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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM IN
THE AGENDA OF THE TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

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

Letter dated 28 September 1967 from the Deputy Minister
for Foreign Affairs and Permanent Representative of
Bulgaria to the United Nations to the President of the
General Assembly

On instructions from the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, I have the honour to request the inclusion in the agenda of the twenty-second session of the United Nations General Assembly, as an important and urgent matter, of an 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".

An explanatory memorandum is attached in accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure.

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Permanent Representative
to the United Nations

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. The Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, adopted as part of resolution 1514 (XV) of the General Assembly, underlines "the important role of the United Nations in assisting the movement for independence in Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories".
2. Since 1960, the General Assembly has adopted, in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and particularly with its Articles 57 and 63, a number of resolutions concerning the implementation of the Declaration with regard to some colonial territories. These resolutions called upon the Member States, the organs of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations to take various measures in assisting the process of decolonization.
3. Moreover, General Assembly resolutions 2105 (XX), 2107 (XX), 2151 (XXI), 2184 (XXI) and 2189 (XXI), as well as a number of resolutions 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, contain recommendations addressed to the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations to contribute to the liberation of the peoples in the Portuguese colonies, Southern Rhodesia and South West Africa by means of rendering assistance to the refugees and to the population of these territories suffering from the oppression and the military operations of the colonial States. On the other hand, the above-mentioned agencies and institutions are called upon to give no assistance to colonial and racist régimes in Africa unless the latter discontinue their policy of racial discrimination and colonial oppression.
4. Yet, in spite of these appeals and recommendations, only few of the specialized agencies and the international institutions have actively participated in assisting the process of decolonization. Some guidelines are undoubtedly needed in order to enable them to play full part in implementing the respective resolutions of the General Assembly.
5. Particular attention has to be drawn to the fact that national liberation movements in some colonial territories of Africa have submitted to the specialized

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agencies concrete demands for assistance in the field of humanitarian activities, but so far these demands have failed to produce satisfactory results.

6. The above circumstances prove expedient the thorough consideration by the General Assembly of the role of the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations with regard to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

7. Such a discussion will enable the General Assembly to examine the past activities of the said agencies and institutions in this particular field and to make recommendations accordingly.

8. The implementation of these recommendations by the specialized agencies and the international institutions will allow them to assist actively the national liberation movements and the whole process of decolonization.

9. Thus, a full harmony and unity of action will be established between the United Nations and all the agencies and institutions associated with the United Nations in the implementation of measures aiming at the complete elimination of colonialism and its consequences.
