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TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES BY THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND
THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

Report of the Secretary-General

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1. A large number of resolutions of the United Nations on the subject of the Declaration of the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other related questions, containing requests addressed to the specialized agencies were received by WMO during the period between the thirty-first (1979) and the thirty-second (1980) sessions of its Executive Committee. ... The substance of these resolutions was considered by the Committee at its thirty-second session (Geneva, 8-29 May 1980). Relevant extracts from the report of the session, containing the decisions of the Committee are attached.
2. Further action will be initiated by the WMO Secretariat in accordance with the decisions referred to above.

1/ An earlier reply from WMO was submitted to the Secretary-General on 13 February 1980 (see A/35/178, sect. II).

Enclosure

Extracts from the report of the thirty-second session
of the Executive Committee

(Geneva, 8-29 May 1980)

CO-OPERATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS AND
OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
(agenda item 10)

10.2 Recommendations addressed to WMO by the United Nations

10.2.1 Under this item the Committee considered those recommendations addressed to the Organization relating to implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and related matters, as well as those concerning special assistance to countries facing exceptional difficulties stemming from adverse economic or political factors or resulting from natural disasters. The views of the Committee are reflected in the following paragraphs.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and related matters

10.2.2 The Committee recalled the previous actions taken by Congress and the Executive Committee under this question and in particular the Co-operation Agreement between WMO and the Organization for African Unity (OAU), the invitations to the United Nations Council for Namibia and to the national liberation movements recognized by OAU and the League of Arab States (LAS) to participate in the Congress and all appropriate meetings of WMO constituent bodies, the provision of funds for the provision of fellowships to refugees and the suspension of the Government of South Africa from exercising its rights and enjoying privileges as a member of the organization. In this connexion, the Committee also noted that no bank, financial institution or corporation enjoyed special facilities from WMO. The Committee agreed that within the sphere of competence of the organization, the spirit and intent of recommendations emanating from the General Assembly and other bodies of the United Nations should continue to be supported.

Questions concerning Namibia

10.2.3 The Committee noted that training fellowships in meteorology and operational hydrology had been included in the Nationhood Programme for Namibia.

10.2.4 It was also recalled that although the amendments to the WMO Convention had not received the required two thirds majority by members to permit membership of the organization by the United Nations Council for Namibia, the amendments had received support by two thirds of the members present at the Eighth Congress. The Congress therefore agreed that the amendments should be submitted again to the Ninth Congress. The Committee agreed that other matters related to the membership of the Council should also be submitted to the Congress at that time.

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Special assistance to individual countries

10.2.5 The Committee took note of a number of recommendations addressed to the organization pertaining to the provision of special assistance to individual countries facing exceptional difficulties. In this connexion, activities to date include UNDP projects executed by WMO in Botswana, Chad, Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Mozambique, Nicaragua, St. Lucia and Sao Tome and Principe. WMO is also implementing, or has implemented in the past year, projects under the Voluntary Co-operation Programme (VCP) in Antigua, Cape Verde, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Sao Tome and Principe, Uganda and Zambia. The Committee agreed that the Secretary-General should continue to take appropriate steps to assist such countries in obtaining the required assistance.
