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Dear Mr. Chairman,

The Organization of African Unity has followed with keen interest the work of the Multi-Party Negotiating Process in South Africa. The OAU is encouraged by the seriousness and dedication with which the representatives of the 26 Political Parties, Groups and Associations have applied themselves to the difficult, complex but necessary process of working out appropriate constitutional arrangements for a future united, democratic and non-racial South Africa.

I have also taken an equally keen interest in the on-going bilateral negotiations between the Government of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Namibia with regard to the question of Walvis Bay and the off-shore Islands within the context of UN Security Council Resolution 432 of 1978. I am also aware that the Secretary-General of the United Nations, H.E. Dr. Boutros-Boutros-Ghali has recently written to both the Foreign Minister of Namibia and the Foreign Minister of South Africa urging both countries to expedite the process of re-integrating Walvis Bay and the off-shore Islands into Namibia.

I am pleased to note that the Negotiating Council has been seized of the question of Walvis Bay and the off-shore Islands and that it is considering a Draft Resolution on the issue.

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The purpose of this message is to assure you, Mr. Chairman, of the continuing desire of the Organization of African Unity to encourage and support ~~all efforts by the~~ important question. It would therefore be highly appreciated if the Council could take an appropriate decision to recommend to the Plenary that the Government of South Africa be mandated to promulgate legislation to transfer Walvis Bay and the off-shore Islands to Namibia.

Please accept, Mr. Chairman, the assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.

Yours sincerely,

Salim Ahmed Salim
Secretary-General