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TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

Report of the Fourth Committee

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1. At its 2079th meeting, on 23 September 1974, the Fourth Committee, in connexion with the organization of its work, considered a letter dated 18 September 1974 addressed to its Chairman by the Acting 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 (A/C.4/770), the text of which is reproduced below:

"I have the honour to inform you that the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples at its 980th meeting, on 3 September 1974, decided to recommend that, taking into account the contributions made by the representatives of the national liberation movements who had participated in the work of the Fourth Committee at the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth sessions of the General Assembly, the Fourth Committee, at its current session, should invite the leaders of those national liberation movements of the colonial Territories in Africa which are recognized by the Organization of African Unity (OAU), to continue to participate as observers in its proceedings relating to their respective countries. In that connexion, the Special Committee also decided to suggest that the Fourth Committee should consider the above recommendation at the outset of the session during consideration of the organization of its work, so that the necessary arrangements, including as appropriate the requisite financial provisions, might be made in time with respect to the participation of these liberation movements.

"As the Fourth Committee would probably wish to give priority, as in previous sessions, to the consideration of the situation prevailing in southern Africa and in the light of the above-mentioned recommendations of the Special Committee, I wish to suggest that the Committee consider taking the necessary action to enable the leaders of the national liberation movements of the

Territories concerned to participate as observers in its examination of these questions, as soon as practicable."

The Fourth Committee also had before it the statement by the Secretary-General concerning the related administrative and financial implications (A/C.4/L.1065).

2. At the same meeting, the Fourth Committee approved the proposal referred to in paragraph 1 above.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

3. The Fourth Committee accordingly recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the above-mentioned proposal.
