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INFORMATION FROM NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES TRANSMITTED
UNDER ARTICLE 73 e OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Report of the Fourth Committee

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1. At its 1939th plenary meeting, on 25 September 1971, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee (A/8500), decided to include in the agenda of its twenty-sixth session and to allocate to the Fourth Committee for consideration and report an item entitled:

"Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations:

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General;
- (b) 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."

2. At its 1952nd meeting, on 19 November, the Fourth Committee decided to hold a general debate covering the present item (item 65), together with six other items on its agenda, namely, 13, 23 and 70 to 73. In taking this decision, it was the understanding of the Committee that individual draft resolutions on matters covered by those items would be considered separately following the conclusion of the general debate.

3. The Fourth Committee considered the item at its 1953rd, 1956th, 1958th, 1960th and 1962nd to 1967th meetings, between 22 November and 13 December.

4. At the 1953rd meeting, on 22 November, the Rapporteur 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 introduced the chapter of the report of that Committee concerning the item (A/8423/Add.8/Rev.1).
5. The Fourth Committee also had before it the report of the Secretary-General relating to this item (A/8520 and Add.1 and 2).
6. The general debate covering item 65, together with the six other items referred to in paragraph 2 above, took place at the 1956th to 1958th, 1960th and 1962nd to 1965th meetings, between 26 November and 9 December.
7. At the 1966th meeting, on 10 December, the representative of Rwanda introduced a draft resolution (A/C.4/L.998), which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Algeria, Cameroon, Congo, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, India, Iran, Kenya, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Rwanda, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Yugoslavia and Zambia.
8. At its 1967th meeting, on 13 December, the Fourth Committee adopted the draft resolution (A/C.4/L.998) by 86 votes to 2, with 8 abstentions (see para. 9).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

9. The Fourth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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 2701 (XXV) of 14 December 1970, 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 2701 (XXV), in which it 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,^{1/}

Having also examined the report of the Secretary-General on this item,^{2/}

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;^{3/}

2. Deeply deplores 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 have ceased to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter, have transmitted insufficient information or have transmitted information too late;

3. Strongly condemns the Government of Portugal for its continued refusal to recognize the colonial status of the Territories under its domination and to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter on these Territories, in complete disregard of the provisions of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Special Committee;

^{1/} A/8423/Add.8/Rev.1.

^{2/} A/8520 and Add.1 and 2.

^{3/} A/8423/Add.8/Rev.1.

4. Reaffirms that, in the absence of a decision by the General Assembly itself that a Non-Self-Governing Territory has attained a full measure of self-government in terms of Chapter XI of the Charter, the administering Power concerned should continue to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter with respect to that Territory;

5. Requests 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;

6. 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;

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