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Agenda items 66 and 68

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING PROGRAMMES
FOR SOUTH WEST AFRICA

SPECIAL TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR TERRITORIES UNDER
PORTUGUESE ADMINISTRATION

Report of the Fourth Committee

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1. At its 1415th plenary meeting, on 24 September 1966, the General Assembly, by adopting the recommendations of the General Committee, included in its agenda and allocated to the Fourth Committee for consideration and report the following items:

"66. Special education and training programmes for South West Africa: report of the Secretary-General. 1/

"68. Special training programme for Territories under Portuguese administration: report of the Secretary-General." 2/

2. At its 1630th meeting, on 9 November, the Fourth Committee decided to consider these two items together. The Committee considered the items at the 1669th, 1673rd and 1677th meetings between 13 and 16 December.

3. During its consideration of the items, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the special educational and training programmes for South West Africa (A/6463), submitted to the Assembly in accordance with the request contained in paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 2076 (XX) of

1/ A/6463.

2/ A/6464.

17 December 1966. The Committee also had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the special training programme for Territories under Portuguese administration (A/6464) submitted to the Assembly in accordance with the request contained in paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 2108 (XX) of 21 December 1966.

4. The Committee considered three draft resolutions relating to these items, one concerning special educational and training programmes for South West Africa (A/C.4/L.853 and Add.1); the second concerning the special training programme for Territories under Portuguese administration (A/C.4/L.854 and Add.1); and the third concerning both programmes (A/C.4/L.850 and Add.1 and 2, A/C.4/L.861, and A/C.4/L.850/Rev.1). The Committee's consideration of these draft resolutions is set out in sections I to III below.

I

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5. At the 1669th meeting, on 13 December, the representative of Sweden on behalf of Algeria, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, India, Iran, Iraq, Kenya, Norway, Senegal, Sudan, Sweden, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.4/L.850).

6. At the 1673rd meeting, on 15 December, the representative of Guinea introduced an amendment (A/C.4/L.861) to the draft resolution, by which the following paragraph would be inserted as operative paragraph 1:

"1. Authorizes the Secretary-General to establish, if he deems it desirable, a committee composed of host countries of refugees and States which have made contributions to the United Nations Educational and Training Programmes, to advise him on means to develop and expand these programmes;"

7. At the 1677th meeting, on 16 December, the representative of Sweden introduced a revised text of the draft resolution (A/C.4/L.850/Rev.1), which in large part incorporated, in operative paragraph 2, the Guinea amendment (A/C.4/L.861). The revised text was sponsored by the following countries: Algeria, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland,

Ghana, Guinea, India, Iran, Iraq, Kenya, Liberia, Mauritania, Morocco, Nigeria, Norway, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, the Sudan, Sweden, Togo, Tunisia, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America and Zambia (A/C.4/L.850/Rev.1). Consequently, the Guinea amendment (A/C.4/L.861) was withdrawn.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the revised draft resolution by 73 votes to 2, with one abstention (see paragraph 13 below, draft resolution I).

II

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9. At the 1677th meeting, on 16 December, the representative of Mali introduced a draft resolution, which was finally sponsored by Cameroon, Ghana, India, Iran, the Ivory Coast, Kuwait, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, the Sudan, Togo, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia (A/C.4/L.853 and Add.1)

10. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by 74 votes to 2, with one abstention (see paragraph 13 below, draft resolution II).

III

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11. At the 1677th meeting, on 16 December, the representative of Mali introduced a draft resolution, which was finally sponsored by Cameroon, Ghana, India, Iran, the Ivory Coast, Kuwait, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, the Sudan, Togo, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia (A/C.4/L.854 and Add.1).

12. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by 73 votes to 2, with one abstention (see paragraph 13 below, draft resolution III).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

13. The Fourth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Special Educational and Training Programmes for South
West Africa

Special Training Programme for Territories under Portuguese Administration

The General Assembly,

Considering that special educational and training programmes for South West Africa and for Territories under Portuguese administration and an educational and training programme for South Africans have been established by the United Nations in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 1705 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 and 1803 (XVII) of 14 December 1962, and Security Council resolution 191 (1964) of 18 June 1964, respectively,

Recalling the reports submitted by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly regarding the said programmes for South West Africa (A/6463) and for Territories under Portuguese administration (A/6464), and to the Security Council on 9 November 1965 (S/6891) regarding the programme for South Africans,

Noting that these programmes, although serving similar needs and purposes, are administered separately and differ with regard to financing,

Expressing its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the way in which he has administered the programmes,

Holding the view that the question of a consolidation and an integration of these programmes should be considered in order to ensure increased efficiency and to promote further development and expansion of the educational and training assistance thereunder,

Taking into account the establishment of a refugee education account under the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme of 7 November 1966,

Further taking into account the roles of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other specialized agencies and organs of the United Nations in matters of training and education,

Noting the interest and activities of the Organization of African Unity in the field of educational assistance,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to study, in consultation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Heads of other appropriate agencies and organs, as well as the Administrative Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, the question of a consolidation and an integration of the United Nations special educational and training programmes for South West Africa and for Territories under Portuguese administration and of the United Nations educational and training programme for South Africans, and to report on the results of this study to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session;

2. Authorizes the Secretary-General to establish, if he deems it desirable, a committee selected from among host countries of refugees and from among States which have made contributions to the United Nations Educational and Training Programmes mentioned in the first preambular paragraph above, to advise him on means to develop and expand those programmes.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Special Educational and Training Programmes for South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1705 (XVI) of 19 December 1961, by which it established a United Nations Special Training Programme for South West Africans,

Having considered the report submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 2076 (XX) of 17 December 1965,^{3/}

Noting with satisfaction that several Member States have offered scholarships to students from South West Africa,

Further noting that a number of States have included in their offers opportunities for education at the secondary and vocational levels in response to the invitation in General Assembly resolutions 1901 (XVIII) and 2076 (XX),

Taking note of the difficulties encountered by persons residing in the Territory in taking advantage of the benefits available under the Programme, particularly in securing the necessary travel documents,

Taking note of the measures adopted by the Secretary-General with a view to making the benefits of the Programme available to as many South West Africans as possible,

Taking note of the assistance provided by the specialized agencies in the implementation of the Programme,

1. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have made scholarships and travel grants available for the use of South West Africans;
2. Invites those Member States offering scholarships and those which may subsequently do so to consider including in their offers scholarships for secondary education and for vocational and technical training;
3. Further invites Member States to give sympathetic consideration to requests by the Secretary-General for the placement in their secondary, vocational or technical schools of candidates who have been awarded scholarships under the Special Training Programme for South West Africans;
4. Once again requests all Member States to facilitate in every possible way the travel of South West Africans seeking to avail themselves of educational opportunities provided under the Programme;
5. Requests all the Governments concerned to co-operate with the Secretary-General in the implementation of the present resolution;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to take the necessary measures with a view to making the benefits of the Programme available to as many South West Africans as possible;
7. Further requests the Secretary-General to report on this question to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Special Training Programme for Territories under Portuguese Administration

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1808 (XVII) of 14 December 1962 and 1973 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963, by which it established a special training programme for the indigenous people of the Territories under Portuguese administration,

Having considered the report submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with paragraph 8 of resolution 2108 (XX) of 21 December 1965,^{4/}

Noting with deep regret that, notwithstanding paragraph 10 of resolution 1808 (XVII), paragraph 8 of resolution 1973 (XVIII) and paragraph 7 of resolution 2108 (XX), the Government of Portugal has not co-operated in the implementation of the special training programme,

Noting with satisfaction that several Member States have extended offers of scholarships to students from Territories under Portuguese administration,

Noting further that a number of offering States have included in their offers scholarships for secondary education and vocational training in response to the invitation in paragraph 4 of resolution 2108 (XX),

Noting with appreciation the measures adopted by the Secretary-General with a view to making the benefits of the special training programme available to as many indigenous inhabitants of the Territories under Portuguese administration as possible, and the progress achieved in this respect,

Taking note of the assistance provided by the specialized agencies in the implementation of the special training programme,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to take measures with a view to making the benefits of the special training programme available to as many indigenous inhabitants of the Territories under Portuguese administration as possible;

2. Invites the United Nations programmes of technical assistance and the specialized agencies to continue to co-operate in the implementation of the special training programme by offering every possible assistance and such facilities and resources as they may be able to provide to the recipients and the Governments participating in the programme;

3. Expresses its appreciation to Member States which have extended offers of scholarships to students from Territories under Portuguese administration;

4. Invites the Member States which have offered scholarships, and those which plan to do so, to consider offering in the first place scholarships for secondary education and for vocational and technical training;

5. Requests Member States to inform the Secretary-General of any scholarships offered and of awards made and utilized;

6. Further requests Member States to facilitate the travel of students from Territories under Portuguese administration who are seeking to avail themselves of the educational opportunities offered;

7. Reiterates its request to the Government of Portugal to co-operate in the implementation of the special training programme for inhabitants of Territories under its administration;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to report on this question to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session.
