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REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION IN THE
LIGHT OF THE PRESSING NEED TO ACHIEVE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN THE
FIELD OF DISARMAMENT, THE CONTINUATION OF THE ARMS RACE AND THE
CLOSE INTERRELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT, INTERNATIONAL PEACE
AND SECURITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Letter dated 9 June 1978 from the Chairman of the Special Committee
against Apartheid to the President of the General Assembly

On behalf of the Special Committee against Apartheid, I wish to draw your
attention to the grave situation resulting from the continued military build-up in
South Africa and the plans of the apartheid régime to acquire nuclear-weapon
capability.

In pursuance of paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 32/105 F of
14 December 1977, the Special Committee has followed the developments concerning the
military and nuclear collaboration with the racist régime of South Africa,
especially since the adoption of Security Council resolution 418 (1977) of
14 November 1977, imposing a mandatory arms embargo against South Africa. It has
held several hearings on the matter and devoted two meetings on 30 May 1978, with
the participation of a number of experts, to reviewing all aspects of this question.

In pursuance of a decision of the Special Committee, I am herewith transmitting,
for the attention of the General Assembly at its tenth special session, the summary
records of the above meetings (see A/AC.115/SR.382 and 383).

In the light of the information and suggestions made at these meetings, the
Special Committee considers it essential to draw the attention of the General
Assembly to the urgent need for further action to ensure the full implementation of
the arms embargo against South Africa, and to prevent the apartheid régime from
acquiring nuclear-weapon capability.
The Special Committee wishes to draw particular attention to the need for mandatory decisions, under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, to prevent all military co-operation with the apartheid régime and any form of co-operation with it in the nuclear field. It recalls the request by the General Assembly, in paragraph 3 of resolution 32/105 F, to the Security Council that it call upon all States, under Chapter VII of the Charter and irrespective of any existing contracts:

(a) To refrain from any supply of arms, ammunition, military equipment or vehicles, or spare parts thereof, to South Africa, without any exceptions;

(b) To ensure that such supplies do not reach South Africa through other countries;

(c) To refrain from importing any military equipment or supplies manufactured by, or in collaboration with, South Africa;

(d) To cease any exchange of military, naval or air attachés with South Africa;

(e) To terminate any form of military co-operation with South Africa;

(f) To revoke all licences and terminate all technical assistance for the manufacture of military equipment and supplies in South Africa;

(g) To end all transfer of nuclear equipment or fissionable material or technology to South Africa;

(h) To prohibit companies, institutions or agencies within their jurisdiction from any co-operation with South Africa, directly or through participation in companies registered in South Africa, in its military build-up or nuclear development;

(i) To prevent their nationals from working in South Africa in establishments producing supplies for military and police forces, or engaged in nuclear development;

(j) To deny visas to South African military and police personnel and persons engaged in nuclear research development.

The Special Committee hopes, especially in view of the continued acts of aggression by the apartheid régime, that the General Assembly will consider the situation at its special session and will take further action to ensure the immediate termination of all military and nuclear collaboration with the apartheid régime.

I would be most grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the tenth special session of the General Assembly under agenda item 9.

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