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TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES BY THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND  
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1. In accordance with article IV of the agreement between the United Nations and the Universal Postal Union (UPU), the Director-General submitted to the Executive Council at its May 1978 session a report on the measures taken by the International Bureau in connexion with the recommendations of the United Nations concerning the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies, together with the resolutions on the implementation of the Declaration, some parts of which concern the specialized agencies.

2. At its meeting on 5 May 1978, the Executive Council took note of the report and the resolutions in question, which were the subject of document CE 1978 - Doc. 4/Annex 2 (see enclosure below). As may be observed from this document, the report to a great extent reiterates the information contained in the Director-General's letter of 3 March 1978 (see A/33/109), with the following additions and clarifications:

A. Assistance to refugees from colonial Territories

3. In May 1978, a UPU expert participated in a planning workshop on the Nationhood Programme for Namibia at Lusaka in order to prepare the programme of assistance to Namibia. On that occasion, UPU proposed two postal projects ("Postal administration in Namibia" and "Postal training") which were accepted in principle and which could be implemented as soon as the necessary funds are available. It should be pointed out that UPU will be responsible for financing part of the "Postal training" project.

B. Assistance to newly independent countries

4. On 6 June 1978, the Republic of Djibouti acceded to UPU. The International Bureau has just established contact with this new member country to request the information which will integrate it more fully with our organization.

5. In the field of technical assistance to Sao Tome and Principe, apart from the consultant missions already carried out, there are also plans to make a UPU official responsible for following up a previous mission and for studying the need for the improvement and development of postal services. In the light of the results of that study, a technical assistance project might be submitted to UNDP.

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1/ See also A/33/109.

C. Study on the situation of Non-Self-Governing  
Territories within UPU

6. From the consultations which the International Bureau undertook in 1976 and 1977 concerning this problem and to which many countries did not reply, it appears that a majority is in favour of a modification of the status quo (29 to 15). Of the 29 countries in favour of modification, 15 declared themselves in favour of creating the rank of associate member. The Executive Council decided to postpone until the following session its decision on the solution it would recommend to Congress on that subject.

Enclosure

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Recommendations by the United Nations concerning the implementation  
by the specialized agencies of the Declaration on the Granting of  
Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Document CE 1978-Doc 4/Annex 2

Secretary-General's report

Each year, the International Bureau informs the Executive Council of the measures it has taken in connexion with the "Recommendations by the United Nations concerning the implementation by the specialized agencies of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples". The present document records the action taken about this since the last session of the Executive Council.

1. Aid to refugees from colonial Territories

In 1977, the UPU said it was prepared to consider, in co-operation with the United Nations a programme of courses for nationals of Namibia and other colonial countries. If the principle of such a step were accepted, it could be financed (training fellowships and consultant's mission) jointly by contributions to the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa and UPU's own resources.

In addition on the proposal of the Director-General, the Executive Council agreed to make provision for financing specialization fellowships in the postal field for refugees from colonial Territories.

Although on one or two occasions use has been made of the UPU offer, it must be acknowledged that at present few refugees are interested in a postal career.

In this connexion it should be stated that on 10 October 1977, the President of the United Nations Council for Namibia invited UPU to take part in a solemn

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meeting of the Council held on 27 October 1977 in commemoration of the Day of Solidarity with the people of Namibia and their liberation movement, SWAPO. The International Bureau was represented at this solemn meeting by its Deputy Director-General.

2. Assistance provided in consultation with OAU and the active participation of the national liberation movements concerned to the peoples of African colonial Territories

Through OAU, UPU proposed technical assistance to the national liberation movements in regard to training in the schools and intercountry or national institutes opened in the countries of East Africa.

The UPU offer was brought to the notice of the Executive Secretary of the OAU Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa. No request to take advantage of this offer has so far reached UPU.

It should also be mentioned that OAU was represented by Mr. D. Schoulia, Assistant Executive Secretary in charge of political affairs and information, at the first UPU/African Restricted Postal Unions/ECA/OAU meeting held on 18 November 1977 at UPU headquarters with a view to setting up a Pan-African Postal Union. It was also invited to the May 1978 Executive Council session.

3. Assistance to newly independent countries

In 1977, Angola received a mission carried out by an International Bureau official. This mission, which dealt with the identification of priority needs in this country, resulted in the preparation of a technical assistance project financed by UNDP.

Consultants' missions paid for from the UPU budget were also carried out in Cape Verde, Sao Tome and Principe and Seychelles; the consultants' work dealt with postal planning and forecasting, reorganization of the postal service, vocational training and philately respectively.

Under the 1978 programme, consultants' missions as well as several other assistance activities are planned on behalf of these countries; in particular, they will take the form of multiple missions in postal rate fixing and training activities for specialization of the management staff of the countries concerned.

4. Study on the situation of Non-Self-Governing Territories within UPU

As France and the United States of America have done with regard to the Territories for whose international relations they are responsible, Portugal has unilaterally waived, with effect from 28 December 1978, the status of member country possessed by the "Portuguese Provinces in Asia and Oceania". Consequently the problem to be solved by UPU now relates only to the Territories dependent on the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and those of the Netherlands.

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## 5. Co-operation with the United Nations

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/36, the International Bureau has supplied the United Nations Secretary-General with the necessary information to enable him to prepare, for the bodies concerned, the desired report on the measures taken by the United Nations and by the specialized agencies in relation to the decolonization problem.

## 6. Resolutions submitted for the attention of the Executive Council

In accordance with article IV of the agreement between the United Nations and UPU, the International Bureau submits to the Executive Council the resolutions by the United Nations General Assembly calling for co-operation by the specialized agencies and to which the Secretary-General has particularly drawn its attention (see list below).

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### Resolutions and relevant paragraphs

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| 32/9  | Question of Namibia (part A, para. 4; part B, para. 9; part C, para. 4; part E, paras. 1, 3 and 4)   |
| 32/23 | Question of the Gilbert Islands (para. 4)  |
| 32/24 | Question of American Samoa (para. 10)  |
| 32/25 | Question of the Solomon Islands (para. 4)  |
| 32/26 | Question of the New Hebrides (para. 6)   |
| 32/28 | Question of Guam (para. 9)   |
| 32/29 | Question of Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Montserrat and Turks and Caicos Islands (para. 9)   |
| 32/30 | Question of the Cayman Islands (para. 7)   |
| 32/31 | Question of the United States Virgin Islands (para. 10)  |
| 32/35 | Activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Southern Rhodesia and Namibia and in all other Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, <u>apartheid</u> and racial discrimination in southern Africa (para. 16) |
| 32/36 | Implementation of the Declaration on Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (para. 15)   |
| 32/41 | International Conference in Support of the Peoples of Zimbabwe and Namibia (para. 2)   |
| 32/42 | Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (para. 7)  |

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- 32/43      Dissemination of information on decolonization (para. 5)
- 32/105     Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa (part B, paras. 3 and 4; part B, annex, paras. 4 and 15-21; part H, paras. 8 and 9; part I, paras. 6 and 9; part K, para. 6; part L, para. 1)
- 32/116     Question of Southern Rhodesia (part A, para. 13)

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