 December 1988. b/

The Joint Commission decided that its next regular meeting will be held in South Africa at a venue to be decided, from 25 to 27 November 1989.

All participants expressed their gratitude to the Government of South Africa for the excellent facilities provided for the meeting. The members of the commission also expressed their appreciation for the opportunity granted to meet Mr. F. W. de Klerk, State President of the Republic of South Africa, and for the participation of Minister for Foreign Affairs, R. F. (Pik) Botha, in their deliberations.

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