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QUESTION OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA

Report of the Fourth Committee (part I)

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1. At its 1939th plenary meeting, on 25 September 1971, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee (A/8500), decided to include in the agenda of its twenty-sixth session and to allocate to the Fourth Committee for consideration and report an item entitled "Question of Southern Rhodesia: 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".
2. At its 1921st meeting, on 7 October, the Fourth Committee decided to give priority to the present item (item 68), together with the two other items on its agenda, namely, the question of Namibia (item 66) and the question of Territories under Portuguese administration (item 67). At the same meeting, it decided further that a general debate should be held covering these three items, it being understood that members would be given an opportunity to make more than one statement, if they so desired, and that individual draft resolutions on matters covered by the items would be considered separately after the conclusion of the general debate.
3. The Fourth Committee considered this question at its 1923rd to 1926th, 1928th to 1936th and 1938th to 1948th meetings, between 11 October and 11 November.

4. At the 1923rd meeting, on 11 October, 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 chapters of the report of that Committee relating to Southern Rhodesia (A/8423/Add.1 and Add.2 (parts I and II)).

5. In connexion with its consideration of the item, the Fourth Committee decided to grant the following requests for hearing:

<u>Petitioner</u>	<u>Meeting at which request for hearing was granted</u>
Mr. Romesh Chandra, Secretary-General, and other representatives of the World Peace Council (A/C.4/736) . . . . .	1922nd
The Reverend G. Michael Scott, International League for the Rights of Man (A/C.4/741).	1937th

6. At its 1939th meeting, on 2 November, the Fourth Committee heard a statement by the Reverend G. Michael Scott. At the 1946th meeting, on 8 November, statements were made by Mr. Romesh Chandra, Mr. Lucio Luzzatto, Mr. Emilson Randriamihasinoro and Mr. Nicolai Voshinin, of the World Peace Council. At the same meeting, Mr. Romesh Chandra and Mr. Lucio Luzzatto replied to questions put to them by a member of the Committee.

7. At the same meeting, the Fourth Committee, on the proposal of the representatives of Somalia, Zambia and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, decided, without objection, that the information furnished by the representatives of the World Peace Council (A/C.4/SR.1946) should be disseminated in the publications of the Office of Public Information entitled The United Nations and Southern Africa and Objective: Justice.

8. The general debate covering the present item, together with the two other items referred to in paragraph 2 above, took place at the 1923rd and 1926th, 1928th to 1936th and 1938th to 1945th meetings, between 11 October and 5 November.

9. At the 1947th meeting, on 10 November, the representatives of the Upper Volta and India introduced a draft resolution (A/AC.109/L.988) relating to a specific aspect of the question, which was finally sponsored by the following

Member States: Burundi, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Liberia, Mali, Mongolia, Nigeria, Pakistan, People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, People's Republic of the Congo, Philippines, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Yugoslavia and Zambia.

10. At the same meeting, the representative of Ghana, on behalf of the sponsors, submitted a revised draft resolution (A/C.4/L.988/Rev.1), by which the fifth preambular paragraph, which read:

"Expressing its grave concern at the recent decision taken by the Congress of the United States of America which, if confirmed, would permit the importation of chrome into the United States from Southern Rhodesia and thus would constitute a serious violation of the above-mentioned Security Council resolutions imposing sanctions against the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia,"

was replaced by the following:

"Expressing its grave concern at the recent legislative moves in the Congress of the United States of America which, if carried through and confirmed, would permit the importation of chrome into the United States from Southern Rhodesia and thus would constitute a serious violation of the above-mentioned Security Council resolutions imposing sanctions against the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia,"

11. At the 1948th meeting, on 11 November, the representative of Egypt submitted oral amendments to the revised draft resolution, by which the fifth preambular paragraph would be replaced by the following:

"Expressing its grave concern at the impending decision of the United States Congress to allow the importation of chrome from Southern Rhodesia which, if implemented, would constitute a serious violation of the above-mentioned Security Council resolutions imposing sanctions against the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia,"

12. At the same meeting, the representative of Mauritania also submitted oral amendments to the revised draft resolution, by which:

(a) Operative paragraph 1 would be replaced by the following:

"1. Calls upon the Government of the United States of America to conform with the relevant provisions of Security Council resolutions 253 (1968) of 29 May 1968, 277 (1970) of 18 March 1970 and 288 (1970) of 17 November 1970, and to take the necessary measures, bearing in mind its obligations under Article 25 of the Charter of the United Nations, to prevent the importation of chrome into the United States from Southern Rhodesia";

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(b) The following new paragraph would be added as operative paragraph 6:

"6. Requests the Secretary-General to keep Member States informed of the treatment accorded to this resolution by the Government of the United States of America."

13. At the same meeting, the representative of Guinea also submitted oral amendments to the revised draft resolution, by which the fifth preambular paragraph would be replaced by the following:

"Expressing its grave concern at any decision which would permit the importation of chrome into the United States from Southern Rhodesia and which would constitute a serious violation of the above-mentioned Security Council resolutions imposing sanctions against the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia."

14. Following an exchange of views, the representatives of Egypt and Mauritania withdrew their oral amendments. The proposal by the representative of Guinea was not pressed to a vote.

15. At its 1948th meeting, on 11 November, the Fourth Committee adopted the revised draft resolution (A/C.4/L.988/Rev.1) by a roll-call vote 93 to 2, with 12 abstentions (see paragraph 17 below). The result of the voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Barbados, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Ceylon, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Republic, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, People's Republic of the Congo, Peru, Philippiness, Poland, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Portugal, South Africa.

Abstaining: Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Dominican Republic, France, Greece, Guatemala, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

16. Another report covering the Fourth Committee's further consideration of the question of Southern Rhodesia will be submitted subsequently as an addendum to the present document.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

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

Question of Southern Rhodesia

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Southern Rhodesia,

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, containing the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration,

Recalling also the relevant resolutions of the Security Council, particularly its resolutions 232 (1966) of 16 December 1966, 253 (1968) of 29 May 1968, 277 (1970) of 18 March 1970 and 288 (1970) of 17 November 1970,

Recalling further all previous resolutions concerning the question of Southern Rhodesia adopted by the General Assembly and the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and also the consensus adopted by the Special Committee at its 828th meeting, on 6 October 1971,<sup>1/</sup>

Expressing its grave concern at the recent legislative moves in the Congress of the United States of America which, if carried through and confirmed, would permit the importation of chrome into the United States from Southern Rhodesia and thus would constitute a serious violation of the above-mentioned Security Council resolutions imposing sanctions against the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia,

1. Calls upon the Government of the United States of America to take the necessary measures, in compliance with the relevant provisions of Security Council resolutions 253 (1968) of 29 May 1968, 277 (1970) of 18 March 1970 and 288 (1970) of 17 November 1970, and bearing in mind its obligations under Article 25 of the

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<sup>1/</sup> A/8423/Add.2 (part II), para. 41 (b).

Charter of the United Nations, to prevent the importation of chrome into the United States from Southern Rhodesia;

2. Requests the Government of the United States to inform the General Assembly at its present session of the action taken or envisaged in the implementation of the present resolution;

3. Requests the President of the General Assembly to draw the attention of the Government of the United States to the urgent need for the implementation of the present resolution;

4. Reminds all Member States of their obligations under the Charter to comply fully with the decisions of the Security Council on mandatory sanctions against the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia;

5. Decides to keep this and other aspects of the question under continuous review.

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