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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE
TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

Letter dated 14 December 1965 from the Permanent Representative
of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

In reply to your circular letter of 18 November 1965 concerning resolution 2023 (XX) on the question of Aden, adopted by the General Assembly at its 1368th meeting, on 5 November 1965, the Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations has the honour to state the following.

Faithful to its position of principle, directed towards the earliest liquidation of the shameful colonial system wherever it exists, the Soviet Union has supported and continues to support the just demands of the people of Aden and of the entire southern part of the Arabian Peninsula in their desire to become masters of their own land and to decide for themselves the question of the future structure of their State on the basis of the right to self-determination and independence laid down in the United Nations Charter and in the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

In the course of the discussion on the question of Aden at the twentieth session of the General Assembly, the USSR delegation has already stated that the Soviet Union will support any steps taken by the United Nations towards the immediate and unconditional implementation of the provisions of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in the case of this colonial territory.

In line with this position, the Soviet Union firmly supports all the provisions of the above-mentioned resolution including paragraphs 4 and 10 which you mention in your letter.

I would ask you to be good enough to have this letter published as an official document of the General Assembly.

(Signed) N. FEDORENKO
