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

Letter dated 19 April 1973 from the Permanent Representatives of
Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago to the United
Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit the attached copy of the resolution on colonialism and apartheid which was adopted by the Eighth Conference of Heads of Government of Commonwealth Caribbean Countries held in Georgetown, Guyana, from 9 to 12 April 1973.

The Heads of Government of the Commonwealth Caribbean Countries by this resolution reasserted their abhorrence of colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination and their commitment to the heroic efforts of the liberation movements and all the oppressed people in southern Africa who are struggling for freedom and self-determination.

We have the honour to request that this resolution be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples".

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RESOLUTION ON COLONIALISM AND APARTHEID ADOPTED AT THE
EIGHTH CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF COMMONWEALTH
CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES MEETING IN GEORGETOWN, GUYANA, FROM
9 TO 12 APRIL 1973

The Eighth Conference of Heads of Government of Commonwealth Caribbean Countries, meeting in Georgetown, Guyana, from 9 to 12 April 1973,

Noting the significance of the International Conference of Experts for the Support of Victims of Colonialism and Apartheid in Southern Africa now meeting in Oslo under the joint auspices of the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity,

Conscious that apartheid and racialism constitute organized programmes of violence against the indigenous peoples of Africa and against the human personality generally,

Disturbed at the continuation and intensification of policies of discrimination pursued by the minority racist régimes in southern Africa,

Concerned over the perpetration of acts of aggression by these régimes against independent African States,

Deploring the economic, political and military support which these régimes continue to receive from certain developed States,

Mindful of the heroic efforts of the liberation movements in Africa in the struggle for freedom and self-determination,

1. Reaffirms the abhorrence of Commonwealth Caribbean Governments of colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination;
2. Calls upon the Government of the United Kingdom to put an end to the illegal racist régime in Rhodesia and upon all Governments to withdraw immediately any direct or indirect support for that régime;
3. Reaffirms solidarity with the liberation movements and with all the oppressed people of southern Africa;
4. Reasserts the commitment of the States of the Commonwealth Caribbean assembled here to the continued pursuit of all diplomatic, political and other appropriate initiatives and action in support of the liberation movements and against all forms of colonialism and apartheid in southern Africa.
