



## ANNEXURE A

**UNTAG**  
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26 June 1989

Dear Mr. Administrator-General,

In connection with the impending promulgation of the Registration of Voters (Constituent Assembly) Proclamation 1989, I would like to state the following:

1. In accordance with relevant decisions of the Security Council, in particular resolutions 431 (1978) of 27 July 1978, 435 (1978) of 29 September 1978, 629 (1989) of 16 January 1989, and also resolution 632 (1989) of 16 February 1989, free elections will be held for the whole of Namibia as one political entity to enable the people of Namibia to freely and fairly determine their own future. The elections will be under the supervision and control of the United Nations. Supervision and control in this context means that the Special Representative must at each stage, level and place satisfy himself that the conduct and the procedure of the voter registration are fair and appropriate. Moreover, the Special Representative will bring to the attention of the Administrator-General his comments and proposals in regard to any aspect of the voter registration process whenever he thinks that it is necessary. The Special Representative shall give due consideration to the way in which the Administrator-General responds to his proposals when the Special Representative makes his final determinations on the existence of free and fair conditions for the election.

2. In respect of the registration of voters, UNTAG personnel will be present:

- (a) with each registration team appointed by the Administrator-General;
- (b) at the offices of all district supervisors appointed by the Administrator-General;
- (c) at the offices of all district officers appointed by the Administrator-General;
- (d) at the office of the Chief Registration Officer, appointed by the Administrator-General; and
- (e) at court hearings relating to appeals and objections regarding the registration of voters.

The Administrator-General  
Windhoek

3. Where complaints are made by individuals or by UNTAG or where circumstances arise which may influence free and fair elections, investigations must be made in the first instance by team leaders of the Administrator-General and UNTAG counterparts. If the matter cannot be resolved it shall immediately be referred to the district supervisor and his UNTAG counterpart for investigation. Should the matter not be resolved at that level, it shall be immediately referred to the Chief Registration Officer of the Administrator-General and his UNTAG counterpart who will conduct investigations and report respectively to the Administrator-General and the Special Representative for settlement in accordance with the United Nations plan.

4. Registration cards and ballot papers printed and sealed by the State Printers, Pretoria, in a container of the South West African Transport Services will be escorted from Pretoria to Windhoek by representatives of the Administrator-General and UNTAG. Representatives of UNTAG and the Administrator-General will be given the opportunity to satisfy themselves about the printed contents of the registration cards and the ballot papers.

5. On arrival in Windhoek the serial numbers of the registration cards and ballot papers will be checked by representatives of the Administrator-General and of the Secretary-General's Special Representative to determine whether these coincide with those reflected in the requisitions issued by the State Printers, Pretoria. Furthermore, printing on such registration cards and ballot papers shall be checked by the aforementioned representatives.

6. Copies of all relevant registers, returns and receipts will be made available to the UNTAG representative relative to the items referred to in paragraph 4 above.

7. All registration cards and ballot papers are to be locked in a strongroom with two independent locks, one of which is to be controlled by an UNTAG representative and the other by the Chief Registration Officer to the Administrator-General, or his delegate. The lock controlled by UNTAG and by the Chief Registration Officer respectively, will be sealed; one with the United Nations seal and the other with the South African seal.

8. Registration cards and ballot papers allocated for use in each district will be sealed in cardboard boxes by representatives of the Chief Registration Officer and UNTAG representatives which boxes will be escorted and handed over to district supervisors (against receipt) by SWAPOL and UNTAG police monitors.

9. Registration cards for use of registration teams appointed by the Administrator-General are to be issued by district supervisors to registration team leaders (against receipt) in the presence of UNTAG counterparts and copies of the receipt will be made available to the UNTAG district supervisor.

10. Control exercised by team leaders appointed by the Administrator-General in regard to used and unused registration cards and completed application forms will be supervised and controlled by UNTAG team leaders.

11. Duplicate registration cards and completed application forms are to be handed to district supervisors by team leaders appointed by the Administrator-General (against receipt) for processing. UNTAG team leaders will supervise this process.

12. Duplicate registration cards are to be sealed in cardboard boxes in the presence of UNTAG district supervisors who will place thereon an acceptable UNTAG seal/mark/signature after which the item will be dispatched per registered post.

13. The sealed cardboard boxes referred to in paragraph 12 above will be collected in Windhoek by the designated representatives of the Chief Registration Officer and of UNTAG. The content of these boxes will be checked and receipts will be issued to the district supervisor and copies thereof will be made available to UNTAG counterparts.

14. All actions taken in the office of the Chief Registration Officer at Windhoek will be performed in the presence of UNTAG representatives who will supervise and control the process.

15. All duplicate registration cards will be computerized and filed in the strongroom in the presence of UNTAG representatives.

16. Operations at the office of the Chief Registration Officer and the strongroom thereat will be guarded by SWAPOL and UNTAG police monitors for twenty-four hours each day throughout the week, during the whole period of the electoral process.

17. In terms of functions entrusted to officials appointed by the Administrator-General, only team leaders may refuse an application to register a voter. It is required that registration officers will hand all doubtful applications for registration to the team leader for finalization. Before a team leader rejects an application to register, he must obtain the concurrence of his UNTAG counterpart.

18. In terms of paragraph 2 above, the Administrator-General undertakes to ensure that only senior government service officials of integrity, who are impartial and in good standing will be utilized in the registration exercise as district supervisors, district officers and registration team leaders.

19. However, where due to lack of officials, private individuals are to be appointed as registration officers, these will be carefully screened and selected and their names and addresses published as required by the Proclamation.

20. The Secretary-General's Special Representative retains the right to call for any appointment made in terms of paragraphs 18 and 19 above to be withdrawn if in his judgement such appointment is not compatible with free and fair elections. Paragraph 11 of the Agreement between the United Nations and the Republic of South Africa concerning the Status of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group in Namibia (South-West Africa) is also relevant in this regard.

21. Lists of registration officials and UNTAG observers are to be mutually exchanged and maintained.

22. Notices of dates and places of registration will be made available to UNTAG observers timeously and all returns and information concerning the registration process will also be provided on a daily basis.

23. In the performance of their tasks, the Administrator-General will render such reasonable assistance as may be required by UNTAG observers.

24. In the event of necessity the relatively shorter periods during which mobile and temporary registration teams operate at temporary registration points during the registration period may be extended by mutual arrangement between the Administrator-General and the United Nations Special Representative.

25. Notices relative to dates, times and venues of hearings of appeals and objections will be provided timeously to UNTAG representatives who will be expected to attend such hearings.

26. The following categories of persons will not be appointed as registration officials:

- (a) Serving members of the armed forces and the police;
- (b) Persons known to have campaigned openly for political parties;
- (c) Members of the demobilized forces;
- (d) Office holders of political parties and persons who have openly identified themselves with partisan politics.

27. Registration will not take place at any:

- (a) Police station;
- (b) Military base;
- (c) Chief's residence;
- (d) Political Party office.

28. I would appreciate receiving your express confirmation of this letter. Upon receipt of that confirmation, I will not raise objections to the promulgation of the Registration of Voters (Constituent Assembly) Proclamation 1989.

Yours sincerely,



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Special Representative  
of the Secretary-General for Namibia

## ANNEXURE B

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Dear Mr Ahtisaari

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 26 June 1989 in connection with the impending promulgation of the Registration of Voters (Constituent Assembly) Proclamation 1989, and confirm that it is in accordance with our discussions, and that I am in agreement with the contents thereof.

Yours sincerely



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ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL