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Agenda item 23IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF
INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

ADEN

Report of the Fourth CommitteeRapporteur: 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 "Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: 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 to the Fourth Committee of all of the chapters of the report of the Special Committee relating to specific Territories.
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 to the Fourth Committee those chapters of the report of the Special Committee relating to specific Territories.
3. At its 1605th meeting, on 6 October, the Fourth Committee decided to consider separately the chapter of the report of the Special Committee relating to Aden (A/6300/Add.4).
4. The Fourth Committee considered this item at its 1620th meeting, on 1 November, at its 1622nd to 1629th meetings, from 2 to 8 November, at its 1633rd to 1640th meetings, from 10 to 22 November, and at its 1649th to 1653rd meetings, from 1 to 3 December.

5. At the 1620th meeting, on 1 November, 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 Aden (A/6300/Add.4).

6. During the consideration of this item, the Committee had before it the following communications concerning Aden, received by the Secretary-General:

(a) Note verbale dated 25 February 1966 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (A/6274);

(b) Letter dated 2 March 1966 from the Permanent Representative of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic (A/6276);

(c) Note verbale dated 6 April 1966 from the Permanent Mission of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic (A/6317);

(d) Letter dated 18 October 1966 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (A/6478);

(e) Letter dated 16 November 1966 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (A/6514).

7. In addition, the Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning a letter dated 1 August 1966 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland addressed to the Secretary-General, and a reply thereto dated 5 August 1966 from the Secretary-General (A/6374).

8. In connexion with the consideration of this item, the Committee, at its 1620th meeting, decided to grant requests for hearings to the following:

Mr. Abdul Qawi Maokawee, General Secretary, Mr. Mohamed Salem Basendwah and Mr. Saif Dhalee, members of the Political Bureau, Front for the Liberation of Occupied South Yemen (FLOSY) (A/C.4/672);

Mr. Muhammed Ali Al-Gifri, President and Mr. Shcikhan Abdulla Alhabshi, Secretary-General, South Arabian League (SAL) Aden (A/C.4/672/Add.1);

Mr. Hussain Ali Bayoomi, General Secretary, and Mr. Saeed Ali Yaremi, executive member, United National Party (UNP) Aden (A/C.4/672/Add.2);
and,

Mr. Ahmed Abdullah Al-Fadhli, President, and Mr. Je'bel bin Hussein Al Audhali, member, Front for the Liberation of South Arabia (FLOSA) (A/C.4/672/Add.3).

9. At the 1622nd meeting, on 2 November, the Committee began the hearing of petitioners with a statement by Mr. Abdul Qawi Mackawee.

Mr. Ahmed Abdullah Al-Fadhli and Mr. Sheikhan Abdulla Alhabshi made their statements at the 1623rd meeting, on 3 November. Mr. Hussain Ali Bayoomi addressed the Committee at the 1626th meeting, on 7 November. The petitioners answered questions put to them by members of the Committee at the 1622nd to 1627th meetings, between 2 and 7 November. At the 1628th meeting, on 8 November, Mr. Abdul Qawi Mackawee made a further statement and replied to questions put to him by members. At the same meeting, Mr. Muhammed Ali Al-Gifri addressed the Committee and answered questions put to him by members. At the 1633rd meeting, on 10 November, Mr. Hussain Ali Bayoomi submitted a supplementary statement in writing to the Committee.

10. At the 1625th meeting, on 4 November, the representatives of the Congo (Brazzaville), Iraq, Greece, Cyprus, Guatemala, the United Arab Republic and Cuba reserved the position of their respective Governments with respect to the hearing of Mr. Hussain Ali Bayoomi.

11. The general debate on the item took place at the 1620th meeting, on 1 November, and at the 1633rd to 1640th meetings, from 10 to 22 November.

12. At the 1641st meeting, on 23 November, Saudi Arabia submitted a draft resolution (A/C.4/L.840).

13. At the 1649th meeting, on 1 December, the representative of Iraq introduced a draft resolution, which was finally sponsored by Afghanistan, Algeria, Cameroon, Ceylon, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Democratic Republic of), Cyprus, Dahomey, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Togo, Tunisia, the United Arab Republic, the United Republic of Tanzania, Yugoslavia and Zambia (A/C.4/L.841 and Add.1 and 2).

14. In introducing the draft resolution, the representative of Iraq, on behalf of the sponsors, made the following declaration with reference to operative paragraph 7 of that draft resolution:

"Nothing in paragraph 7 should be construed as constituting a precondition to the appointment and/or dispatch of the mission to Aden. But the co-sponsors strongly urge the administering Power to lift the state of emergency when the mission is there so as to enable it to discharge its responsibilities on the basis of the resolution adopted by the Special Committee on 15 June 1966."

15. At the same meeting, Saudi Arabia submitted an amendment (A/C.4/L.843) to the thirty-eight-Power draft resolution (A/C.4/L.841 and Add.1 and 2), by which, in operative paragraph 7, the words "without prejudice to the implementation of operative paragraph 5 above" would be inserted after the words "administering Power".

16. In accordance with rule 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General submitted, at the same meeting, a report (A/C.4/678) on the administrative and financial implications of the identical requests made in operative paragraph 5 of the two draft resolutions (A/C.4/L.840 and A/C.4/L.841 and Add.1 and 2).

17. At the 1652nd meeting, on 2 December, the representative of Saudi Arabia withdrew the draft resolution (A/C.4/L.840) and the proposed amendment to the thirty-eight-Power draft resolution (A/C.4/L.841 and Add.1 and 2) submitted by his delegation.

18. At the same meeting, the Fourth Committee voted on the thirty-eight-Power draft resolution (A/C.4/L.841 and Add.1 and 2). The draft resolution was adopted by a roll-call vote of 100 to none, with 3 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Ceylon, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo (Democratic Republic of), Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, Gambia, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar,

Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives Islands, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Syria, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zambia

Against: None.

Abstaining: France, Portugal, South Africa.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

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

Question of Aden

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 Aden,^{1/} which includes, in addition to Aden, the Eastern and Western Aden Protectorates as well as the Islands of Perim, Kuria Muria, Kamaran and other off-shore islands,

Recalling its resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1964, 1949 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963 and 2023 (XX) of 5 November 1965, and the related resolutions adopted by the Special Committee on 22 March 1966 and 15 June 1966,^{2/}

Having heard the statements of the petitioners,

1/ A/6300/Add.4.

2/ Ibid., paras. 99 and 382.

Having taken note of the declaration of the representative of the administering Power on his Government's readiness to co-operate with the United Nations in the full implementation of the relevant General Assembly resolutions at the earliest possible time,

Having taken note of the assurances given by the representative of the administering Power, on 10 November 1966,^{3/} concerning the territorial integrity and the unity of South Arabia as a whole,

Having taken note also of the statement by the representative of the administering Power on 17 November 1966,^{4/} that the United Nations mission will have free and unimpeded contact with the representatives of all shades of opinion in the Territory,

Taking note of the statement by the administering Power that it will grant independence to the Territory of South Arabia not later than 1968,

Having further taken note of the declaration by the administering Power on the question of the termination of all treaties as well as the removal of military bases by the time of independence, and in particular of its commitment not to enter into any defence arrangement with South Arabia,

Considering that the United Nations mission should have full freedom of action and unrestricted access to all parts of the Territory and that the administering Power should guarantee to the people the free exercise of political rights and freedoms throughout the Territory,

Deeply disturbed by the reports issued by various international humanitarian organizations on the maltreatment of political detainees and prisoners and by the continuation of the military operations against the people of the Territory,

Deeply concerned at the critical and explosive situation which might threaten peace and security in the area owing to the failure of the administering Power to implement the relevant United Nations resolutions,

1. Approves 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 Aden, as well as the conclusions contained therein, and endorses the resolutions adopted by the Special Committee on 22 March 1966 and 15 June 1966;

^{3/} A/C.4/SR.1633.

^{4/} A/C.4/SR.1636.

2. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of the Territory to self-determination and independence in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

3. Reaffirms paragraph 8 of the resolution adopted by the Special Committee on 15 June 1966 and urges the administering Power to implement it;

4. Further reaffirms that the only authority responsible to the United Nations for the full implementation of the United Nations resolutions with regard to the Territory is the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

5. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Special Committee and the administering Power, to appoint immediately a special mission to be sent to Aden for the purpose of recommending practical steps for the full implementation of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, and in particular, for determining the extent of the United Nations participation in the preparation and supervision of the elections and submitting a report to him as soon as possible for transmission to the Special Committee;

6. Requests the United Nations Mission on Aden to consider recommending, inter alia, practical steps for the establishment of a central caretaker government in the Territory to carry out the administration of the whole Territory and to assist in the organization of the elections;

7. Calls upon the administering Power to take the necessary measures, in accordance with paragraph 3 above, so that the United Nations Mission on Aden can discharge its responsibilities on the basis of the resolution adopted by the Special Committee on 15 June 1966;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to render all necessary assistance and facilities for the implementation of the present resolution;

9. Decides to maintain the question of Aden on its agenda.
