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IMPLEMENTATION BY THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL  
INSTITUTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS OF THE DECLARATION  
ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

Note by the President of the Council

1. In accordance with Council resolution 1720 (LIII), paragraph 4, I have continued my consultations with the 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 and have sought the views of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) on matters relating to the participation of representatives of national liberation movements in colonial territories in Africa in relevant proceedings of the specialized agencies in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2874 (XXVI), paragraph 9.

2. In response to my cabled inquiry, the Assistant Secretary-General of OAU suggested that consideration should be given to the modification of the constitutions and rules of procedure of the specialized agencies with a view to permitting the participation of representatives of the liberation movements in relevant proceedings. In a subsequent cable, the Secretary-General of OAU stated:

"Further to our cable regarding participation of liberation movements in meetings of specialized agencies, we would like to elaborate on our initial suggestion as follows:

"1. Only those movements recognized by OAU should be invited to be represented at these meetings.

"2. The agencies should be requested to notify the OAU General Secretariat in advance concerning the holding of any conferences, seminars or any meetings having any relevance to the colonial Territory concerned.

"3. The OAU will inform the agencies of the name of representatives of national liberation movements to be represented at given conferences, seminars or national meetings.

"With these elements we hope ECOSOC will approve OAU proposal for amending constitutions or rules of procedure of agencies."

3. The foregoing views have been brought to the attention of the Special Committee.