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INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES BY  
THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL  
INSTITUTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, in paragraph 11 (b) of resolution 3300 (XXIX) of 13 December 1974, on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations, requested the Secretary-General "to continue to assist the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system in working out appropriate measures for implementing the present resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session".
2. On 6 February 1975 the Secretary-General, in transmitting the resolution to the executive heads of the specialized agencies and international institutions concerned, informed them that, having regard to the above-quoted provisions, he stood ready to extend assistance, as might be required. At the same time, the Secretary-General invited the executive heads of these organizations, in accordance with paragraph 11 (a) of the resolution, to submit, for transmission to the different United Nations bodies concerned with related aspects of the item, the information called for concerning the action taken or envisaged by their organizations in the implementation of the relevant General Assembly resolutions.
3. The information received from the various organizations in response to this invitation, covering action taken by organizations of the United Nations system regarding assistance to refugees, assistance in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and the national liberation movements for the colonial peoples concerned, representation of national liberation movements at relevant meetings of the agencies and other aspects of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 3300 (XXIX), was reviewed by the Secretary-General with the

executive heads within the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC) in April of this year. It was made available in the Secretary-General's report to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-ninth session and to 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 session in 1975 (A/10080 and Add.1-4). The present report should be read in conjunction with the information contained in that report.

4. The Secretary-General held discussions with the executive heads of the agencies within ACC in April and October 1975 regarding various aspects of the questions arising in connexion with the implementation of General Assembly resolution 3300 (XXIX) and all other relevant General Assembly resolutions.

5. Significant progress has been made in providing assistance for refugees and for liberation movements recognized by OAU and the colonial peoples concerned, and a number of programmes and projects are in progress or under preparation. Several organizations have taken further steps to ensure the representation of national liberation movements at their meetings including arrangements for defraying the cost of their participation.

6. In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolutions 1892 (LVII) of 1 August 1974 and 1978 (LIX) of 31 July 1975, a meeting was held in March 1975 between representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and of the general secretariat of OAU. The meeting reviewed the assistance currently being provided to the national liberation movements and the colonial peoples concerned by the various United Nations organizations, as well as their plans for the expansion of such assistance, and clarified the issues that arose in that connexion. Follow-up action was subsequently taken on this meeting by the organizations concerned.

7. The specialized agencies and programmes concerned are taking steps, jointly and collectively in co-operation with the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia and in consultation with the United Nations Council for Namibia, to provide assistance and support for the Institute for Namibia.

8. Within the context of General Assembly resolutions 3339 (XXIX) and 3340 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, the specialized agencies and programmes concerned have continued their activities, in co-operation with OAU, for special assistance to the States formerly under Portuguese administration and, to the extent possible, to the peoples of Angola. Appropriate steps have been taken to ensure that there is a fully co-ordinated approach by the United Nations system in this respect. A full account of these activities is contained in documents A/10105 and Add.1-3 and A/10106 and Corr.1 and Add.1-3.

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