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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

CHAPTER XXX

IMPLEMENTATION ON THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE
TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES AND ASSISTANCE TO THE OPPRESSED
PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THEIR NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT BY
THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS**

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** The Council considered assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation movement by agencies and institutions within the United Nations system in conjunction with the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and institutions associated with the United Nations.

1. The Economic and Social Council considered the 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 and assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation movement by agencies and institutions within the United Nations system at its second regular session of 1981 under agenda items 20 and 21, respectively.

2. For its consideration of the items, the Council had before it the following documents:

(a) Under item 20:

- (i) Report of the Secretary-General on the 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/36/154 and Add.1) ;
- (ii) Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (A/36/305) ;
- (iii) Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with 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 (E/1981/89) ;

(b) Under item 21:

Report of the President of the Economic and Social Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid and 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 (E/1981/90).

3. At its 19th meeting, on 8 May 1981, the Council allocated the items to the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee, which considered them concurrently at its 4th, 5th, 7th and 8th meetings, on 6, 7, 9 and 10 July 1981. For the report of the Committee on these items, see document E/1981/97.

ACTION BY THE THIRD (PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION) COMMITTEE

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation movement by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

4. At its 7th meeting, the Committee considered a draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation movement by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations", sponsored by Algeria, Barbados, Burundi, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iraq, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Jordan, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Senegal, the Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago, 1/ Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire and Zambia. The Bahamas, Cuba and Kenya subsequently joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

5. At its 8th meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by 29 votes to 1, with 6 abstentions, and submitted it to the Council. For action by the Council, see paragraph 7 (a) below.

Assistance to the Palestinian people

6. At its 8th meeting, the Committee adopted a draft decision proposed by the Chairman, whereby the Council would take note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (A/36/305) and would transmit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session. For action by the Council, see paragraph 7 (b) below.

ACTION BY THE COUNCIL

7. At its 39th meeting, on 22 July 1981, the Council considered the draft resolution 2/ and draft decision recommended by the Committee in its report (E/1981/97, paras. 14 and 15) and took the following action:

(a) The draft resolution was adopted by 34 votes to 1, with 6 abstentions; for the final text, see the annex below, Council resolution 1981/54;

(b) The draft decision was adopted; for the final text, see the annex below, Council decision 1981/171.

8. The representative of the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Germany made statements (see E/1981/SR.39).

1/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

2/ The representative of Bangladesh stated that had his delegation been present at the time of the Committee's consideration of the draft resolution, his delegation would have joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

ANNEX

Resolution and decision adopted by the Economic and Social Council
under agenda items 20 and 21 a/

Resolution 1981/54. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation movement by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General b/ and the reports of the President of the Economic and Social Council concerning the items 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" c/ and "Assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation movement by agencies and institutions within the United Nations system", d/

Having heard the statement of 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, e/

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and all other resolutions adopted by United Nations bodies on this subject, including in particular General Assembly resolution 35/29 of 11 November 1980 and Council resolution 1980/50 of 23 July 1980,

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 on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies,

a/ A compilation of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council in 1981 will be issued as Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplements Nos. 1, 1A and 1B (E/1981/81 and Add.1 and 2).

b/ A/36/154 and Add.1.

c/ E/1981/89.

d/ E/1981/90.

e/ See E/1981/C.3/SR.4

Deeply conscious of the continuing critical need of the people of Namibia and their national liberation movement, the South West Africa People's Organization, for concrete assistance from the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations in their struggle for liberation from the illegal occupation of their country by the racist minority régime in South Africa,

Noting the positive results of the International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa, held at Geneva on 9 and 10 April 1981, f/

Deeply concerned that, while progress has been maintained through the continuing efforts of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the extension of assistance to refugees from southern Africa, the action taken so far by the organizations and agencies concerned in the provision of assistance generally to the people of Namibia is still far from adequate to meet their urgent and growing needs,

Noting with satisfaction the continuing efforts of the United Nations Development Programme in the extension of assistance to the national liberation movements concerned and commending the initiative taken by that organization in establishing channels for closer, periodic contacts and consultations between the specialized agencies and United Nations institutions and the Organization of African Unity and the national liberation movements in the formulation of assistance programmes,

Noting also the support given by the organizations within the United Nations system to the implementation of the Nationhood Programme for Namibia, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/9 A of 4 November 1977,

Noting further with satisfaction the high-level meetings held at Geneva from 13 to 16 April 1981 between representatives of the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity and the secretariats of the United Nations and organizations within the United Nations system, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/117 of 10 December 1980, on the question of co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity,

Mindful of the relevant conclusions and recommendations adopted by the International Conference on Sanctions against South Africa, held in Paris from 20 to 27 May 1981,

1. Takes note of the reports of the President of the Economic and Social Council and endorses the observations and suggestions contained therein;
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 exercise their right to self-determination 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;

f/ For the report of the Secretary-General on the Conference, see A/36/316.

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 and the Organization of African Unity in the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies, and urges all the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to accelerate the full and speedy implementation of the relevant provisions of those resolutions;

4. Requests the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in the light of the intensification of the liberation struggle in Namibia, to do everything possible as a matter of urgency to render, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations Council for Namibia, increased assistance to the people of Namibia, in particular in connexion with the Nationhood Programme for Namibia;

5. Requests 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 continue to take all necessary measures to withhold any financial, economic, technical or other assistance to the Government of South Africa until that Government restores to the people of Namibia their inalienable right to self-determination and independence, and to refrain from taking any action which might imply recognition of, or support for, the illegal occupation of Namibia by that régime;

6. Requests also 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 on the apartheid policy of the Government of South Africa, to intensify their support for the oppressed people of South Africa and to take such measures as will isolate the apartheid régime and mobilize world public opinion against apartheid;

7. Urges the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system which have so far not granted full membership to the United Nations Council for Namibia to do so without delay;

8. Expresses its appreciation to the Governments and the organizations concerned for their pledges of contributions made at the International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa and urges all Governments and the organizations within the United Nations system to contribute generously to the funds earmarked for assistance to the refugees in Africa, in particular those persons displaced as a result of the oppressive rule which the minority racist régime of South Africa imposes in both Namibia and South Africa;

9. Notes with satisfaction the arrangements made by several specialized agencies and United Nations institutions which enable representatives of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity to participate fully as observers in the proceedings relating to matters concerning their respective countries, and calls upon those international institutions which have not yet done so to follow this example and make the necessary arrangements without delay, including arrangements to defray the cost of the participation of those representatives;

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 on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies;
11. Urges those specialized agencies and organizations within the United Nations system which have not already done so to include in the agenda of the regular meetings of their governing bodies a separate item on the progress made by those organizations in their implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies;
12. Further urges the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to formulate, with the active co-operation of the Organization of African Unity, and to submit, as a matter of priority, to their governing and legislative organs concrete proposals for the full implementation of the relevant United Nations decisions;
13. Draws the attention 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 to the present resolution and to the discussions on the subject at the second regular session of 1981 of the Council;
14. Requests the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue consultations on these matters with 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 and the Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid and to report thereon to the Council;
15. Requests the Secretary-General to follow the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the Council at its second regular session of 1982;
16. Decides to keep these questions under continuous review.

39th plenary meeting
22 July 1981

Decision 1981/171. Assistance to the Palestinian people

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1981, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people g/ and decided to transmit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session.
