

14 February 1972

NAMIBIA
Security Council resolutions 309 and 310

Both the resolutions on Namibia, adopted in Addis Ababa, call for reports by the Secretary-General not later than 31 July 1972. Resolution 310 (1972), sponsored by African States, envisages a Security Council meeting on Namibia soon after that date.

As regards the implementation of resolution 310 (1972), the Secretary-General will need to transmit it to "all States" and request reports in time. (Transmittals are the responsibility of PSCA.) It may also be ~~xx~~ desirable to take up the provisions with the South African Government, with particular reference to repressive measures and the system of labour. An urgent paper on these two aspects might be prepared in the secretariat.

As regards resolution 309 (1972), the Argentine resolution, the text will need to be formally transmitted to South Africa.

In operative paragraph 1, the Secretary-General is requested to initiate as soon as possible contacts with "all parties concerned" in order to establish "necessary conditions" for self-determination.

In the statement moving the resolution, Argentina defined "parties concerned" as including: (a) the Security Council; (b) the Council for Namibia; (c) the Ad Hoc Sub-Committee (of the Security Council?); (d) representatives of political organizations of Namibia; (e) all those persons and entities which, in his considered opinion, the Secretary-General would like to consult in order successfully to discharge his mandate.

It would seem desirable to interpret this term as widely as possible. It might include people inside Namibia, such as Chief Kapuko and indigenous church leaders. It might also include OAU.

It is difficult to anticipate the course of events. But provision will need to be made for consultation with SWAPO: perhaps one member of the