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QUESTION OF TERRITORIES UNDER PORTUGUESE ADMINISTRATION

Report of the Fourth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Mohammad Ali ABDULLA (Southern Yemen)

1. At its 1758th plenary meeting, on 20 September 1969, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee (A/7700), decided to include in the agenda of its twenty-fourth session an item entitled "Question of Territories under Portuguese administration: (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", and to allocate the item to the Fourth Committee for consideration and report.
2. At its 1817th meeting, on 30 September, the Fourth Committee decided to give priority to the present item (item 65), together with two other items on its agenda, namely, the question of Namibia (item 64) and the question of Southern Rhodesia (item 102). At the same meeting, it decided further that a general debate should be held covering these three items, it being understood that individual draft resolutions on matters covered by the items would be considered separately after the conclusion of the general debate and following the hearing of petitioners who might appear before the Committee concerning those items.
3. The Fourth Committee considered this item at its 1821st to 1837th and 1845th to 1848th meetings, between 8 October and 14 November.

4. At the 1818th meeting, on 3 October, 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 Territories under Portuguese administration (A/7623/Add.3 and Corr.1).

5. The Fourth Committee also had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/7694) covering this item.

6. The Fourth Committee decided to grant the following requests for hearing on this question:

<u>Petitioner</u>	<u>Meeting at which the request for hearing was granted</u>
Mr. Albert Bonaparte Nank (A/C.4/720) . . . . .	1818th
Mr. Sharfudine Mohamed Khan, representative, <u>Frente de Libertação de Moçambique</u> (FRELIMO) A/C.4/720/Add.1.	1822nd

7. At its 1827th meeting, on 14 October, the Fourth Committee heard a statement by Mr. Albert Bonaparte Nank. At the 1828th meeting, on the same date, Mr. Sharfudine Mohamed Khan, representative, Frente de Libertação de Moçambique (FRELIMO), made a statement and replied to questions put to him by members of the Committee.

8. The general debate covering the present item, together with the two other items referred to in paragraph 2 above, took place at the 1821st to 1836th meetings, between 8 and 21 October.

9. At the 1837th meeting, on 27 October, Mr. H.M. Sahnoun, Deputy Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), made a statement concerning the three items referred to in paragraph 2 above. At the same meeting, the representative of the World Health Organization (WHO) also made a statement.

10. At the 1845th meeting, on 12 November, the representatives of Ghana, Ceylon, India and Dahomey introduced a draft resolution on the item (A/C.4/L.938), which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Afghanistan, Algeria, Burma, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Ceylon, Chad, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Democratic Republic of), Cyprus, Dahomey, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Libya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia,

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Southern Yemen, Sudan, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Yemen, Yugoslavia and Zambia (A/C.4/L.938 and Add.1 and 2).

11. The Fourth Committee considered the draft resolution at its 1845th to 1848th meetings, from 12 to 14 November.

12. At its 1847th meeting, on 14 November, the Chairman drew attention to a statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.4/L.939) concerning the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution, submitted in accordance with rule 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

13. At the same meeting, the Fourth Committee adopted the draft resolution (A/C.4/L.938 and Add.1 and 2) by a roll-call vote of 88 to 3, with 16 abstentions (see paragraph 14 below). The result of the voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Austria, Barbados, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Ceylon, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Democratic Republic of), Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Denmark, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Finland, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Laos, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Southern Yemen, Sudan, Sweden, Syria, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Against: Portugal, South Africa, Spain.

Abstaining: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Cuba, France, Greece, Italy, Ivory Coast, Malawi, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

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

Question of Territories under Portuguese administration

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Territories under Portuguese domination,

Having heard the statements of the petitioners,

Recalling resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Recalling also all the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly as well as those adopted by the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Security Council on the question,

Expressing its deep concern over the persistent refusal of the Government of Portugal to recognize the inalienable right of the African peoples under its domination to self-determination and independence and to co-operate with the United Nations in seeking solutions for bringing colonialism rapidly to an end,

Deeply disturbed by the continued and intensified activities of economic, financial and other interests which impede the realization by the African peoples of those Territories of their legitimate aspirations for self-determination and independence,

Deploring the aid which the Government of Portugal continues to receive from its allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and from other countries and which enables it to pursue its military operations against the African population of those Territories,

Recalling the Manifesto of the Organization of African Unity on southern Africa;<sup>1/</sup>

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the peoples of Angola, Mozambique and Guinea (Bissau) and of other Territories under Portuguese domination to self-determination and independence in accordance with resolution 1514 (XV);

2. Reaffirms the legitimacy of the struggle by the peoples of those Territories for their independence and freedom;

<sup>1/</sup> A/7754.

3. Condemns the persistent refusal of the Government of Portugal to implement resolution 1514 (XV) and all other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Security Council;

4. Condemns Portugal's policy of using the Territories under its domination for violations of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of independent African States, as in the recent case of the Republic of Guinea;

5. Condemns the colonial war which is being waged by that Government against the peoples of the Territories under its domination;

6. Condemns the collaboration between Portugal, South Africa and the illegal racist minority régime in Southern Rhodesia, which is designed to perpetuate colonialism and oppression in southern Africa;

7. Condemns the intervention of South African forces against the people of the Territories under Portuguese domination;

8. Deplores the policy of the Government of Portugal, which violates the economic and political rights of the indigenous population by the arbitrary eviction of the African population and the settlement of immigrants in the Territories, and calls upon Portugal to cease those practices immediately;

9. Deplores the activities of the financial interests which obstruct the struggle of the peoples under Portuguese domination for self-determination, freedom and independence and which strengthen the military efforts of Portugal;

10. Calls upon the Portuguese Government to adopt immediate measures for the implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) in the Territories under its domination;

11. Calls upon all States, the specialized agencies and other international organizations concerned to increase, in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity, their moral and material assistance to the peoples of the Territories under Portuguese domination who are struggling for their freedom and independence;

12. Recommends that the Security Council, with a view to the immediate implementation of resolution 1514 (XV) in the Territories under Portuguese domination, should take effective steps in conformity with the relevant provisions of the Charter and in view of the determination of the international community to put an end to colonialism and racial discrimination in Africa;

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13. Urges all States, and particularly the States members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, to withhold or desist from further military and other assistance to Portugal which enables it to pursue the colonial war in the Territories under its domination;

14. Invites the Secretary-General, in the light of General Assembly resolution 2431 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968 and in consultation with the specialized agencies and the host Governments, to develop and expand training programmes for the indigenous inhabitants of the Territories under Portuguese domination, taking into account their needs for qualified administrative, technical and professional personnel to assume responsibility for the public administration and the economic and social development of their own countries;

15. Requests the Secretary-General to assist in the implementation of this resolution and to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session;

16. Requests the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to keep the situation in the Territories under review.

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