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

Note by the Secretary-General

The following action has been taken by the Office of Public Information (OPI) in implementation of paragraph 14 of General Assembly resolution 2105 (XX) of 20 December 1965:

1. The Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples has been printed and disseminated in the following thirty-three languages:

Arabic	Kimbundu	Panopean
Bemba	Kinyarwanda	Portuguese
Chamorro	Kirundi	Silozi
Chinese	Luganda	Spanish
Creole	Malay	Swahili
Dutch	Maori	Thonga
English	Marshallese	Tokelauan
Fijian	Mbundu	Gonga
French	Niuean	Trukese
Hindi	Nyanja	Yapase
Kikongo	Palauan	Zulu

The Declaration has been distributed in the above languages, from Headquarters and through United Nations Information Centres, to all parts of the world, including Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories.

2. The United Nations efforts to end colonialism have been given full coverage in the two major reference works issued by the Office of Public Information, the United Nations Yearbook and Everyman's United Nations.

3. In addition, coverage of these efforts has been included in two general pamphlets issued by the Office of Public Information for free distribution - UN What It Is and Basic Facts - in the following languages:

UN What It Is

Albanian	Hebrew	Pushtu
Amharic	Hindi	Russian
Arabic	Italian	Serbo-Croat
Bengali	Japanese	Slovene
Danish	Kannada	Spanish
Durri	Konkani	Swahili
Dutch	Malay	Swedish
English	Malayalam	Tagalog
Finnish	Marathi	Tamil
French	Nepalese	Telegu
Greek	Norwegian	Thai
Gujarati	Persian	Turkish
Gurumukhi	Portuguese	Urdu

Basic Facts

Amharic	Gurumukhi	Portuguese
Arabic	Hebrew	Russian
Bengali	Hindi	Serbo-Croat
Burmese	Indonesian	Spanish
Danish	Italian	Swahili
Durri	Japanese	Swedish
Dutch	Malay	Tamil
English	Malayalam	Telegu
Finnish	Marathi	Thai
French	Nepalese	Turkish
German	Norwegian	Urdu
Gujarati	Persian	

4. A special pamphlet entitled The United Nations and Decolonization summarizing the work 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 (Committee of Twenty-Four) was published in English in 1965 and was followed by translations in Swahili, Spanish, Serbo-Croat, Arabic, French and Russian.

5. In 1966 another pamphlet on the United Nations and decolonization was issued, bringing the work of the Committee up to date. Also issued in this series was a pamphlet entitled Southern Rhodesia.

6. The following five booklets and leaflets have been issued on the subject of apartheid:

Apartheid in South Africa
A new Course in South Africa
Apartheid in South Africa II
Apartheid in South Africa III
United Nations and Apartheid

7. The meetings of the Committee of Twenty-Four and the Special Committee on the Policies of Apartheid of the Government of the Republic of South Africa (Special Committee on Apartheid) have been covered on a day-to-day basis through press releases. A total of 497 press releases have so far been issued on the work and deliberations of the Committee of Twenty-Four and a total of eighty-three press releases on the work and discussions of the Special Committee on Apartheid.

8. Press officers were detailed to work with the Committee of Twenty-Four during its meetings in Africa in 1965 and 1966. Besides covering the Committee's meetings, issuing press releases locally and cabling summaries of the work to Headquarters, the press officers undertook liaison activities for the Committee with information media representatives in all the African countries that were visited. They also organized press conferences for the Chairman of the Committee at all the capitals visited.

9. A press officer was assigned to cover the seminar on apartheid held in Rio de Janeiro in 1966, to help representatives of the local information media to cover the story and to file messages back for dissemination from Headquarters.

10. A total of 1,666 pages have been devoted in the U.N. Monthly Chronicle and its predecessor, the United Nations Review, to the coverage of questions relating to decolonization and apartheid.

11. Future plans include continued coverage of the work and deliberations of the two Committees and the issuing of special pamphlets and booklets on the subjects of decolonization and apartheid.

12. Discussions in the General Assembly and its committees and related events were reflected on a continuing basis in the news reports and thus included in news summaries broadcast by the United Nations Radio. Meetings and events were also covered by photography and copies of photographs were distributed through United Nations Information Centres.

13. All the discussions in the General Assembly and Security Council bearing on this subject were given the normal news coverage in 35mm film and television kinescopes. This material was distributed immediately to newsreel organizations servicing over 100 countries and territories. Following the newsreel distribution, the material is incorporated in the Film Footage Library and made available to all national film and television producers for their own programmes. United Nations Television produces weekly programmes during the General Assembly in Spanish and Arabic. In the Arabic Television Review, seven programmes dealt in whole or in part with various aspects of decolonization. The Spanish Television Dispatch - a weekly television service during the General Assembly distributed to nineteen countries in Latin America - contained four featurettes on this subject.

14. As reported in the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its eighteenth session on the dissemination of information on the Declaration in the Non-Self-Governing Territories (A/5523), a special radio talk on the Declaration was prepared in the following eighteen languages and distributed to Non-Self-Governing Territories:

Arabic	Kimbundu	Portuguese
Bemba	Maori	Spanish
Chinese	Malay	Swahili
English	Mbundu	Thonga
French	Niuean	Tokelauan
Hindi	Nyanja	Zulu

Also, wallsheets of the Declaration were prepared in the following twenty-six languages for distribution in these Territories:

Arabic	Hindi	Samoan
Bemba	Kikongo	Silozi
Chamorro	Kimbundu	Spanish
Chinese	Malay	Swahili
Chokwe	Maori	Thonga
Creole	Mbundu	Tokelauan
English	Niuean	Tonga
Fijian	Nyanja	Zulu
French	Portuguese	

15. Eleven radio programmes in the "Perspective" series during 1966 were devoted to this subject and a twelfth is currently in production.

16. A film-radio-photo team was despatched to cover the meetings of the Committee of Twenty-Four in Africa. The resulting radio dispatches and photographs were utilized on a news basis. Full recordings of the meetings provided material for the "Perspective" programmes mentioned above. The film coverage was edited into a short film of which forty prints were distributed with supporting documentation to enable film and television organizations to produce their own language versions.
17. It may be noted that United Nations Radio programmes are broadcast by radio stations in over 100 countries and Non-Self-Government Territories.
18. In 1967, in addition to regular coverage in all media of meetings at Headquarters, arrangements will be made to obtain appropriate coverage of any United Nations missions to Aden, of any meetings of the Committee of Twenty-Four in Africa or elsewhere, as well as the work of the ad hoc committee for South West Africa. Radio programmes and short films will be produced and all appropriate services made available to television and film organizations for the production of programmes.
19. Radio and photo coverage of meetings and of the human rights seminar held in Brasilia was used currently as news material. Recordings also became the basis for three feature programmes in the "Perspective" radio series in 1966. The film coverage of the Brasilia Seminar was edited into a short film which was distributed to eighty-four television organizations and United Nations Information Centres with explanatory documentation to enable national television and film organizations to utilize the material in their own languages. A UN-TV featurette in Spanish dealing with the Brasilia Seminar was distributed to nineteen television stations in Latin America.
20. In 1967, in addition to continuing coverage of meetings at Headquarters, arrangements will be made - with a view both to current news usage and to eventual feature programme production - to obtain coverage where possible, of national observances of International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (March 21) and of any international conference or seminar on the problem of apartheid which may be convened. The material obtained in all media will continue to be made available to national producing organizations. Within the limits of its resources, the Radio and Visual Services will also provide special coverage at the request of national producers.
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21. Information material relating to this subject, as produced by the various services of OPI in all media, was disseminated to appropriate recipients by United Nations Information Centres serving 102 Member States and some Non-Self-Governing Territories. The recipients and redisseminators included the local information media of Press, radio and television broadcasting organizations, etc., governmental agencies, educational institutions and non-governmental organizations.
22. As in the previous year, the series of meetings held by the Committee of Twenty-Four in Africa entailed careful planning and advance arrangements by OPI carried out in co-operation with the Committee secretariat. This included providing United Nations Information Centres in areas directly concerned with advance information as to the Committee's schedule and its willingness to hear local representatives, the planning of telecommunications arrangements to ensure the most rapid and complete coverage of the Committee's meetings away from Headquarters, and follow-up action, such as providing the Committee secretariat with samples of local press coverage in the form of clippings sent in by United Nations Information Centres.
23. Besides assisting the Committee's work by local publicity on its activities and providing background material to information media, the Centres were instructed to introduce the subjects of apartheid and colonialism into seminars, group discussions, lectures, etc., as a matter of immediate interest and importance. As instructed, the Centres arranged, with the co-operation of local governmental and non-governmental agencies, for the wide dissemination in their respective areas of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, the International Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the booklet on apartheid published by the International Labour Organisation and information material on the work of the Committee of Twenty-Four. They also answered all queries from the general public as well as representatives of educational and other organizations and of the information media.
24. Three sessions of the 1966 Student Interne Programme at Headquarters were devoted to a discussion of the principles of equality and self-determination of peoples, the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization, and racial discrimination and apartheid. Material related to the United Nations work for

ending colonialism and apartheid was distributed to the participants in the 1966 Triangular Fellowship Programme for text-book writers.

25. In the weekly briefings arranged by OPI for the non-governmental organizations represented at Headquarters, the subject of apartheid was discussed as a part of the human rights issues and at the Annual Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations the discussion of human rights and of the changing role of the United Nations centred on the United Nations efforts to help the colonial countries and peoples attain self-determination and independence.

26. Similarly, OPI's Visitors' Service included information on decolonization and apartheid in all its services for the public. The United Nations Guides included these subjects in the lectures they gave to visitors taking the Headquarters tour, totalling over one million persons during the year. Briefings were also arranged for visiting groups and audiences away from Headquarters numbering about 40,000 persons. Many of the United Nations speakers addressing these groups included these two subjects in their briefings. In addition the public inquiries unit responded to requests for information on these subjects from the public by letter, telephone or personal visits. The unit provided kits containing information on these subjects for students participating in model sessions during 1966.
