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QUESTION OF FIJI

Report of the Fourth Committee

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1. At its 1564th plenary meeting, on 23 September 1967, the General Assembly, by adopting the recommendations of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda and allocate to the Fourth Committee an item entitled "Question of Fiji: 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".^{1/}
2. The Fourth Committee considered this item at its 1734th, 1738th, 1740th to 1742nd, 1744th, 1745th, 1753rd and 1755th meetings, between 4 and 16 December.
3. At the 1737th meeting, on 4 December, the Rapporteur 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 introduced the chapter of the report of the Special Committee relating to Fiji (A/6700/Add.5).
4. The general debate on the item took place at the 1738th, 1740th to 1742nd, 1744th and 1745th meetings, between 5 and 11 December.
5. At the 1753rd meeting, on 15 December, the representative of Zambia introduced a draft resolution, which was finally sponsored by the following member States:
Afghanistan, Algeria, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo (Brazzaville), Cyprus, Ethiopia, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kenya, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Singapore, Somalia, Syria, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Yemen, Yugoslavia and Zambia
(A/C.4/L.895 and Add.1).

^{1/} A/6700/Add.5.

6. At the 1755th meeting on 16 December, the Secretary-General submitted, in accordance with rule 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, a statement of financial implications (A/C.4/L.903) of the draft resolution.

7. At the same meeting, the Fourth Committee adopted the draft resolution (A/C.4/L.895 and Add.1) by a roll-call vote of 80 to 6 with 15 abstentions (see paragraph 8 below). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Ceylon, Chad, Chile, China, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Democratic Republic of), Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Libya, Madagascar, Maldives Islands, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Southern Yemen, Spain, Sudan, Syria, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Against: Australia, Malawi, New Zealand, Portugal, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Gambia, Ireland, Italy, Liberia, Malaysia, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

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

Question of Fiji

The General Assembly,

Having examined the question of Fiji,

Having considered 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 Fiji,^{1/}

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Recalling further earlier resolutions of the General Assembly and the Special Committee relating to Fiji,

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of Fiji to self-determination and independence, in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

2. 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 Fiji and endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained therein;

3. Reaffirms the provisions of resolutions 1951 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963, 2068 (XX) of 16 December 1965 and 2185 (XXI) of 12 December 1966 concerning Fiji;

4. Reaffirms the necessity of sending a visiting mission to Fiji for the purpose of studying at first hand the situation in the Territory;

5. Regrets the refusal of the administering Power to receive the visiting mission in Fiji and urgently appeals to it to reconsider its decision;

6. Requests the Special Committee to continue its examination of the question of Fiji and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session;

7. Decides to maintain the item on its agenda.

^{1/} A/6700/Add.5.