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*Chairman:* Miss Angie E. BROOKS (Liberia).

**Consideration of the agenda of the twenty-fourth session  
and allocation of items (*continued*)**

REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM IN THE AGENDA: ITEM PROPOSED BY ALGERIA, BOTSWANA, BURUNDI, CAMEROON, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CHAD, CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE), CONGO (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF), DAHOMEY, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, ETHIOPIA, GAMBIA, GHANA, GUINEA, IVORY COAST, KENYA, LESOTHO, LIBERIA, LIBYA, MADAGASCAR, MALI, MAURITANIA, MAURITIUS, MOROCCO, NIGER, NIGERIA, RWANDA, SENEGAL, SIERRA LEONE, SOMALIA, SUDAN, SWAZILAND, TOGO, TUNISIA, UGANDA, UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, UPPER VOLTA AND ZAMBIA (A/7657 AND ADD.1 AND 2)

1. Mr. OGBU (Nigeria), speaking as a sponsor of the request to include the item, said that the United Nations was committed to seek a just solution to the problems besetting southern Africa in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter.

2. The concern of the Organization of African Unity that the United Nations should take urgent action was motivated by the desire of African countries for peace on the continent and the recognition by the former organization of its responsibilities under Article 54 of the Charter.

3. The Manifesto on Southern Africa<sup>1</sup> was a constructive and solemn expression of the collective views of African States on the situation in that part of Africa. It took into

<sup>1</sup> Subsequently circulated in document A/7754.

account the desire expressed by States Members of the United Nations to promote co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity.

4. He hoped that the General Committee would unanimously recommend that the item should be included in the agenda of the twenty-fourth session and that it would be discussed by the General Assembly in plenary meeting.

5. Mr. AKWEI (Ghana), speaking as a sponsor of the request to include the item, recalled that the President of Cameroon had formally submitted the Manifesto to the General Assembly (1780th plenary meeting, para. 3) on behalf of the Organization of African Unity and had urgently appealed to the United Nations to take note of the Manifesto, which African countries considered an historic document.

6. Consideration of the Manifesto in the United Nations would enable the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations to co-operate in solving the problems confronting southern Africa.

7. He agreed with the representative of Nigeria that the item should be considered by the General Assembly in plenary meetings.

8. Mr. IDZUMBUIR (Democratic Republic of the Congo) said that the colonial situation in southern Africa was a serious threat to peace. Many Africans were being deprived of their fundamental rights and the nations of free Africa were determined to help them in order to safeguard their own sovereignty and improve the lot of human beings throughout Africa. The Manifesto clearly expressed the philosophy and solidarity of the free African States.

9. He agreed with the representatives of Nigeria and Ghana that the item should be discussed by the General Assembly in plenary meeting.

10. Mrs. OULD DADDAH (Mauritania) endorsed the remarks of the previous speakers. Mauritania was an active and militant member of the Organization of African Unity and believed profoundly in its principles.

*The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item entitled "Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity: Manifesto on Southern Africa" should be included in the agenda and considered directly in plenary meeting.*

*The meeting rose at 3.30 p.m.*