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

Letter dated 5 October 1970 from the Permanent Representative  
of Mongolia to the United Nations addressed to the President  
of the General Assembly

I have the honour to transmit herewith the letter addressed to you by  
H.E. Mr. Otto Winzer, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the German Democratic  
Republic, dated 17 September 1970.

I should be grateful if you would circulate that letter and the enclosed  
statement of the Government of the German Democratic Republic on the General  
Assembly agenda item "Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of  
Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples" as an official document of the  
General Assembly.

(Signed) Mangalyn DUGERSUREN  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of  
the Mongolian People's  
Republic to the United Nations

Berlin, 17 September 1970

Excellency,

Permit me to send you the enclosed statement of the Government of the German Democratic Republic on the agenda item "Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples". I request you to circulate the statement among the States Members of the United Nations as an official document of the General Assembly.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my distinguished consideration.

(Signed) Otto WINZER  
Minister of Foreign Affairs

H.E. Mr. Edvard Hambro  
President of the twenty-fifth session  
of the United Nations General Assembly  
United Nations Headquarters  
New York

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STATEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
ON THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADOPTION OF THE DECLARATION ON  
THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

The Government of the German Democratic Republic takes occasion of the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to reaffirm that the German Democratic Republic resolutely advocates the complete liquidation of the colonial system and the overcoming of any kind of colonial oppression and neo-colonialist exploitation. Devoted to the principles laid down in its socialist constitution and in accordance with the principles of the United Nations Charter, the German Democratic Republic supports consistently the efforts of the peoples aimed at gaining freedom, independence and national self-determination.

In the decade elapsed since the Declaration was adopted, the majority of the formerly colonially suppressed territories have gained their national independence. The German Democratic Republic has developed friendly relations and a close, trustful co-operation with many of these young States on the basis of mutual respect for sovereignty and equality of rights. The German Democratic Republic has been anxious to promote the creation of a sound basis for an independent development of these States in the political, economic, scientific, technological and cultural fields. The German Democratic Republic will continue to help with all its potentials and possibilities that the humanitarian aims of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples be completely achieved. Along these lines, the Government of the German Democratic Republic has on its territory taken all the measures envisaged in the United Nations decisions and resolutions to implement the Declaration. This applies, in particular, to the sanctions imposed by the United Nations against the racist régimes in South Africa and Southern Rhodesia. Since long the German Democratic Republic has had no relations whatsoever with the racist régimes in southern Africa. It has been supporting the struggle of the African population for their equality in many ways and in this spirit made a financial contribution to the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa.

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Not all peoples are free of colonial oppression and exploitation yet. The peoples of South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia are still refused the right to decide their own destinies by themselves. Disregarding United Nations resolutions, Portugal, a NATO State, persists in its bloody war of oppression against the peoples of Angola, Mozambique, Guinea-Bissao and the Cape Verde Islands kept under Portuguese colonial yoke. In South-East Asia United States imperialism has for many years waged a murderous war of extermination against peoples who have no other wish than to live in free self-determination and independence. The aggression of Israel and its imperialist allies against a number of Arab States is also aimed at holding up the free and independent development of these States and at forcing them into the yoke of neo-colonialist dependence.

The Government of the German Democratic Republic takes occasion of the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to reassure all the people fighting for their freedom and independence of its unrestricted solidarity. Expecting that the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly may lay down such measures as serve the complete implementation of that significant Declaration, the Government of the German Democratic Republic takes the liberty to call attention to some of the most burning issues and, in particular, to the fact that:

- brutal, military aggressions and acts of annexation on the part of some imperialist powers employing chemical and biological weapons of mass destruction endanger the freedom and independence of a number of States;
- foreign economic and financial circles are creating neo-colonialist exploitation and dependence relationships by economic and other means in formerly colonial territories;
- the annual increase in national incomes of a number of African and Asian States is absorbed by excessive credit repayment liabilities to imperialist States or to international organizations set up by them, which in the final analysis results in increased economic dependence and degression;
- it is necessary to review the activities of some United Nations specialized agencies from the angle of a higher efficacy in implementing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

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The Government of the German Democratic Republic declares that, consistently committed to its avowed principles of foreign policy, it will continue to support the decisions and resolutions of the General Assembly of the United Nations and its agencies which serve the implementation of the noble aims laid down in the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and that it will do everything to advance their implementation.

Berlin, 10 September 1970.

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