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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, NAMIBIA AND TERRITORIES UNDER PORTUGUESE DOMINATION
AND IN ALL OTHER TERRITORIES UNDER COLONIAL DOMINATION AND
EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE COLONIALISM, APARTHEID AND RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

Report of the Fourth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Ivan G. GARVALOV (Bulgaria)

1. At its 2123rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 1973, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee (A/9200), decided to include in the agenda of its twenty-eighth session and to allocate to the Fourth Committee for consideration and report an item entitled:

"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, Namibia and Territories under Portuguese domination and in all other Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa: 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".

2. At its 2037th meeting, on 12 October, the Fourth Committee, on the basis of the recommendation 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 (A/9023 (part III), chap. IV, para. 7 (13)), decided to hold a separate debate on the item.

3. The Fourth Committee considered the item at its 2056th, 2058th to 2062nd, 2069th and 2073rd meetings, between 7 November and 3 December.

4. At the 2056th meeting, on 7 November, the Rapporteur of the Special Committee

introduced chapter IV of the report of that Committee (A/9023 (part III)), relating to the item.

5. The general debate on the item took place at the 2058th to 2062nd meetings, between 13 and 16 November.

6. At the 2069th meeting, on 28 November, the representatives of the Sudan and Sierra Leone introduced a draft resolution (A/C.4/L.1043) which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Bulgaria, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Guinea, Hungary, Iraq, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Romania, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Yugoslavia and Zambia.

7. At the 2073rd meeting, on 3 December, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/L.1043 by a recorded vote of 99 to 3, with 21 abstentions (see paragraph 8 below). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Bhutan, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Democratic Yemen, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Khmer Republic, Kuwait, Laos, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Republic, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Sudan, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Portugal, South Africa, United States of America.

Abstaining: Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany (Federal Republic of), Honduras, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Malawi, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

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

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, Namibia and Territories under Portuguese domination and in all other Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "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, Namibia and Territories under Portuguese domination and in all other Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa",

Having examined the chapter of the 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 relating to this question, 1/

Taking into consideration the report of the United Nations Council for Namibia as it relates to this question, 2/

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and its resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, containing the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration, as well as all other resolutions of the United Nations relating to the item,

Taking into consideration the programme of action adopted by the International Conference of Experts for the Support of Victims of Colonialism and Apartheid in Southern Africa, held at Oslo in April 1973, 3/

Reaffirming the solemn obligation of the administering Powers under the Charter of the United Nations to promote the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the inhabitants of the Territories under their

1/ A/9023 (part III), chap. IV.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 24 (A/9024).

3/ A/9061, annex, sect. IV.

administration and to protect the human and natural resources of those Territories against abuses,

Affirming that any economic or other activity which impedes the implementation of the Declaration and obstructs efforts aimed at the elimination of colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa and other colonial Territories violates the political, economic and social rights and interests of the peoples of the Territories and is therefore incompatible with the purposes and principles of the Charter,

Deeply disturbed by the increasingly intensified activities of those foreign economic, financial and other interests in the Territories which, contrary to the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, assist the Governments of Portugal and South Africa, as well as the illegal racist minority régime in Southern Rhodesia, and impede the realization by the peoples of the Territories of their legitimate aspirations for self-determination and independence,

Strongly condemning the continuation of the construction of the Cabora Bassa project in Mozambique and the Cunene River Basin project in Angola, which are designed further to entrench colonialist and racialist domination over the Territories in Africa and are a source of international tension,

Strongly condemning also the support which South Africa continues to receive for its illegal occupation of Namibia from those foreign economic, financial and other interests which are collaborating with it in the exploitation of the Territory's resources to the detriment of the Namibian people,

Noting with satisfaction the increasingly widespread public opinion against the involvement of foreign economic, financial and other interests in the exploitation of natural and human resources in colonial Territories, particularly in Africa,

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the peoples of dependent Territories to self-determination and independence and to the enjoyment of the natural resources of their Territories, as well as their right to dispose of those resources in their best interests;

2. Reaffirms that the activities of foreign economic, financial and other interests operating at present in the colonial Territories of Southern Rhodesia and Namibia, as well as in those under Portuguese domination, constitute a major obstacle to political independence and to the enjoyment of the natural resources of those Territories by the indigenous inhabitants;

3. Approves the chapter of the 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 relating to this question; 4/

4/ A/9023 (part III), chap. IV.

4. Declares that any administering Power, by depriving the colonial peoples of the exercise of their rights or by subordinating them to foreign economic and financial interests, violates the obligations it has assumed under the Charter of the United Nations;

5. Condemns the policies of the colonial Powers and other States which continue to support those foreign economic and other interests engaged in exploiting the natural and human resources of the Territories, thus violating the political, economic and social rights and interests of the indigenous peoples and obstructing the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration in respect of those Territories;

6. Calls upon those Governments which have not yet prevented their nationals and bodies corporate under their jurisdiction from participating in the Cabora Bassa and the Cunene River Basin projects to take all the necessary measures to terminate this participation and to have them withdraw immediately from all activities related to the projects;

7. Calls upon the colonial Powers and States concerned to take legislative, administrative and other measures in respect of their nationals who own and operate enterprises in colonial Territories, particularly in Africa, which are detrimental to the interests of the inhabitants of those Territories, in order to put an end to such enterprises and to prevent new investments that run counter to the interests of the inhabitants;

8. Requests all States to take effective measures to end the supply of funds and other forms of assistance, including military supplies and equipment, to those régimes which use such assistance to repress the peoples of the colonial Territories and their national liberation movements;

9. Calls upon all States to discontinue all economic, financial or trade relations with South Africa concerning Namibia and to refrain from entering into economic, financial or other relations with South Africa on behalf of or concerning Namibia which may lend support to its continued occupation of the Territory;

10. Calls upon the administering Powers to abolish every discriminatory and unjust wage system which prevails in the Territories under their administration and to apply in each Territory a uniform system of wages to all the inhabitants without any discrimination;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to give the widest possible publicity to the adverse effects of the activities of foreign economic and other interests in Southern Rhodesia, Namibia, the Territories under Portuguese domination and all other colonial Territories, as well as to decisions of the Special Committee and the General Assembly on this question;

12. Requests all Governments to assist the Secretary-General in the discharge of the tasks entrusted to him in the above paragraph and, in particular,

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to transmit to the Secretary-General for the purpose of redissemination all pertinent information concerning the measures taken or envisaged by them in the implementation of the present resolution;

13. Requests the Special Committee to continue to study this question and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session.
