

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session on the progress of the Programme.

*1831st plenary meeting,
12 December 1969.*

2558 (XXIV). Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1970 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963, in which it requested the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to study the information transmitted to the Secretary-General in accordance with Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations and to take such information fully into account in examining the situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration,

Recalling also its resolution 2422 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968 by which the General Assembly, *inter alia*, requested the Special Committee to continue to discharge the functions entrusted to it under resolution 1970 (XVIII) in accordance with the procedures approved by the Assembly in its resolution 2109 (XX) of 21 December 1965,

Recalling further the provisions of paragraph 5 of its resolution 2422 (XXIII), in which it once again urged the administering Powers concerned to transmit, or continue to transmit, to the Secretary-General the information prescribed in Article 73 e of the Charter, as well as the fullest possible information on political and constitutional developments in the Territories concerned,

Having examined the chapter of the report of the Special Committee dealing with the transmittal of information under Article 73 e of the Charter and the action taken by it in respect of that information,¹⁹

Having also examined the report of the Secretary-General on the item,²⁰

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 information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations;

2. *Regrets* that, despite the repeated recommendations of the General Assembly and the Special Committee, some Member States having responsibilities for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories still have not seen fit to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter, have transmitted insufficient information or have transmitted information too late;

3. *Condemns* the Government of Portugal for its continued refusal to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter with regard to the colonial Territories under its domination, despite the numerous resolutions adopted by the General Assembly concerning those Territories;

4. *Deeply deplores* the persistent refusal of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to transmit such information on Antigua, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla and St. Lucia;

5. *Considers*, having regard to the statement made by the representative of the administering Power relating to the Territory of St. Vincent,²¹ that, in the absence of a decision by the General Assembly itself that St. Vincent has attained a full measure of self-government in terms of Chapter XI of the Charter, the Government of the United Kingdom should continue to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter with respect to that Territory;

6. *Once again urges* the administering Powers concerned to transmit, or continue to transmit, to the Secretary-General the information prescribed in Article 73 e of the Charter, as well as the fullest possible information on political and constitutional developments in the Territories concerned;

7. *Reiterates* its request that the administering Powers concerned transmit such information as early as possible and at the latest within a maximum period of six months following the expiration of the administrative year in the Non-Self-Governing Territories concerned;

8. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to discharge the functions entrusted to it under General Assembly resolution 1970 (XVIII), in accordance with established procedures.

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2559 (XXIV). Question of Oman

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Oman.

Having heard the statement of the petitioner,²²

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and all other relevant resolutions,

Concerned about the situation in the Territory of Oman,

Deploping the refusal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to implement the relevant General Assembly resolutions concerning the Territory,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolutions 2238 (XXI) of 20 December 1966, 2302 (XXII) of 12 December 1967 and 2424 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968;

2. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of Oman to self-determination and to the natural resources of their Territory, as well as their right to dispose of those resources in their best interests;

3. *Urges* the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to implement fully General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions;

4. *Recommends* that the specialized agencies and international institutions concerned should study, within the scope of their activities and in co-operation with the regional organization concerned and through it, the possibilities of extending assistance to meet the educational, technical and health requirements of the people of the Territory;

¹⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/7623/Rev.1), chapter XXXIII.*

²⁰ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda items 63, 70 and 71, document A/7753.*

²¹ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-fourth Session, Fourth Committee, 1853rd meeting, para. 62.*

²² *Ibid.*, 1861st meeting.

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to intensify, in consultation 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, the wide dissemination of information about conditions in the Territory;

6. *Requests* the Special Committee to follow developments in the Territory and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session.

*1831st plenary meeting,
12 December 1969.*

2590 (XXIV). Question of Papua and the Trust Territory of New Guinea

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Recalling further its resolutions 2227 (XXI) of 20 December 1966, 2348 (XXII) of 19 December 1967 and 2427 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968,

Having considered the report of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 20 June 1968 to 19 June 1969²³ and 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,²⁴

Having heard the statement of the representative of the administering Power,²⁵

Taking into account the observations of the Special Committee and the Trusteeship Council regarding developments in Papua and the Trust Territory of New Guinea,

Taking into account the views expressed by the Special Committee urging the administering Power to reconsider its position concerning visiting missions and allow a sub-committee to visit Papua and the Trust Territory of New Guinea,

Mindful of the responsibilities of the United Nations to render all help to the people of Papua and the Trust Territory of New Guinea in their efforts freely to decide their own future,

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of Papua and the Trust Territory of New Guinea to self-determination and independence in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and the Trusteeship Agreement of 13 December 1946;

2. *Reaffirms further* its previous resolutions regarding Papua and the Trust Territory of New Guinea;

3. *Calls upon* the administering Power to take all necessary steps to transfer full powers in the executive and legislative branches of government to elected representatives of the people, in accordance with the freely expressed wishes of the peoples of the Territories;

4. *Requests* the administering Power to intensify and accelerate the education and technical and administrative training of the indigenous peoples of the Territories;

²³ *Ibid.*, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/7604).

²⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 23 (A/7623/Rev.1), chapter XX.

²⁵ *Ibid.*, Twenty-fourth Session, Fourth Committee, 1859th meeting.

5. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to include in its periodic visiting missions to the Trust Territory of New Guinea non-members of the Trusteeship Council, in consultation 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 and the Administering Authority, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations;

6. *Calls upon* the Administering Authority to cooperate fully with the visiting mission and to provide it with all the necessary facilities and assistance in the performance of its tasks;

7. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council and the Special Committee to continue to examine this question and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session.

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16 December 1969.*

2591 (XXIV). Question of Spanish Sahara

The General Assembly,

Having examined 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 Territory of the so-called Spanish Sahara,²⁶

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

Recalling also the decision concerning the Territories under Spanish administration taken by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its third ordinary session, held at Addis Ababa from 5 to 9 November 1966,

Reaffirming its resolutions 2072 (XX) of 16 December 1965, 2229 (XXI) of 20 December 1966, 2354 (XXII) of 19 December 1967 and 2428 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968,

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of the so-called Spanish Sahara to self-determination in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

2. *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 Territory of the so-called Spanish Sahara;

3. *Regrets* that it has not yet been possible for the consultations to take place which the administering Power was to conduct in connexion with the holding of a referendum in the so-called Spanish Sahara;

4. *Again invites* the administering Power to determine at the earliest possible date, in conformity with the aspirations of the indigenous people of the so-called Spanish Sahara and in consultation with the Governments of Mauritania and Morocco and any other interested party, the procedures for the holding of a referendum under United Nations auspices with a view to enabling the indigenous population of the Territory to exercise freely its right to self-determination and, to this end:

²⁶ *Ibid.*, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/7623/Rev.1), chapter X.