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SPECIAL PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES IN CONNEXION WITH THE
TENTH ANNIVERSARY 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

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Addendum

1. On 5 October 1970, the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples submitted, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2521 (XXIV) of 4 December 1969, a report on the present item (A/8086) setting out, for consideration by the General Assembly, a suggested programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration. The suggested programme of action was adopted by the General Assembly at its 1862nd plenary meeting, on 12 October 1970 (resolution 2621 (XXV)).
2. The present report is submitted pursuant to paragraph 36 of the above-mentioned report, which reads as follows:

"With respect to the preparation of the documentation ^{the} ~~the~~ analytical study called for under General Assembly resolution 2521 (XXIV) on the subject of decolonization,... it is the intention of the Special Committee to submit a further report thereon in an addendum to the present document."

3. At its 780th meeting, on 3 December, the Special Committee considered the fifty-seventh report of the Working Group (see annex), which contained an account of the work undertaken by the latter on the above-mentioned study in accordance with a decision taken by the Special Committee at its 735th meeting, on 1 April (see A/8086, para. 6).

4. At the same meeting, following statements by the representatives of Ecuador, Bulgaria, Iraq, Madagascar, Iran, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Yugoslavia, as well as by the Chairman (A/AC.109/PV.780), the Special Committee adopted the fifty-seventh report of the Working Group, it being understood that the comments and observations made by members would be reflected in the record of that meeting. By that decision, the Special Committee agreed that further consideration of the matters relating to the draft text of the analytical study should be postponed until next year.

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ANNEX

FIFTY-SEVENTH REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP*

Chairman: Dr. Davidson S.H.W. NICOL (Sierra Leone)

1. At its 92nd, 95th and 96th meetings, held between 9 October and 17 November 1970, the Working Group considered the further recommendations to be made to the Special Committee regarding the special programme of activities in connexion with the tenth anniversary of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, in accordance with the decision taken by the Special Committee at its 735th meeting, on 1 April.
2. The Working Group recalled that the tasks assigned to the Special Committee by the General Assembly, in its resolution 2521 (XXIV) of 4 December 1969 concerning the item, consisted of the preparation of:
 - (a) A draft declaration or a suggested programme of action for consideration at the special commemorative meeting;
 - (b) A succinct analytical study on the subject of decolonization.
3. The Working Group noted that the first of these two matters had been disposed of, following the recommendations (A/AC.109/L.669) it had previously submitted thereon to the Special Committee, as well as the subsequent action taken by the Special Committee (A/8086) and the adoption by the General Assembly of resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970 containing a programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration.
4. As regards the second task mentioned above, the Working Group recalled that, as explained in the relevant section of the report of the Preparatory Committee for the Tenth Anniversary of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,^{a/} the purpose of the proposed study is to mobilize public opinion as well as the international community towards the full implementation of the Declaration. The study was to include, inter alia, an analysis of the various manifestations of colonialism and of the obstacles of

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a/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 24, document A/7684.

decolonization, as well as the review of the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization, and in the view of the Preparatory Committee, the study could serve as a basis on which the draft declaration or programme of action referred to in paragraph 2 (a) above might be prepared.

5. The Working Group recalled that it had devoted, with the close co-operation and assistance of the Rapporteur of the Committee, well over six months of the year to the preparation of a preliminary text of the above analytical study, and in this connexion had, inter alia, in June dispatched an ad hoc group to Africa to obtain the views of the leaders of national liberation movements from the colonial Territories in that continent. During the course of the preparatory work, four successive revised versions of the draft text had been prepared by the Rapporteur on the basis of the various observations and comments made by members of the Special Committee. In addition, one delegation had submitted to the Working Group its own draft of the first sections of the preliminary text of the analytical study. The Working Group further recalled that in its preparation of the programme of action referred to in paragraph 4 above, it had taken into account the relevant sections of the preliminary text of the analytical study, which by then had reached an advanced stage of preparation.

6. In the course of the exchange of views which took place at these meetings during the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly, many members suggested that, despite the difficulties which the Working Group had experienced in the completion of the study, a determined effort should be made to conclude it during the year of the tenth anniversary of the Declaration, in connexion with which the Committee undertook its preparation. While recognizing the desirability of concluding the study in the year of the commemoration, others expressed the view that, taking into account considerations of the additional time and effort which the preparation of a satisfactory analytical study would entail at a time when members were preoccupied with matters requiring their urgent attention, the Special Committee might postpone the preparation of the study until its next session.

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7. Following extensive consultations and taking into account the imminent conclusion of the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly, the Working Group agreed to recommend to the Special Committee that further consideration of the matters relating to the completion of the draft text of the analytical study should be postponed until next year.
