



Twenty-first session
Agenda item 67

QUESTION OF TERRITORIES UNDER PORTUGUESE ADMINISTRATION

Report of the Fourth Committee

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1. At its 162nd meeting, on 21 September 1966, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of an item entitled "Question of Territories under Portuguese administration: 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". At its 163rd meeting, on 22 September, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the allocation of this item to the Fourth Committee.
2. At its 1415th plenary meeting, on 24 September, the General Assembly, by adopting the recommendations of the General Committee, included the item in its agenda and allocated it to the Fourth Committee for consideration and report.
3. The Fourth Committee considered this item at its 1635th, 1639th to 1649th, 1651st and 1653rd to 1655th meetings, between 16 November and 5 December.
4. At the 1635th meeting, on 16 November, 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 report of that Committee concerning Territories under Portuguese administration (A/6300/Add.3, parts I and II, A/6300/Add.3 (part I)/Corr.1).
5. During the consideration of this item, the Committee had before it the following communications concerning the Territories under Portuguese administration, received by the Secretary-General:

(a) Notes verbales dated 7 January 1966 and 1 March 1966 from the Permanent Representative of India (A/6233 and A/6280);

(b) Letter dated 31 January 1966 from the Permanent Representative of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic (A/6246);

(c) Note verbale dated 11 February 1966 from the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria (A/6267);

(d) Note verbale dated 28 March 1966 from the Permanent Representative of Nigeria (A/6292);

(e) Letter dated 30 March 1966 from the Secretary-General of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) (A/6294);

(f) Note verbale dated 30 March 1966 from the Permanent Representative of Hungary (A/6295);

(g) Letters dated 1 and 3 June 1966 from the Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (A/6335/Rev.1 and A/6338/Rev.1);

(h) Note verbale dated 1 June 1966 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia (A/6337);

(i) Two letters dated 9 June 1966 from the Permanent Mission of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic (A/6340 and A/6351).

6. In connexion with the consideration of this item, the Committee decided to grant the following requests for hearings:

<u>Petitioner</u>	<u>Meeting at which the request was granted</u>
Mr. Albert Nank (A/C.4/673)	1635th
Mr. Mário de Andrade, Head of the Department of Co-ordination, Conferência das Organizações Nacionalistas das Colonias Portuguesas (CONCP) (A/C.4/673/Add.1)	1635th
Mr. Carlos Gonçalves Combandó, Representative of the Angolan Revolutionary Government in Exile (GRAE). . . .	1642nd
Mr. Shaefudin Mohamed Khan, Representative of the Frente de Libertação de Moçambique (FRELIMO) in the United Arab Republic (A/C.4/673/Add.3)	1649th

7. At the 1642nd meeting, on 25 November, the Committee heard statements by Mr. Mário de Andrade and Mr. Carlos Gonçalves Cambondo. The petitioners answered questions put to them by members at the 1642nd and 1643rd meetings, on 25 November. At the 1649th meeting, on 1 December, Mr. Shaefudin Mohamed Khan made a statement and answered a question put to him by a member of the Committee. At the 1647th meeting, on 29 November, the Chairman informed the Committee that Mr. Albert Nank had submitted a written statement.
8. The general debate on the item took place at the 1641st to 1647th meetings, between 23 and 29 November.
9. In connexion with the consideration of this item by the Committee, the representative of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), at the invitation of the Chairman, made a statement and replied to questions put to him by members at the 1645th meeting, on 28 November.
10. At the 1648th meeting, on 30 November, the representative of Guinea introduced a draft resolution on behalf of the following countries: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bulgaria, Burundi, Ceylon, Chad, Congo (Democratic Republic of), Cyprus, Dahomey, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Kuwait, Liberia, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Yugoslavia and Zambia (A/C.4/L.842). Subsequently, the following countries joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution: Cameroon, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Iraq, Madagascar, Poland and Upper Volta (A/C.4/L.842/Add.1 and 2, and L.842/Rev.1).
11. At the 1653rd meeting, on 3 December, the Legal Counsel of the United Nations, at the invitation of the Chairman, made a statement and replied to questions put to him by members.
12. At the 1654th meeting, on 5 December, the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the co-sponsors, introduced a revision to the draft resolution, by which, in operative paragraph 7, the words "directly and through their action in the appropriate international agencies of which they are members," would be inserted after the words "all States" (A/C.4/L.842/Rev.1).

13. The revised draft resolution (A/C.4/L.842/Rev.1) was voted upon by the Fourth Committee at its 1654th meeting, on 5 December, as follows:

Operative paragraph 3 of the revised draft resolution was adopted by a roll-call vote of 71 to 13, with 20 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Ceylon, Chad, Congo (Democratic Republic of), Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives Islands, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Against: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

Abstaining: Argentina, Chile, China, Colombia, Denmark, El Salvador, Finland, France, Greece, Honduras, Ireland, Malawi, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Peru, Sweden, Turkey, Venezuela.

Operative paragraph 4 of the revised draft resolution was adopted by a roll-call vote of 82 to 8, with 14 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

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

Against: Belgium, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Malawi, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Turkey, Venezuela.

Operative paragraph 7 of the revised draft resolution was adopted by a roll-call vote of 66 to 19 with 18 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Ceylon, Chad, Congo (Democratic Republic of), Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives Islands, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Against: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

Abstaining: Argentina, Chile, China, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Iran, Ireland, Japan, Malawi, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Venezuela.

Operative paragraph 8 of the revised draft resolution was adopted by a roll-call vote of 72 to 8 with 24 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Ceylon, Chad, Chile, China, Congo (Democratic Republic of), Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives Islands, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

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Against: Belgium, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, El Salvador, Finland, France, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Japan, Malawi, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Peru, Sweden, Turkey, Uruguay, Venezuela.

The revised draft resolution as a whole (A/C.4/L.842/Rev.1) was adopted by a roll-call vote of 76 to 12, with 16 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Ceylon, Chad, Chile, China, Congo (Democratic Republic of), Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives Islands, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Against: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Argentina, Colombia, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Italy, Malawi, Mexico, Norway, Panama, Peru, Sweden, Turkey, Uruguay, Venezuela.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

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

Question of Territories under Portuguese administration

The General Assembly,

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 the Territories under Portuguese administration,^{1/}

Having heard the statements of the petitioners,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Recalling also Security Council resolutions 163 (1961) of 9 June 1961, 180 (1963) of 31 July 1963, 183 (1963) of 11 December 1963 and 218 (1965) of 23 November 1965,

Recalling further General Assembly resolutions 1807 (XVII) of 14 December 1962, 1819 (XVII) of 18 December 1962, 1913 (XVIII) of 3 December 1963 and 2107 (XX) of 21 December 1965, as well as the relevant resolution of the Special Committee adopted on 22 June 1966,

Deeply concerned at the critical and explosive situation which is threatening peace and security arising from the intensification of the measures of repression and military operation against the people of these Territories,

Noting with deep concern that the activities of the foreign financial interests in these Territories which impede the African people in the realization of their aspirations to freedom and independence continue undiminished,

Further noting with deep concern that Portugal continues to use the aid and weapons that it receives from its military allies against the population of these Territories,

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the peoples of the Territories under Portuguese domination to freedom and independence in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and recognizes the legitimacy of their struggle to achieve this right;

^{1/} A/6300/Add.3 (parts I and II); A/6300/Add.3 (part I/Corr.1).

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 the Territories under Portuguese administration and endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained therein;

3. Condemns, as a crime against humanity, the policy of the Government of Portugal which violates the economic and political rights of the indigenous population by the settlement of foreign immigrants in the Territories and by the exporting of African workers to South Africa;

4. Further condemns the activities of the financial interests operating in the Territories under Portuguese domination which exploit the human and material resources and impede the progress of the peoples of the Territories towards freedom and independence;

5. Calls upon Portugal to give immediate effect to the principle of self-determination to the peoples of the Territories under its administration in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and Security Council resolutions 183 (1963) and 218 (1965);

6. Appeals to all States to give the peoples of the Territories under Portuguese domination the moral and material support necessary for the restoration of their inalienable rights and to prevent their nationals from co-operating with the Portuguese authorities, especially in the field of investment in the Territories;

7. Recommends to the Security Council to make it obligatory for all States, directly and through their action in the appropriate international agencies of which they are members, to implement the measures contained in General Assembly resolution 2107 (XX), in particular those mentioned in paragraph 7 thereof;

8. Requests all States, and in particular the military allies of Portugal within the framework of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, to take the following steps:

(a) To desist forthwith from giving the Portuguese Government any assistance which enables it to continue its repression of the African peoples in the Territories under its domination;

(b) To take all necessary measures to prevent the sale or supply of arms and military equipment to the Government of Portugal;

(c) To stop the sale or shipment to the Government of Portugal of equipment and materials for the manufacture or maintenance of arms and ammunition;

(d) To take the necessary measures to put an end to such activities as are referred to in operative paragraph 4 above;

9. Appeals once again to all the specialized agencies, in particular to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Monetary Fund, to refrain from granting Portugal any financial, economic or technical assistance as long as the Government of Portugal fails to implement General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

10. Requests the Secretary-General to enter into consultation with the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development in order to secure its compliance with General Assembly resolutions 2105 (XX) and 2107 (XX) and with the present resolution;

11. Expresses its appreciation to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the specialized agencies concerned and other international relief organizations for the aid they have extended so far, and requests them, in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity, to increase their assistance to the refugees from the Territories under Portuguese domination and to the people who have suffered and are still suffering from military operations;

12. Decides to include the question of the Territories under Portuguese administration in the agenda of its twenty-second session.
