



Twenty-first session
Agenda item 69

QUESTION OF FIJI

Report of the Fourth Committee

Rapporteur: Dr. Mohsen Sadigh ESFANDIARY (Iran)

1. At its 162nd meeting, on 21 September 1966, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of an item entitled "Question of Fiji: report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples". At its 163rd meeting, on 22 September, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the allocation of this item to the Fourth Committee.
2. At its 1415th plenary meeting, on 24 September, the General Assembly, by adopting the recommendations of the General Committee, included the item in its agenda and allocated it to the Fourth Committee for consideration and report.
3. The Fourth Committee considered this item at its 1652nd, 1655th to 1657th, 1659th, 1661st and 1662nd meetings, between 2 and 8 December.
4. At the 1652nd meeting, on 2 December, the Rapporteur of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples introduced the report of that Committee concerning Fiji (A/6300/Add.6).
5. At the 1655th meeting, on 5 December, the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania and the United Arab Republic introduced a draft resolution on behalf of Algeria, Ceylon, Congo (Democratic Republic of), Dahomey, Guinea, India, Mauritania, Morocco, Pakistan, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, the United

Arab Republic and the United Republic of Tanzania (A/C.4/L.844). The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Having considered the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the Territory of Fiji,

"Having heard the statement of the administering Power,

"Recalling its resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, 1951 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963, 2068 (XX) of 16 December 1965 and 2105 (XX) of 20 December 1965, as well as the resolution adopted by the Special Committee on 7 September 1966,

"Noting with regret that the administering Power has not yet taken effective measures to implement the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Special Committee,

"1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of Fiji to freedom and independence in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

"2. Deeply regrets that the administering Power has not yet taken effective measures to implement the various resolutions of the General Assembly and the Special Committee concerning Fiji;

"3. Calls upon the administering Power to implement immediately the following:

(a) The holding of general elections in accordance with the principle of "one man, one vote" for the purpose of forming a constituent assembly which will be charged with the task of drawing up a democratic constitution and the formation of a representative government, and the transfer of full powers to that government;

(b) The fixing of an early date for the independence of Fiji;

(c) The abolishing of all discriminatory measures so as to foster communal harmony and national unity in the Territory;

"4. Endorses the decision of the Special Committee to appoint a sub-committee to visit Fiji for the purpose of studying at first hand the situation in the Territory, and requests the Chairman of the Special Committee to appoint the sub-committee as early as practicable;

"5. Requests the Secretary-General to provide all the necessary facilities for the visit of the sub-committee to the Territory;

"6. Requests the administering Power to report to the Special Committee on the implementation of the present resolution;

"7. Invites the Special Committee to keep the question under consideration and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session;

"8. Decides to keep the question of Fiji on its agenda."

6. Subsequently, Cyprus, Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Yemen, Yugoslavia and Zambia joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution and the Democratic Republic of Congo withdrew as a sponsor (A/C.4/L.844/Add.1 to 3).

7. At the 1659th meeting, on 7 December, the representative of India, on behalf of the sponsors, introduced an oral revision to the draft resolution, by which, in operative paragraph 4, the words "in consultation with the administering Power," would be inserted after the words "the Chairman of the Special Committee,".

8. At the same meeting, the representative of Togo, on behalf of the delegations of Ghana, Liberia and his own, introduced an oral amendment to the draft resolution, by which operative paragraph 3 would be deleted.

9. At the 1661st meeting, on 8 December, the representative of Chile introduced amendments to the draft resolution, by which, in operative paragraph 3, the word "immediately" would be replaced by the words "without delay", and operative paragraphs 3 and 4 would be renumbered as operative paragraphs 4 and 3, respectively (A/C.4/L.848).

10. At the same meeting, the representative of Ceylon, on behalf of the co-sponsors, accepted the proposed amendments submitted by Chile.

11. At the 1662nd meeting, on 8 December, the representative of the Secretary-General, in accordance with rule 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, informed the Committee of the financial implications of the draft resolution.

12. At the same meeting, the Fourth Committee voted on the twenty-two-Power draft resolution (A/C.4/L.844 and Add.1 to 3), as revised, and on the oral amendment thereto proposed by the representative of Togo, as follows:

The oral amendment proposed by Togo was rejected by a roll-call vote of 58 to 27, with 13 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

- In favour: Australia, Austria, Canada, China, Congo (Democratic Republic of), Denmark, Finland, Ghana, Guyana, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Liberia, Malawi, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Philippines, Portugal, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.
- Against: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Ceylon, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Maldives Islands, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia.
- Abstaining: Bolivia, Brazil, Cameroon, Central African Republic, France, Gabon, Greece, Honduras, Israel, Madagascar, Nigeria, Rwanda, Spain.

The draft resolution as revised, as a whole, was adopted by a roll-call vote of 76 to 6, with 17 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

- In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Ceylon, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Madagascar, Maldives Islands, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sudan, Syria, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia.
- Against: Australia, New Zealand, Portugal, Togo, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.
- Abstaining: Austria, Canada, China, Congo (Democratic Republic of), Denmark, Finland, France, Ghana, Guyana, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Malawi, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

13. The Fourth Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Question of Fiji

The General Assembly,

Having considered the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the Territory of Fiji,^{1/}

Having heard the statement of the administering Power,

Recalling its resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, 1951 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963, 2068 (XX) of 16 December 1965 and 2105 (XX) of 20 December 1965, as well as the resolution adopted by the Special Committee on 7 September 1966,^{2/}

Noting with regret that the administering Power has not yet taken effective measures to implement the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Special Committee,

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of Fiji to freedom and independence in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

2. Deeply regrets that the administering Power has not yet taken effective measures to implement the various resolutions of the General Assembly and the Special Committee concerning Fiji;

3. Endorses the decision of the Special Committee to appoint a sub-committee to visit Fiji for the purpose of studying at first hand the situation in the Territory, and requests the Chairman of the Special Committee, in consultation with the administering Power, to appoint the sub-committee as early as practicable;

4. Calls upon the administering Power to implement without delay the following:

(a) The holding of general elections in accordance with the principle of "one man, one vote" for the purpose of forming a constituent assembly which will be charged with the task of drawing up a democratic constitution and the formation of a representative government, and the transfer of full powers to that government;

^{1/} A/6300/Add.6.

^{2/} Ibid., para. 120.

- (b) The fixing of an early date for the independence of Fiji;
- (c) The abolishing of all discriminatory measures so as to foster communal harmony and national unity in the Territory;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to provide all the necessary facilities for the visit of the sub-committee to the Territory;

6. Requests the administering Power to report to the Special Committee on the implementation of the present resolution;

7. Invites the Special Committee to keep the question under consideration and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session;

8. Decides to keep the question of Fiji on its agenda.
