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TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND OF THE SPEEDY GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE
TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES FOR THE EFFECTIVE GUARANTEE
AND OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Kenya*: draft resolution

Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples
to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence
to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee
and observance of human rights

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its faith in the importance of the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples contained in resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Reaffirming also the importance of the universal realisation of the right of peoples to self-determination, national sovereignty and territorial integrity and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples as imperatives for the full enjoyment of all human rights,

Reaffirming further the obligation of all Member States to comply with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the resolutions of the United Nations regarding the exercise of the right to self-determination by peoples under colonial and foreign domination,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States.

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) and all relevant resolutions concerning the **implementation** of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Recalling also its resolutions on the questions of Namibia, in particular resolutions 2145 (XXI) of 27 October 1966 and **S-14/1** of 20 September 1986, as well as the relevant Security Council resolutions, in particular resolutions 385 (1976) of 30 January 1976, 435 (1978) of 29 September 1978, 629 (1989) of 16 January 1989, 632 (1989) of 16 February 1989 and 640 (1989) of 29 August 1989,

Taking note of the final communique adopted by the United Nations Council for Namibia at its ministerial meeting held at United Nations Headquarters on 2 October 1987, **1/**

Exoressina support for and solidarity with the people of Namibia in their demand for the **removal** of the racist South African military personnel from Namibia and the total removal of former Koevoet elements from the South West Africa Police,

Bearina in mind the Declaration adopted by the World Conference on Sanctions against Racist South Africa, **2/**

Welcoming the adoption on 21 August 1989 of the **Harare** Declaration of the Organisation of African Unity **Ad Hoc** Committee on Southern Africa on the Question of South Africa and its subsequent endorsement by the ninth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Belgrade from 4 to 7 September 1989, **3/**

Bearing in mind the **outcome** of the International Conference on the Alliance between South Africa and Israel, held at Vienna from 11 to 13 July 1983, **4/**

Takina note of resolutions **CM/Res.1206 (L)** on Namibia and **CM/Res.1207 (L)** on South Africa adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organisation of African Unity at its fiftieth ordinary session, held at **Addis** Ababa from 12 to 22 July 1989,

Reaffirming that the **system** of **apartheid** imposed on the South African people constitutes a violation of the fundamental rights of that people, a crime against humanity and a constant threat to international peace and security,

1/ A/43/24 (Part I), nara. 86. To be incorporated in Official Records of the General Assembly. Forty-third Session. Supplement No. 24 (A/43/24).

2/ Report of the World Conference on Sanctions against Racist South Africa, Paris, 16-20 June 1986 (United Nations publication, Sales No. **E.86.I.23**), **chap.IX.**

3/ A/44/551-S/20870, annex.

4/ See A/38/311-S/15883, annex.

Reaffirming also its resolution 39/2 of 28 September 1984, and recalling Security Council **resolution** 554 (1984) of 17 August 1984, in which the Council rejected the so-called "new constitution" as null and void, Council resolution 569 (1985) of 26 July 1985 and the **statement** made by the President of the Security Council on 13 June 1986 on the nation-wide state of emergency in South Africa, 5/

Alarmed by the increasing number of assassinations and abductions of members and leaders of the national liberation movements in Africa and elsewhere by hit squads deployed and paid by the racist regime,

Deeply concerned that the restrictions imposed by the Pretoria **régime** in 1988 on thirty-four democratic and non-violent organisations have not been lifted and that since the beginning of 1989 severe restrictions have been imposed on over six hundred political activists committed to peaceful means of struggle against apartheid,

Indignant over the **latest** ploy of the Pretoria **régime** aimed at legitimising its undemocratic structures, namely, the staging on 6 September 1989 of so-called "general elections" **for** its tri-cameral parliamentary **system**, which has been overwhelmingly rejected,

Outraged by the massacre of twenty-nine peaceful demonstrators by the racist police during a non-violent protest against the so-called "general elections",

Deeply Concerned about the racist regime's increased attacks on the religious community and its individual leaders, including the recent poisoning of the Secretary-General of the South African Council of Churches, as well as the spraying of poisonous substances in the church premises serving as the venue for a conference of religious **leaders**,

Gravely concerned about the apartheid **régime's** continued use of the death penalty against South African patriots with **contemptuous** disregard of appeals for clemency from the international community, including the General Assembly,

Considering the concerted campaign by the new apartheid President to project himself as a reformer in order to ward off the further imposition of sanctions by the international community,

Deeply concerned at the continued terrorist acts of aggression committed by the Pretoria regime against independent African States in the region, in particular the unprovoked attacks against Botswana, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe,

Deeply indignant at the persistent policy of hostility by the racist **régime** of South Africa against Angola, which constitutes an act of aggression against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of that country,

&affirming the national unity and territorial integrity of the Comoros,

5' See Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council, 1986, p. 17.

Recalling the Political Declaration adopted by the First Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Organisation of African Unity and the League of Arab States, held at Cairo from 7 to 9 March 1977, **6/**

Recalling also the Geneva Declaration on Palestine and the Programme of Action for the Achievement of Palestinian Rights, adopted by the International Conference on the Question of Palestine, **1/**

Considering that the denial of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination, sovereignty, independence and return to Palestine and the brutal suppression by the Israel forces of the heroic uprising, the intifadah, of the Palestinian population in the occupied territories, as well as the repeated Israeli aggression against the population of the region, constitute a serious threat to international peace and security,

Recalling Secretary-General resolutions 605 (1987) of 22 December 1987, 607 (1988) of 5 January 1988 and 608 (1988) of 14 January 1988 and General Assembly resolutions **43/21** of 3 November 1988, **43/177** of 15 December 1988 and **44/2** of 6 October 1989, on the deterioration of the situation of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories,

Deeply concerned and alarmed at the deplorable consequences of Israel's continuing acts of aggression against Lebanon, and recalling all the relevant resolutions of the Security Council, in particular resolutions 425 (1978) of 19 March 1978, 508 (1982) of 5 June 1982, 509 (1982) of 6 June 1982, 520 (1982) of 17 September 1982 and 521 (1982) of 19 September 1982,

1. Calls upon all States to implement fully and faithfully all the resolutions of the United Nations regarding the exercise of the right to self-determination and independence by peoples under colonial and foreign domination:

2. Reaffirms the legitimacy of the struggle of peoples for the independence, territorial integrity, national unity and liberation from colonial domination, apartheid and foreign occupation by all available means, including armed struggle:

3. Reaffirms also the inalienable right of the Namibian people, the Palestinian people and all peoples under foreign occupation and colonial domination to self-determination, national independence, territorial integrity, national unity and sovereignty without foreign interference:

6/ A/32/61, annex I.

1/ Report of the International Conference on the Question of Palestine, Geneva, 29 August-7 September 1983 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.I.21), chap. I.

4. Strongly condemns those Governments that do not **recognize** the right to self-determination and independence of all peoples still under colonial domination, alien subjugation and foreign occupation, notably the peoples of Africa and the Palestinian people;

5. Calls upon Israel to refrain from deporting any Palestinian civilians from the occupied Palestinian territories and to release immediately all Palestinian detainees;

6. Strongly condemns the constant and deliberate violations of the fundamental rights of the Palestinian people, as well as the **expansionist** activities of Israel in the Middle East, which constitute an obstacle **to** the achievement of self-determination and independence by the Palestinian people and a threat to peace and stability in the region;

7. Urges all States, the specialised agencies, the organizations of the United Nations system and other international organizations to extend their support to the Palestinian people through its sole and legitimate representative, the Palestine Liberation Organization, in its struggle to regain its right to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations;

8. Welcomes the adoption by the Security Council of resolutions 629 (1989) and 632 (1989), by which the Council commenced the process of implementing the United Nations plan for the independence of Namibia, contained in its resolutions 385 (1976) and 435 (1978);

9. Reaffirms that Namibia remains under the direct and legal responsibility of the United Nations until independence, and expresses full support for the inalienable rights of the Namibia people to self-determination and genuine national independence, in a united Namibia, with its territorial integrity untruncated;

10. Expresses concern that South Africa has persistently violated the letter and spirit of Security Council resolution 435 (1978), which remains the only internationally acceptable basis for the peaceful settlement of the Namibia conflict and must be implemented in its original and definitive form;

11. Demands the immediate and unconditional release of all Namibians still imprisoned and detained by the Pretoria **régime**;

12. Demands also that the racist regime of Pretoria put **an** immediate end to the persistent denial of equal access to the State-controlled media in Namibia by all political organizations participating in the electoral process in accordance with Security Council resolution 435 (1978);

13. Urges all States, the **specialized** agencies, organizations of the United Nations system and other international **organizations** to extend their support to the Namibian people in their struggle for self-determination and national independence in accordance with the Charter:

14. **Condemns** the policy of "bantustanization", and **reiterates** its support for the oppressed people of South Africa in its just and legitimate struggle against the racist minority régime of Pretoria)

15. **Reaffirms** its rejection of the so-called "new constitution" and the so-called "general elections" based on the same constitution as null and void, and reiterates that peace in South Africa can be guaranteed only by the establishment of majority rule through the full and free exercise of adult suffrage by all the people in a united and undivided South Africa;

16. **Commends** the efforts of the democratic forces within the various sections of South African society that are striving towards the abolition of apartheid and the creation of a united democratic society, in particular, the tremendous advances scored during the recent campaign of defiance of unjust apartheid laws in the ongoing struggle against apartheid;

17. **Strongly condemns** the holding of so-called "general elections" on 6 September 1989, which will further entrench white supremacy, and demands the calling of free and fair elections based on universal adult suffrage in a united and democratic South Africa;

18. **Strongly condemns** also the wanton killing of peaceful and defenceless demonstrators and workers on strike, as well as the arbitrary arrests of leaders and activists of the mass democratic movement, including women and young children, and **demands** their immediate and unconditional release, in particular that of Nelson Mandela;

19. **Strongly condemns** further South Africa for the imposition, renewal and extension of the state of emergency under its repugnant internal security act, and calls for the immediate lifting of the state of emergency, as well as the repeal of the internal security act and all other legislation designed to circumscribe political activity;

20. **Welcomes** the unconditional release of Walter Sisulu and six other political prisoners, and demands that the apartheid régime lift the restrictions imposed on all of the released political prisoners;

21. **Strongly urges** the apartheid régime to respond positively to the provisions of the Harare Declaration of the Organisation of African Unity Ad Hoc Committee on Southern Africa on the Question of South Africa by releasing unconditionally all political prisoners and detainees, including Nelson Mandela, lifting all bans and restrictions on all proscribed and restricted organizations and persons by halting all political trials and political executions as a means of creating an environment conducive to the peaceful resolution of the South African situation;

22. **Strongly condemns** the increased attacks on the religious community and its leaders, and demands that the racist Pretoria régime bring to justice those responsible for the bombing of the offices of religious bodies and for the poisoning of the Secretary General of the South African Council of Churches and attempts to poison other religious leaders;

23. Strongly ~~condemns also~~ the establishment and use of armed terrorist groups by South Africa with a view to pitting them against the national liberation movements and ~~destabilizing~~ the legitimate Governments of southern Africa;

24. ~~Calls once again~~ for the full implementation of the provisions of the Declaration adopted by the World Conference on Sanctions against Racist South Africa;

25. ~~Again demands~~ the immediate application of the mandatory arms embargo against South Africa, imposed under Security Council resolution 418 (1977) of 4 November 1977, by all countries and more particularly by those countries that maintain military and nuclear co-operation with the racist Pretoria régime and continue to supply it with ~~related~~ material;

26. Strongly ~~condemns~~ the policy of those Western States, Israel and other States whose political, economic, military, nuclear strategic, cultural and sports relations with the racist minority régime of South Africa encourage that régime to persist in its suppression of the aspirations of the people to self-determination and independence ;

27. ~~Denounces~~ the collusion between Israel and South Africa, and expresses support for the Declaration of the International Conference on the Alliance between South Africa and Israel; 4/

28. Strongly ~~condemns~~ the persistent policy of hostility and aggression pursued by racist South Africa against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Angola which constitutes a violation of the New York accord of 22 December 1988; 8/

29. Demands that the Pretoria régime respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Angola and the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of that State, and demands the immediate payment of compensation to Angola for damages caused, in accordance with the relevant decisions and resolutions of the Security Council;

30. Commends the Government of Angola for its political will, diplomatic flexibility and constructive spirit, in the search for a negotiated solution to the problems of southern Africa;

31. Strongly reaffirms its solidarity with the independent African countries and national liberation movements that are victims of murderous acts of aggression and destabilization by the racist régime of Pretoria, and calls upon the international community to render increased assistance and support- to these countries in order to enable them to strengthen their defence capacity, defend their sovereignty and territorial integrity and peacefully rebuild and develop:

32. **Strongly condemns** the racist **régime** of Pretoria for its acts of **destabilization against** Lesotho, **and** strongly urges the international community to continue to extend **maximum** assistance to Lesotho to enable it to **fulfil** its international humanitarian obligations towards refugees and to use its influence on the racist **régime** so that it desists from such acts against Lesotho;

33. **Strongly condemns also** the unprovoked and unwarranted military attacks of 14 June 1985, 19 May 1986 and 20 June 1988 on the capital of Botswana and demands that the racist **régime** pay full and adequate **compensation** to Botswana for the loss of life and damage to property;

34. **Strongly condemns further the escalation** of **massacres** of defenceless people and the continuing destruction of economic and social **infrastructures** **perpetrated** against Mozambique by armed terrorists, **who** are **an** extension of the South **African** army of aggression;

35. **Reaffirms** all relevant resolutions adopted by the Organization of **African** Unity and the United Nations on the question of **Western** Sahara, including General Assembly resolution 43/33 of 22 November 1988 and **calls upon** the current Chairman of the Assembly of Heads of States and Government of the Organization of African Unity and **the** Secretary-General of the United Nations to continue their efforts to find a just and lasting solution to this question;

36. **Notes** the contracts between the Government of the Comoros and the Government of **France** in the search for a just solution to the problem of the integration of the Comorian Island of Mayotte **into** the Comoros, in accordance with the resolutions of the Organization of **African** Unity and the **United** Nations on this question;

37. **Strongly condemns** the continued violation **of** the human rights **of** the peoples still under colonial domination and alien **subjugation**;

38. **Calls** for a substantial increase in all formn of assistance given by all States, United Nations organs, the **specialized** agencies and non-governmental **organizations** to the victims of racism, racial discrimination and **apartheid** through national liberation movements **recognized** by the Organization of **African** Unity;

39. **Reaffirms** that the practice of using mercenaries against sovereign States and national liberation movements constitutes a criminal act, and calls upon the Governments of all countries to enact legislation declaring the recruitment, financing and training of mercenaries in **their territories** and the **transit** of mercenaries through their territories to be punishable offences, and prohibiting their nationals from serving **as** mercenaries, and to report on such legislation to the Secretary-General;

40. **Demands** the immediate **and** unconditional release of all persons detained or imprisoned **as** a result **of** their struggle **for** self-determination and independence, full respect for thier **fundamental individual** rights and compliance

with article 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 9/ under which no one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment:

41. **Expresses its appreciation** for the material and other forms of assistance that peoples under colonial rule continue to receive from Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations, and calls for a substantial increase in that assistance;

42. **Urges** all States, the specialized agencies and other competent organizations of the United Nations system to do their utmost to ensure the full implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and to intensify their efforts to support peoples under colonial, foreign and racist domination in their just struggle for self-determination and independence;

43. **Requests** the Secretary-General to give maximum publicity to the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and to give the widest possible publicity to the struggle of oppressed peoples for the achievement of their self-determination and national independence and to report periodically to the General Assembly his activities in this regard;

44. **Decides** to consider this item at its forty-fifth session on the basis of the reports on the strengthening of assistance to colonial Territories and peoples that Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations have been requested to submit.
