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## 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

### REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (CHAPTER VI (SECTION E))

#### Report of the Fourth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Rui QUARTIN-SANTOS (Portugal)

1. At its 2353rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 1975, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee (A/10250), decided to include in the agenda of its thirtieth session the following items:

"91. 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:

(a) 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;

(b) Reports of the Secretary-General".

"12. Report of the Economic and Social Council".

2. At the same meeting, the General Assembly decided to allocate to the Fourth Committee, for consideration and report, agenda item 91, together with chapter VI (sect. E) of the report of the Economic and Social Council, 1/ which relates to the item.

3. At its 2134th meeting, on 30 September, the Fourth Committee decided to hold a general debate covering agenda items 23, 86, 91 and 12, 92 and 93, on the

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/10003).

understanding that individual draft resolutions on matters covered by those items would be considered separately.

4. The Fourth Committee considered items 91 and 12 at its 2162nd to 2174th meetings, between 7 and 24 November.

5. At the 2162nd meeting, on 7 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 chapter VII of the report of that Committee relating to item 91 (A/10023 (Part V)).

6. In addition, the Fourth Committee had before it the relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council. 2/ The Committee also had before it the reports of the Secretary-General relating to the items, submitted in pursuance of paragraphs 11 (a) and 11 (b) of General Assembly resolution 3300 (XXIX) of 13 December 1974 (A/10080 and Add.1-4 and A/10319), and a related note by the Secretariat (A/C.4/L.1095, as well as a letter dated 13 November 1975 from the World Bank (A/C.4/801). The Fourth Committee also took into account a related report of the Secretary-General, submitted in pursuance of paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 3340 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 (A/10106 and Corr.1 and Add.1 to 3).

7. The general debate covering the items referred to in paragraph 3 above took place at the 2162nd to 2177th meetings, between 7 and 28 November.

8. At the 2173rd meeting, on 21 November, the representatives of Bulgaria and the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic introduced a draft resolution (A/C.4/L.1119), which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Afghanistan, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Comoros, Congo, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Egypt, Ethiopia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Mongolia, Nigeria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Syrian Arab Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, United Republic of Tanzania and Yugoslavia.

9. At its 2174th meeting, on 24 November, the Fourth Committee adopted the draft resolution (A/C.4/L.1119) by a recorded vote of 91 to none, with 2 abstentions (see para. 10 below). The voting was as follows:

<u>In favour:</u>	Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belgium, Bhutan, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Comoros, Congo, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau,
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2/ Ibid., chap. VI, sect. E.

Guyana, Hungary, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Laos, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Republic, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: None.

Abstaining: France, United States of America.

#### RECOMMENDATION OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

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

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

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "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",

Recalling the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, and the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration, contained in its resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, as well as all other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council,

Having examined the reports submitted on the item by the Secretary-General, 1/ the Economic and Social Council 2/ and the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the

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1/ A/10080 and Add.1-4; A/10319.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/10003), chap. VI, sect. E.

Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, 3/ as well as the related report of the United Nations Council for Namibia, 4/

Taking into account the statements of the representatives of the national liberation movements of the colonial Territories in Africa who participated as observers in the work relating to their respective countries, and conscious of the urgent and pressing need of the peoples concerned for concrete assistance from the specialized agencies and other institutions associated with the United Nations,

Reaffirming the responsibility of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to take all effective measures, within their respective spheres of competence, to ensure the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations, particularly in the provision of moral and material assistance, on a priority basis, to the peoples of the colonial Territories and their national liberation movements,

Noting with concern that, although progress has been maintained in the extension of assistance to refugees from the colonial Territories in Africa, the actions taken hitherto by the organizations concerned in the provision of assistance to the peoples of the Territories through their national liberation movements continue to remain inadequate to meet the urgent needs of these peoples,

Noting with satisfaction the measures initiated by some of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in particular the World Food Programme and the United Nations Development Programme, to provide assistance on a priority basis to the peoples of the Territories formerly administered by Portugal, and expressing its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the initiative he has taken in that regard,

Expressing its appreciation to the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity for the continued co-operation and assistance extended by it to the organizations within the United Nations system in connexion with the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations,

Mindful of the necessity to keep under continuous review the activities of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system in the implementation of the various United Nations decisions relating to decolonization,

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3/ A/10023 (Part V), chap. VII.

4/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 24 (A/10024), vols. I and II.

1. 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 item; 5/
2. Reaffirms that the recognition by the General Assembly, the Security Council and other United Nations organs of the legitimacy of the struggle of colonial peoples to achieve freedom and independence entails, as a corollary, the extension by the United Nations system of organizations of all the necessary moral and material assistance to the peoples of the colonial Territories and their national liberation movements;
3. Expresses its appreciation to those specialized agencies and organizations within the United Nations system which have continued to co-operate in varying degrees with the United Nations in the implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;
4. Requests the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, including the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, to take or continue to take the necessary measures towards the full and speedy implementation of the relevant provisions of those resolutions;
5. Requests the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to render or continue to render, as a matter of urgency, all possible moral and material assistance to the colonial peoples in Africa struggling for their liberation from colonial rule and, in particular, recommends that the organizations concerned should initiate or broaden contacts and co-operation with these peoples in consultation with the Organization of African Unity and should work out and implement concrete programmes for such assistance with the active collaboration of the national liberation movements concerned;
6. Urges the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to extend all moral and material assistance to the newly independent and emerging States;
7. Reiterates its urgent request that the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system should take measures, within their respective spheres of competence, to increase the scope of their assistance to refugees from colonial Territories, including assistance to the Governments concerned in the preparation and execution of projects beneficial to those refugees, and, in that connexion, to introduce the greatest possible measure of flexibility in their relevant procedures;
8. Urges once again the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council, to take all

necessary measures to withhold any financial, economic, technical or other assistance from the Government of South Africa and the illegal régime of Southern Rhodesia, to discontinue all support to them until they restore to the peoples of Namibia and Zimbabwe their inalienable right to self-determination and independence and to refrain from taking any action which might imply recognition of the legitimacy of the domination of the Territories by those régimes;

9. Notes with satisfaction the arrangements by several specialized agencies and organizations enabling representatives of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity to participate fully as observers in their proceedings relating to the countries concerned, and calls upon those organizations which have not yet done so to make the necessary arrangements without delay, including the requisite financial provisions as recommended by the Economic and Social Council, particularly so as to ensure that assistance projects of the agencies and organizations are carried out to the benefit of the peoples concerned and their national liberation movements;

10. Recommends that all Governments should intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system of which they are members to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations and, in that connexion, should accord priority to the question of providing assistance on an emergency basis to peoples in the colonial Territories and to their national liberation movements;

11. Urges the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, with a view to facilitating the implementation of paragraph 10 above, to formulate and submit to their respective governing bodies or legislative organs, as a matter of priority and with the active co-operation of the Organization of African Unity, concrete proposals for the full implementation of the relevant United Nations decisions, in particular specific programmes of all possible assistance to the peoples in colonial Territories and their national liberation movements;

12. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To prepare for submission to the relevant bodies concerned with related aspects of the present item, with the assistance of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, a report on the action taken since the circulation of his previous report in implementation of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations, including the present resolution;

(b) 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 thirty-first session;

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13. Requests the Economic and Social Council to continue to consider, in consultation with the Special Committee, appropriate measures for co-ordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system in implementing the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

14. Requests the Special Committee to continue to examine the question and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session.

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