

missions and to permit access by such a mission to the Territory;

8. *Urges* the administering Power, with the co-operation of the Government of Guam, to safeguard the inalienable right of the people of the Territory to the enjoyment of its natural resources by taking effective measures which guarantee the rights of the people to own and dispose of those natural resources and to establish and maintain control of their future development;

9. *Requests* the administering Power to continue to enlist the assistance of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system in accelerating progress in all sectors of the national life of Guam;

10. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to seek the best ways and means for the implementation of the Declaration with respect to Guam, including the possible dispatch of a visiting mission in consultation with the administering Power, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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### 31/59. Question of French Somaliland

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the question of so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti),

*Having examined* the relevant 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,<sup>60</sup>

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

*Recalling also* its resolutions 2228 (XXI) of 20 December 1966, 2356 (XXII) of 19 December 1967 and 3480 (XXX) of 11 December 1975 on so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti),

*Having heard* the statements of the representatives of the liberation movements, the Front de libération de la Côte des Somalis<sup>61</sup> and the Mouvement de libération de Djibouti,<sup>62</sup>

*Having also heard* the statements of the President of the Government Council of the Territory,<sup>63</sup> as well as those of the representatives of the political parties, namely, the Ligue populaire africaine pour l'indépendance,<sup>64</sup> the Union nationale pour l'indépendance<sup>65</sup> and the Mouvement populaire de libération,<sup>66</sup> and of a petitioner,<sup>67</sup>

*Taking note* of the solemn declarations of the leaders of the delegations of Ethiopia and Somalia before the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its twenty-seventh ordinary session, held at Port Louis from 24 June to 3 July 1976, and before the Fourth Committee of the General Assembly,<sup>68</sup> affirming that their respective Governments would recognize, respect and honour the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti) after its accession to independence,

*Taking note also* of the resolution on the question of so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti) adopted by the Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Lima from 25 to 30 August 1975,<sup>69</sup> and of that part of the Political Declaration adopted by the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Colombo from 16 to 19 August 1976, regarding the question.<sup>70</sup>

*Having heard* the statement of the representative of France, as the administering Power,<sup>71</sup> in particular the expressed commitment of his Government to lead the Territory to independence in 1977,

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti) to self-determination and independence;

2. *Reaffirms also* its unqualified support of the right of the people of so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti) to immediate and unconditional independence in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

3. *Calls upon* the Government of France to implement scrupulously and equitably, under democratic conditions, the programme for the independence of so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti), as outlined by the representative of France in his statement before the Fourth Committee of the General Assembly,<sup>71</sup> within the indicated time frame, namely, the summer of 1977;

4. *Urges* the leaders of the Government Council of the Territory, as well as the representatives of the liberation movements, the Front de libération de la Côte des Somalis and the Mouvement de libération de Djibouti, and of the political parties and groups to enter into the broadest possible discussions on neutral grounds, under the auspices of the Organization of African Unity, with a view to resolving their differences, and to agree on a common political platform before the holding of a referendum, in conformity with the resolution adopted by the Council of Ministers at its twenty-seventh ordinary session<sup>72</sup> and subsequently approved by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its thirteenth ordinary session;

5. *Also calls upon* the Government of France to co-operate fully with the Organization of African Unity in its effort to convene, in accordance with the decision of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government, a round-table conference for the speedy implementation of the request contained in paragraph 4 above;

<sup>60</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. XIV.

<sup>61</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirty-first Session, Fourth Committee, 14th meeting*, paras. 60-109, 17th meeting, paras. 44-49, and 21st meeting, paras. 22-34; and *ibid.*, *Fourth Committee, Sessional Fascicle*, corrigendum.

<sup>62</sup> *Ibid.*, 17th meeting, paras 18-43.

<sup>63</sup> *Ibid.*, 14th meeting, paras. 22-58, and 20th meeting, paras. 5-15.

<sup>64</sup> *Ibid.*, 17th meeting, paras. 72-94.

<sup>65</sup> *Ibid.*, 20th meeting, paras. 35-60.

<sup>66</sup> *Ibid.*, 17th meeting, paras. 52-69.

<sup>67</sup> *Ibid.*, 20th meeting, paras. 63, 64, 68-70, 78, 79 and 84-87.

<sup>68</sup> *Ibid.*, 20th meeting, paras. 92-146 (Ethiopia); 14th meeting, paras. 110-130, and 17th meeting, paras. 13-17 (Somalia); and *ibid.*, *Fourth Committee, Sessional Fascicle*, corrigendum.

<sup>69</sup> A/10217 and Corr.1, annex I, resolution I.

<sup>70</sup> A/31/197, annex I, para. 37.

<sup>71</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Fourth Committee, 14th meeting*, paras. 1-20.

<sup>72</sup> A/31/196 and Corr.1, annex, resolution CM/Res.480 (XXVII).

6. *Requests* the Government of France to consider the result of the referendum in its totality, thus respecting the territorial integrity of the future State;

7. *Demands* that the Government of France withdraw its military base from the Territory without delay;

8. *Further calls upon* the Government of France to allow and facilitate the return to the Territory of all refugees who are *bona fide* citizens of the Territory, in accordance with the Organization of African Unity Convention Governing the Specific Aspects of Refugee Problems in Africa of 10 September 1969 and the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees of 1951;<sup>73</sup>

9. *Requests* the Government of France, in order to ensure the implementation of the request contained in paragraph 8 above, to set up an *ad hoc* committee in accordance with the recommendation of the Fact-Finding Mission of the Organization of African Unity;<sup>74</sup>

10. *Reaffirms* its resolution 3480 (XXX);

11. *Endorses* all resolutions adopted by the Organization of African Unity on the question of so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti), in particular resolutions CM/Res.431/Rev.1 (XXV)<sup>75</sup> and CM/Res.480 (XXVII),<sup>76</sup> as well as the declaration adopted by the Organization of African Unity Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa, as approved by the Council of Ministers at its twenty-seventh ordinary session and the Assembly of Heads of State and Government at its thirteenth ordinary session, and welcomes the solemn declarations by the leaders of the delegations of Ethiopia and Somalia before the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity and before the Fourth Committee of the General Assembly that their Governments would recognize, respect and honour the independence and sovereignty of so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti) and its territorial integrity after its accession to independence;

12. *Calls upon* all States to refrain from interfering in the internal affairs of the Territory and to abstain from any action likely to impede or adversely affect the current process of the country's accession to independence;

13. *Welcomes* the statements by the representatives of the people of so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti) in which they declared that the Territory would become a member of the United Nations and of the Organization of African Unity immediately after independence;

14. *Endorses* the decisions of the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations to send representatives to observe the referendum and all subsequent stages of the independence process to ensure that the principle of self-determination in the Territory is carried out smoothly and in the most democratic manner;<sup>77</sup>

15. *Urges* all Member States, the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in co-operation with the administering Power, to render all possible moral and material assistance to the people of the Territory.

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### 31/146. Situation in Namibia resulting from the illegal occupation of the Territory by South Africa

*The General Assembly,*

*Having examined* the report of the United Nations Council for Namibia<sup>78</sup> and the relevant chapters 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,<sup>79</sup>

*Having heard* the statements of the representative of the South West Africa People's Organization, who participated in an observer capacity in the consideration of the item by the Fourth Committee,<sup>80</sup>

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

*Recalling*, in particular, its resolutions 2145 (XXI) of 27 October 1966 and 2248 (S-V) of 19 May 1967 and subsequent resolutions of both the General Assembly and the Security Council relating to the question of Namibia, as well as the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice of 21 June 1971,<sup>81</sup> delivered in response to the request addressed to it by the Council in its resolution 284 (1970) of 29 July 1970,

*Taking into consideration* the relevant resolution adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its twenty-seventh ordinary session,<sup>82</sup> and subsequently endorsed by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its thirteenth ordinary session, held at Port Louis from 2 to 6 July 1976,

*Also taking into consideration* the relevant part of the Political Declaration and the resolution relating to Namibia adopted by the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Colombo from 16 to 19 August 1976,<sup>83</sup>

*Reaffirming* that the Territory and people of Namibia are the direct responsibility of the United Nations and that the Namibian people must be enabled to attain self-determination and independence within a united Namibia,

*Strongly deploring* South Africa's continued refusal to comply with the resolutions and decisions of the

<sup>73</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 189, No. 2545, p. 137.

<sup>74</sup> See Organization of African Unity document CM/759 (XXVII), 1976.

<sup>75</sup> See A/10297, annex I.

<sup>76</sup> See A/31/196 and Corr.1, annex.

<sup>77</sup> The Secretary-General subsequently announced (A/32/66) that, in accordance with the understanding reached when resolution 31/59 was adopted, he had carried out the necessary consultations with the parties concerned and had appointed Norway, Sri Lanka and Venezuela as members of the United Nations Mission to Observe the Referendum and Elections in French Somaliland (Djibouti), and that the three Member States concerned had designated the following persons to represent them on the Mission: Mr. Ignatius B. Fonseka (Sri Lanka), Miss María Clemencia López (Venezuela) and Mr. Tom Eric Vraalsen (Norway).

<sup>78</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 24 (A/31/24)*.

<sup>79</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 23 (A/31/23/Rev.1), chaps. I, II, IV-VII and IX.

<sup>80</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirty-first Session, Fourth Committee, 30th and 45th meetings.

<sup>81</sup> *Legal Consequences for States of the Continued Presence of South Africa in Namibia (South West Africa) notwithstanding Security Council Resolution 276 (1970), Advisory Opinion, I.C.J. Reports 1971*, p. 16.

<sup>82</sup> A/31/196 and Corr.1, annex, resolution CM/Res.500 (XXVII).

<sup>83</sup> A/31/197, annex I, paras. 52-55, and annex IV, sect. A, resolution 3.