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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF
INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES BY THE
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Report of the Fourth Committee

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1. At its 1939th plenary meeting, on 25 September 1971, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee (A/8500), decided to include in the agenda of its twenty-sixth session the following items:

"Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations:

- (a) 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;
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General.^{1/}

"12. Report of the Economic and Social Council."^{1/}

2. At the same meeting, the General Assembly decided to allocate to the Fourth Committee, for consideration and report, agenda item 71 and chapter XX of the report of the Economic and Social Council,^{1/} which related to the item.

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/8403)

3. At its 1952nd meeting, on 19 November, the Fourth Committee decided to hold a general debate covering item 71, together with six other items on its agenda, namely, 13, 23, 65, 70, 72 and 73. In taking this decision, it was the understanding of the Fourth Committee that individual draft resolutions on matters covered by those items would be considered separately following the conclusion of the general debate.
4. The Fourth Committee considered the item at its 1953rd, 1956th to 1958th, 1960th, 1962nd to 1965th and 1968th to 1970th meetings, between 22 November and 15 December.
5. At the 1953rd meeting, on 22 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 chapter of the report of that Committee relating to item 71 (A/8423 (Part III)).
6. In addition, the Fourth Committee had before it the relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council^{2/} as well as an addendum thereto^{3/} relating to item 71. The Committee also had before it the reports of the Secretary-General relating to item 71, submitted in pursuance of paragraphs 14 (a) and 14 (b), respectively, of General Assembly resolution 2704 (XXV) of 14 December 1970 (A/8314 and Add.1-6 and A/8480).
7. The general debate covering item 71, together with the six other items referred to in paragraph 2 above, took place at the 1956th to 1958th, 1960th and 1962nd to 1965th meetings, between 26 November and 9 December.
8. At the 1968th meeting, on 14 December, the representatives of Bulgaria and Ecuador introduced a draft resolution (A/C.4/L.1007), which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Afghanistan, Bulgaria, Chile, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Nigeria, People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Yugoslavia and Zambia.
9. At the same meeting, the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), in their statements to the Committee (A/C.4/SR.1968), furnished supplementary information on the action taken by those agencies since

2/ Ibid., chap. XX.

3/ A/8403/Add.1 (Part III).

the circulation of the report of the Secretary-General (A/8314 and Add.1-6), referred to in paragraph 6 above, in implementation of the relevant General Assembly resolutions.

10. At the 1969th meeting, on the same date, the representative of the Office for Inter-Agency Affairs made a statement (A/C.4/SR.1969).

11. At its 1970th meeting, on 15 December, the Fourth Committee adopted the draft resolution (A/C.4/L.1007) by a recorded vote of 73 to 4, with 23 abstentions (see paragraph 12 below). The result of the voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Barbados, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Ceylon, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guyana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Khmer Republic, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liberia, Libyan Arab Republic, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Sudan, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Portugal, South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Uruguay.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

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

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations",

Recalling the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, and the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration, contained in its resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970,

Recalling further its resolutions 2311 (XXII) of 14 December 1967, 2426 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968, 2555 (XXIV) of 12 December 1969 and 2704 (XXV) of 14 December 1970, as well as other relevant resolutions,

Taking into account the relevant resolutions of the Security Council on southern Africa, in particular resolution 277 (1970) of 18 March 1970 on the question of Southern Rhodesia and resolution 283 (1970) of 29 July 1970 on the question of Namibia,

Taking into account with appreciation the relevant reports submitted by the Secretary-General,^{4/} the Economic and Social Council^{5/} and the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples^{6/} on the item,

Conscious of the urgent need of the peoples and the national liberation movements of several colonial Territories, particularly in the liberated areas of some of these Territories, for assistance from the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, especially in the fields of education, training, health and nutrition,

Recognizing the need for further and more effective measures to be taken for the speedy implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Special Committee by all the organizations of the United Nations system within their respective spheres of competence,

Noting with deep concern that, while several of the specialized agencies and organizations within the United Nations system have provided considerable assistance to refugees from the colonial Territories in Africa, many of them have not extended their full co-operation to the United Nations in the implementation of the provisions of the relevant resolutions relating to providing assistance to the

^{4/} A/8314 and Add.1-6; A/8480.

^{5/} A/8403/Add.1 (Part III).

^{6/} A/8423 (Part III); A/8423/Add.1.

national liberation movements and to discontinuing all collaboration with the Governments of Portugal and South Africa, as well as with the illegal régime of Southern Rhodesia,

Noting with appreciation that some of the organizations have embarked on or are taking steps to formulate, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity, concrete programmes for providing assistance, within their spheres of competence, to the peoples of the colonial Territories striving to liberate themselves from colonial domination,

Mindful of the necessity to keep under continuous review the activities of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system in the implementation of the various United Nations decisions relating to decolonization,

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 the item;^{7/}

2. Reaffirms that the recognition by the General Assembly, the Security Council and other United Nations bodies of the legitimacy of the struggle of colonial peoples to achieve freedom and independence entails, as a corollary, the extension by the United Nations system of organizations of all necessary moral and material assistance to the national liberation movements in those Territories, including especially the liberated areas of the Territories;

3. Expresses its appreciation to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and to those other specialized agencies and organizations within the United Nations system which have co-operated in varying degrees with the United Nations in the implementation of the relevant General Assembly resolutions;

4. Reiterates its urgent appeal to the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to render all possible moral and material assistance to the peoples in Africa struggling for their liberation from colonial rule and, in particular, to work out, with the active co-operation of the Organization of African Unity and, through it, of the national liberation movements, concrete programmes for assisting the peoples of Southern Rhodesia,

Namibia and the Territories under Portuguese administration, including in particular the populations in the liberated areas of those Territories;

5. Reiterates its request that the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, including in particular the United Nations Development Programme and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, should take measures, within their respective spheres of competence, to increase the scope of their assistance to refugees from colonial Territories, including assistance to the Governments concerned in the preparation and execution of projects beneficial to these refugees, and to introduce the greatest possible measure of flexibility in the relevant procedures;

6. Requests the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to discontinue all collaboration with the Governments of Portugal and South Africa as well as with the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and those of the Security Council relating to colonial Territories in southern Africa;

7. Urges once again the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in particular the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Monetary Fund, to take all necessary measures to withhold financial, economic, technical and other assistance from the Governments of Portugal and South Africa until they renounce their policies of racial discrimination and colonial domination;

8. Urges all the specialized agencies and other international institutions concerned, in particular the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Monetary Fund, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the Universal Postal Union, the International Telecommunication Union and the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, to intensify their efforts aimed at facilitating the effective implementation, without further delay, of the relevant provisions of the various Security Council resolutions on colonial Territories in southern Africa, especially paragraphs 9 (b), 11 and 23 of resolution 277 (1970) and paragraph 14 of resolution 283 (1970);

9. Invites the specialized agencies to continue to examine, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity, procedures for the participation, where necessary and appropriate, in conferences, seminars and other regional meetings convened by the specialized agencies, of representatives of the national liberation

movements in the colonial Territories in Africa, in an appropriate capacity and, in order to facilitate examination of this matter by the specialized agencies, requests the Economic and Social Council, in consultation with the Special Committee and taking into account the views of the Organization of African Unity, to submit appropriate recommendations;

10. Recommends that all Governments intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system of which they are members in order to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations;

11. Recommends that, in order to facilitate implementation of paragraph 10 above, the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system should request their executive heads to present to their respective governing and legislative organs, in a specific and systematic manner, recommendations on decolonization adopted by competent United Nations bodies, together with a full analysis of the issues and problems involved, if any, and concrete suggestions for the implementation of these recommendations;

12. Requests the Economic and Social Council to continue to consider, in consultation with the Special Committee, appropriate measures for co-ordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system in implementing the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

13. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To prepare for submission to the relevant bodies concerned with related aspects of the present item, with the assistance of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, a report on the action taken since the circulation of his comprehensive report,^{8/} or envisaged by those organizations in implementation of the relevant United Nations resolutions, including the present resolution;

(b) To continue to assist the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system in working out appropriate measures for implementing the present resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session;

14. Requests the Special Committee to continue to examine the question and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session.