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**Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the
Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of
Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples****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 Chairman**

1. At its substantive session of 1998, the Economic and Social Council adopted resolution 1998/38 of 30 July 1998 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. In paragraph 16 of that resolution, the Council requested its President to continue to maintain close contact on those matters with the Chairman of the Special Committee and to report thereon to the Council at its substantive session of 1999.
2. At its 15th meeting, on 21 July 1999, the Special Committee adopted a resolution on the question, in which it decided to continue to examine the question and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session.¹
3. At its fifty-third session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 53/62 of 3 December 1998, in paragraph 17 of which it requested the Economic and Social Council to continue to consider, in consultation with the Special Committee, appropriate measures for coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system in implementing the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly. An account of this is set out in document E/1999/69 dated 9 July 1999.
4. Under the terms of the foregoing resolution, the Chairman of the Special Committee held consultations with the President of the Economic and Social Council in 1999. The Chairman emphasized the importance of cooperation between the Special Committee and the Economic and Social Council. United Nations programmes, specialized agencies and international organizations had to be mobilized to expand their activities and strengthen international assistance for economic and social development in respect of the Non-Self-Governing Territories. A joint meeting of the Special Committee and the Economic and Social

Council devoted to the Non-Self-Governing Territories would provide an opportunity to jointly discuss strategies to promote the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. This could be done in the context of the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism, which concludes in the year 2000, or as part of a new plan of action being developed by the Special Committee in consultation with administering Powers for the period beyond 2001. The Special Committee's request for such a joint session is under active consideration.

5. In accordance with established practice, the Chairman also took part in the consideration of the related item by the Economic and Social Council at its 1999 session in Geneva. The Council considered the item 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 at its 45th meeting, on 29 July 1999, and on the same date adopted draft resolution E/1999/L.34 by a roll-call vote of 29 to none, with 17 abstentions.

6. Information on further developments will be issued as addenda to the present report, as appropriate and necessary.

Notes

¹ A/AC.109/1999/31. See also A/54/23 (Part II), chap. VII, paras. 34–47. The complete report will be issued as *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 23* (A/54/23).
