



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

15 October 1980

Excellency,

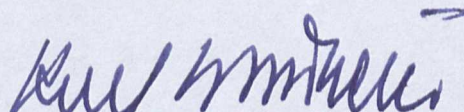
I have the honour to refer to the forthcoming visit of a team of United Nations officials to Pretoria to discuss the implementation of the United Nations plan for Namibia with the Government of South Africa. As I attach the greatest importance to a peaceful and now long over-due settlement of this question, I have instructed the mission that its primary purpose must be to discuss the setting of a time frame and other modalities for implementation.

May I say that I am fully conscious of the active role played by your Government, as one of the authors of the settlement proposal, in the successive phases of the negotiating process. I take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the steady support that I have received from your Government in this matter. I have, as you know, also had the fullest co-operation of the Front-Line States, which have sustained our efforts at every stage of the negotiations.

I am deeply concerned that if the actual implementation of the United Nations plan is delayed much further, the credibility of the whole settlement process will be called in question. It is for this reason that I attach the greatest importance to the success of the present mission.

As I know that your Government is also extremely anxious to achieve a peaceful settlement of the question of Namibia, I would be most grateful for your fullest support of the present mission. I would appreciate in particular your help in impressing upon the Government of South Africa the urgent need to proceed without further delay with the implementation of resolution 435.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.


Kurt Waldheim

Her Excellency
The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom
of Great Britain and Northern Ireland