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

Letter dated 25 August 1980 from the Chairman 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 addressed to the
Secretary-General

Further to my letter of 23 May 1980 (annex I), I have the honour to transmit herewith, for the consideration of the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session, the text of a draft resolution (annex II) adopted by the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples containing the draft text of the Plan of Action for the Full Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

(Signed) Frank ABDULAH
Chairman 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

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ANNEX I

Letter dated 23 May 1980 from the Chairman 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 addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that, at its 1166th meeting, on 16 May, the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, by adopting the 209th report of its Sub-Committee on Petitions, Information and Assistance, decided, inter alia, to recommend to the General Assembly that a special plenary meeting should be held during its thirty-fifth session to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

I would be grateful if the above recommendation of the Special Committee could be brought to the attention of the General Committee in connexion with organization of work of the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

(Signed) Frank ABDULAH
Chairman 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

ANNEX II

Draft resolution recommended by the Special Committee

The Special Committee submits for consideration by the General Assembly the following draft resolution in connexion with the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples:

The General Assembly,

Having held a special commemorative meeting on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Convinced that the Declaration has played and will continue to play an important role in assisting the peoples under colonial domination in their struggle for freedom and independence, and in mobilizing world public opinion for the complete elimination of colonialism in all its forms and manifestations,

Reaffirming that all peoples have the right to self-determination and independence and that the subjection of peoples to alien domination constitutes a denial of fundamental human rights and is a serious impediment to the maintenance of international peace and security and the development of peaceful relations among nations,

Reaffirming also the relevant provisions of the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, a/

Deeply conscious of the fact that twenty years after the adoption of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples the system of colonialism continues to exist in several areas of the world,

Mindful of the courageous struggle being carried out by the peoples of southern Africa for freedom, self-determination, independence and equal rights,

Noting with satisfaction the achievement of independence in the last twenty years by a number of Trust Territories and Non-Self-Governing Territories, most recently Zimbabwe and Vanuatu,

Bearing in mind the important work accomplished by the United Nations and the international community with a view to securing the effective and complete

a/ General Assembly resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.

implementation of the Declaration, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV), and other resolutions of the United Nations on the question of decolonization,

Reiterating the importance of publicity as an instrument for furthering the aims and purposes of the Declaration and of the role played in this connexion by a number of non-governmental organizations having a special interest in the field of decolonization,

Recalling its resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, containing the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration,

Determined to take all necessary measures leading to the complete elimination of colonialism in all its forms and manifestations without further delay,

1. Reaffirms the inalienable rights of all peoples under colonial domination to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;
2. Declares that the continuation of colonialism in all its forms and manifestations, including racism, apartheid and the exploitation by foreign and other interests of economic and human resources, is incompatible with the Charter of the United Nations, the Declaration and the principles of international law;
3. Reaffirms that the policy of apartheid of the South African régime and its illegal occupation of Namibia violate the principles enshrined in the Charter and constitute a threat to international peace and security;
4. Reaffirms the inherent right of peoples under colonialism in all its forms and manifestations to struggle by all means at their disposal against those colonial and racist régimes which suppress their aspirations for freedom, self-determination and independence;
5. Categorically rejects any agreement, arrangement or unilateral action by colonial and racist Powers which ignores, violates, denies or conflicts with the inalienable rights of peoples under colonial domination to self-determination and independence;
6. Adopts the Plan of Action for the Full Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples set forth in the annex to the present resolution.

Annex

Plan of Action for the Full Implementation of the
Declaration on the Granting of Independence to
Colonial Countries and Peoples

1. Member States shall do their utmost to promote, in the United Nations and the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, effective measures for the full implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, in all Trust Territories and Non-Self-Governing Territories and other colonial Territories, irrespective of their size, including the adoption by the Security Council of necessary measures against Governments and régimes which engage in any form of repression of colonial peoples which would seriously impede the maintenance of international peace and security.
2. Member States shall render all necessary moral and material assistance to the peoples under colonial domination in their struggle to exercise their right to self-determination and independence.
3. Member States shall intensify their efforts to promote the implementation of the resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Security Council relating to Territories and countries under colonial domination.
4. Member States shall intensify their efforts to end all political, military, economic and any other form of collaboration with South Africa, particularly in the nuclear field, including the supply of nuclear material and equipment or components thereof, the transfer of nuclear technology and financial, technical or other assistance to the nuclear programme of South Africa, the sale of uranium enrichment facilities to, and the purchase of uranium from, South Africa, and shall take measures to prevent such collaboration and purchases by corporations, institutions and other bodies or individuals within their jurisdiction.
5. Member States shall endeavour to adopt, both individually and collectively, measures to achieve the cessation of all new foreign investments in and financial loans to South Africa.
6. Member States shall continue to wage a vigorous and sustained campaign against activities and practices of foreign economic, financial and other interests operating in colonial Territories which are detrimental to the interests of the population of those Territories and shall adopt legislative, administrative or other measures to bring about the discontinuance of such activities and practices on the part of their nationals and companies within their jurisdiction.
7. Member States, as well as the organizations within the United Nations system, having regard to the relevant provisions of the Declaration on the Establishment

of a new International Economic Order, contained in General Assembly resolution 3201 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, and the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, contained in Assembly resolution 3261 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, shall ensure that the permanent sovereignty of the countries and Territories under colonial, racist and alien domination over their natural resources is fully respected and safeguarded.

8. Member States shall adopt the necessary measures to discourage or prevent the systematic influx of outside immigrants and settlers into Territories under colonial domination, which disrupts the demographic composition of those Territories and may constitute a major obstacle to the genuine exercise of the right to self-determination and independence by the people of those Territories.

9. Member States shall oppose all military activities and arrangements by colonial and occupying Powers in the Territories under colonial and racist domination, as such activities and arrangements constitute an obstacle to the full implementation of the Declaration, and shall intensify their efforts with a view to securing the immediate and unconditional withdrawal from colonial Territories of military bases and installations of colonial Powers.

10. Member States shall also adopt the necessary measures to prevent the recruitment, financing and training of mercenaries in their territories for use against the national liberation movements struggling for their freedom and independence from the yoke of colonialism, racism and apartheid.

11. Member States shall recognize that armed conflicts in which peoples are fighting against colonial and racist domination and occupation in exercise of their right to self-determination are international armed conflicts as provided for by Protocol I b/ supplementing the Geneva Conventions of 1949. c/ The legal status envisaged to apply to the combatants in the 1949 Geneva Conventions shall apply to persons engaged in armed struggle against colonial and alien domination and racist régimes. Those persons captured as prisoners shall be accorded the status of prisoners of war and their treatment shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War, of 12 August 1949. d/

12. Member States and the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system shall intensify their moral and material assistance to the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity.

13. All States shall undertake measures aimed at enhancing public awareness of the need for active assistance to bring about the complete eradication of colonialism

b/ A/32/144, annex I.

c/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 75, Nos. 970-973.

d/ Ibid., No. 972, p. 135.

in all its forms and manifestations, including racism and apartheid, through the exercise of the right to self-determination. In particular, States shall endeavour to create satisfactory conditions for activities by national and international non-governmental organizations in support of the peoples under colonial domination.

14. All States shall co-operate fully with the United Nations Council for Namibia, the legal Administering Authority of the Territory until independence, in discharging the mandate entrusted to it under the terms of General Assembly resolution 2248 (S-V) of 19 May 1967 and subsequent resolutions of the Assembly.

15. All States shall also co-operate fully with the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in the performance of its mandate.

16. The General Assembly draws the attention of the Security Council to the need to continue to give special attention to those situations where the denial of the right of peoples to self-determination, as defined in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV), poses a threat to international peace and security and, in particular:

(a) To consider imposing mandatory economic sanctions against South Africa, under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, including in particular a mandatory embargo on the supply of petroleum and petroleum products to South Africa;

(b) To reinforce the arms embargo against South Africa by adopting comprehensive mandatory measures to end all military and nuclear collaboration with the apartheid régime of South Africa.

17. The Special Committee shall continue to examine the full compliance of all States with the Declaration and with other relevant resolutions on the question of decolonization. Questions of territorial size, geographical isolation and limited resources should in no way delay the implementation of the Declaration. Where General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) has not been fully implemented with regard to a given Territory, the Assembly shall continue to bear responsibility for that Territory until all powers are transferred to the people of the Territory without any conditions or reservations and the people concerned have had an opportunity to exercise freely their right to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration. The Special Committee is hereby directed:

(a) To continue to seek the most suitable ways for the speedy and total application of the Declaration to all Territories which have not yet attained independence and to propose to the General Assembly specific measures for the complete implementation of the Declaration;

(b) To undertake a thorough review of the list of Trust and Non-Self-Governing and other Territories which have not yet attained independence to which the Declaration applies and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session;

(c) To continue to send visiting missions to the colonial Territories at periodic intervals in order to enable the Special Committee to obtain first-hand information on conditions in those Territories:

(d) To continue to examine the views expressed, orally or in writing, by the peoples of the colonial Territories as well as by representatives of non-governmental organizations and individuals with knowledge of conditions in those Territories. Particular consideration shall be given to oral petitions and written communications regarding the Territories on which information is not being transmitted as provided for by Article 73 e of the Charter or to which the Special Committee is denied access:

(e) To assist the General Assembly in making arrangements, in co-operation with the administering Powers, to secure a United Nations presence in the colonial Territories to enable it to participate in the elaboration of the procedural arrangements for the implementation of the Declaration and to observe or supervise the final stages of the process of decolonization in those Territories.

18. The United Nations shall intensify its efforts in disseminating information by all available means, including publications, radio and television, on the struggle of peoples for self-determination, independence and equal rights and against colonial domination, on the activities of the United Nations in the field of decolonization and on the role of the national liberation movements.

19. The specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system shall render, or continue to render, all possible moral and material assistance to the peoples of the colonial Territories and to their national liberation movements.

20. Those non-governmental organizations with a special interest in the field of decolonization and actively opposed to colonialism in all its forms and manifestations are requested to intensify their activities in co-operation with the Secretary-General and the relevant organs of the United Nations.
