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TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES BY THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND  
THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

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REPLIES FROM THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND INTERNATIONAL  
INSTITUTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION 1/

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The Director-General transmits herewith a copy of resolution WHA 32.21 of 22 May 1979 (see enclosure) which was adopted by the World Health Assembly at its thirty-fourth session.

The Director-General wishes to assure the Secretary-General of the continued support of WHO in the work being undertaken by the United Nations and its specialized agencies for the liberation struggle in southern Africa.

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1/ See also A/34/208/Add.1, WHO.

EnclosureThirty-second World Health Assembly

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Resolution WHA32.21

COLLABORATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM - CO-OPERATION  
WITH NEWLY INDEPENDENT AND EMERGING STATES IN AFRICA:  
LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

The Thirty-second World Health Assembly,

Recalling the provisions of resolutions WHA29.23, WHA30.24 2/ and WHA31.52, 3/

Considering that the non-white populations of South Africa, Namibia and Zimbabwe continue to be denied the necessary medical services and that political prisoners in these countries are subjected to inhuman treatment and political assassination in violation of the WHO and United Nations Charters,

Considering further that developments in the situation in southern Africa, resulting from open defiance by the racist régime in Pretoria and the illegal régime in Salisbury of WHO principles and resolutions, dangerously threaten the social and health conditions of the people of this region through starvation and mass bombing,

Recalling, finally, the relevant resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council concerning the liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity,

1. Expresses its satisfaction with the concerted efforts made by the Director-General of WHO, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the League of Red Cross Societies and other associated bodies to co-operate with the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity;

2. Requests the Director-General:

(1) To give and intensify, in collaboration with the United Nations, the specialized agencies and other bodies, all necessary support in the health sector to the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African

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2/ See also A/32/87/Add.2, WHO, enclosure.

3/ See also A/34/208/Add.1. WHO, paras. 1-2.

Unity including co-operation in the technical field, in training and in provision of medical supplies;

(2) To ensure that this technical co-operation in all its forms is provided in the most expeditious and flexible way through simplified procedures;

(3) To present a comprehensive and detailed report to the Thirty-third World Health Assembly on the progress made in the implementation of this resolution;

3. Invites the Director-General to pursue all possible efforts to enlist support from governmental and non-governmental sources for this operation;

4. Reiterates its appeal to all Member States to make voluntary contributions to this programme.

Twelfth plenary meeting, 22 May 1979  
A32/VR/12

WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION 4/

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/22 September 1978/

1. Relevant resolutions adopted in 1977 by the General Assembly and other bodies of the United Nations on the subject of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other related questions were considered by the WMO Executive Committee at its thirtieth session, held at Geneva, from 25 May to 15 June 1978. Excerpts from the report of the Executive Committee 5/ containing its decisions in this matter are given below:

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"Questions concerning Namibia

"11.3.5 EC-XXIX considered the possibility of giving effect within WMO of United Nations General Assembly resolution 31/149 of 20 December 1976 which requests all specialized agencies to grant full membership to the United Nations Council for Namibia. In the discussions it was suggested that Namibia might be admitted as a member under article 3 (f) of the WMO Convention which refers to a 'Trust Territory'. The Committee had requested the Secretary-General to discuss with the Secretary-General of the United Nations the procedure which could best be followed in this matter. The above request of the General Assembly has been reiterated in its resolution 32/9 E of 4 November 1977.

"11.3.6 In response to the WMO Secretary-General's inquiry, the United Nations has clarified that Namibia does not have the status of a Trust Territory. It is considered as a Territory administered by the United Nations until independence through the United Nations Council for Namibia. The granting of membership to the United Nations Council for Namibia would therefore seem to require an amendment to article 3 (f) of the WMO Convention to take into account the role of the United Nations with regard to Namibia.

"11.3.7 The Committee decided in accordance with resolution 4 (Cg-III) to refer the matter to Eighth Congress and with this in mind adopted draft resolution 28/2 (EC-XXX) - amendment to the WMO Convention (see enclosure 1 below).

"11.3.8 Some members questioned the advisability of this procedure, because such a problem is outside the terms of reference of the Executive Committee as

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4/ See also A/34/208/Add.1, WMO.

5/ 31.466/S/IND, annex, appendix B.

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defined in article 14 of the Convention. Furthermore such an approach could prejudice the delicate and important negotiations going on in other more relevant forums.

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"Technical assistance to individual countries

"11.3.10 The Committee noted that a number of the resolutions addressed to WMO pertained to providing technical assistance to individual countries. In this connexion WMO activities to date include assistance to Botswana, Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Mozambique and the New Hebrides. It is expected that assistance will, in the near future, also be extended to Djibouti, Sao Tome and Principe and other countries."

Nationhood Programme for Namibia

2. At the same session, the Executive Committee endorsed the recommendation of its Panel of Experts on the WMO Voluntary Assistance Programme (VAP) (see enclosure 2 below).

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Enclosure 1

Resolution 28 (EC-XXX) 6/

WMO  
Executive Committee  
Thirtieth session

AMENDMENT TO THE WMO CONVENTION

The Executive Committee,

Noting:

(1) United Nations General Assembly resolution 32/9 E of 4 November 1977 which requests all specialized agencies to grant full membership to the United Nations Council for Namibia, so that it may participate in that capacity as the legal Administering Authority for Namibia in the work of these agencies,

(2) That in response to an inquiry by the Secretary-General of WMO, the United Nations has clarified that Namibia does not have the status of a Trust Territory and therefore does not qualify for membership of the Organization under any of the paragraphs of article 3 of the WMO Convention,

(3) That the United Nations Council for Namibia was established by resolution 2248 (S-V) of 19 May 1967 to administer the Territory of Namibia until independence,

Recommends to Eighth Congress that article 3, and article 34, paragraph (c) of the WMO Convention should be appropriately amended to permit the United Nations Council for Namibia to become a member of the World Meteorological Organization;

Requests the Secretary-General, in accordance with article 28, paragraph (a) of the WMO Convention, to communicate the texts of the proposed amendments as given in the annex to this resolution /see below/ to members of the Organization at least six months in advance of its consideration by Congress.

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Proposed amendments to WMO Convention 7/

1. Add the following provision under article 3:

"(g) Any territory other than those specified in paragraph (f) of this article, maintaining its own meteorological service, and administered by the United Nations or by a body established by the United Nations and to which the United Nations applies the present Convention in accordance with article 34";

(The sentence beginning with the words "Any request for Membership ..." at the end of article 3 would remain unchanged.)

2. Amend article 34 (c) to read as follows:

"The United Nations may apply the present Convention to any Trust Territory or group of Trust Territories or any other Territory or Territories for which the United Nations or a body established by it is the Administering Authority. The Government of the United States of America will notify all signatory and acceding States of any such application."

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7/ See also p. 11 of the present report.



Enclosure 2

RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WMO  
PANEL OF EXPERTS ON THE WMO VOLUNTARY Executive Committee  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME (VAP) 8/ AND ENDORSED Thirtieth session  
BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The Panel recalled resolution 31/153 of 20 December 1976 of the General Assembly of the United Nations which called upon the United Nations, the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies within the United Nations system to launch a comprehensive assistance programme in support of the Nationhood Programme for Namibia. The Panel therefore considered various possibilities of using VAP to help implement the World Weather Watch Plan (WWW) in Namibia and at the same time to respond to the request of the General Assembly. The Panel recommended as an exceptional measure that Namibia be eligible for assistance. The Panel believed that it would be appropriate for the Secretary-General, in response to General Assembly resolution 31/153, to report that a sum of up to \$US 50,000 could be used for the Nationhood Programme for Namibia.

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8/ The VAP, established by WMO, is maintained by voluntary contributions received from members for the purpose of meeting officially notified requests for assistance in implementing WWW, for granting long-term fellowships, supporting applications of WWW in the field of hydrology, granting short-term fellowships for training of personnel engaged in WWW activities and supporting short-term training seminars for personnel similarly engaged.

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/4 July 1979/

1. The action taken by the WMO Executive Committee at its thirtieth session on the resolutions of the General Assembly and other bodies of the United Nations on the subject of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other related questions was described in a letter dated 22 September 1978 (see above).

2. Similar resolutions, adopted in 1978 (see enclosure below), were forwarded by the United Nations to WMO after the closure of the thirtieth session of the Executive Committee and were subsequently submitted to the Eighth World Meteorological Congress, held at Geneva from 30 April to 26 May 1979. A summary of the decision adopted by the Congress is set out below. The extract is taken from the provisional abridged report of the Congress: 9/

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"8.4.1 Congress reviewed resolutions adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations as well as by the Special Committee on the situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples /see enclosure/. It noted that in many cases similar resolutions had been addressed to the Organization and that appropriate action had already been taken by the Executive Committee. Congress endorsed the action taken by the Executive Committee in respect of these resolutions and confirmed that it should continue to deal with these matters.

"8.4.2 Regarding the provisions of WMO fellowships to refugees, Congress noted that in the past, such fellowships had been reserved for refugees from colonial countries in Africa. Congress agreed to broaden the scope of availability of these fellowships to include Palestinian refugees. On this question, two lines of thought were expressed. One suggested the restriction of fellowships offered to the two mentioned categories of refugees. The second line of thought did not foresee any restriction whatsoever. Nevertheless, Congress decided that budgetary funds allocated to fellowships for refugees should be used for training refugees as defined by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, particular attention being given, however, to those refugees for whom the United Nations General Assembly has specifically requested the specialized agencies of the United Nations.

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9/ Agenda item 8, appendix B.

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"11.1.3.1 Congress considered the amendments proposed by the Executive Committee to article 3 and article 34 of the Convention to permit the United Nations Council for Namibia to become a member of the Organization. These amendments were made to comply with resolutions 31/149 of 20 December 1976 and 32/9 E of 4 November 1977 of the General Assembly of the United Nations which requested all specialized agencies and other organizations and conferences within the United Nations system to consider granting full membership to the United Nations Council for Namibia so that it may participate in that capacity as the 'Administering Authority for Namibia in the work of these agencies, organizations and conferences'.

"11.1.3.2 As the proposed amendments did not receive the approval of the required two thirds of all the members of the Organization which are States, the amendments were not adopted. Nevertheless, as the proposed amendments were agreed upon by a majority of two thirds of the member States present and voting, Congress decided, in accordance with the interpretation of article 23 of the Convention, given in paragraph 5.1.2 (c) of the abridged report of Sixth Congress, that these amendments would be voted upon again at Ninth Congress."

Enclosure

RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONSIDERED BY  
THE EIGHTH WORLD METEOROLOGICAL CONGRESS 10/

Resolutions of the General Assembly

Resolution

- 33/28 - Question of Palestine
- 33/30 - Question of the New Hebrides
- 33/32 - Question of American Samoa
- 33/33 - Question of Guam
- 33/34 - Question of the United States Virgin Islands
- 33/35 - Question of Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Montserrat and Turks and Caicos Islands
- 33/38 - Question of Southern Rhodesia
- 33/40 - Activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Southern Rhodesia and Namibia and in all other Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa
- 33/41 - 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
- 33/44 - Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples
- 33/45 - Dissemination of information on decolonization
- 33/112 - United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
- 33/147 - Assistance to the Palestinian people

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10/ Ibid., appendix A.

Resolution

- 33/164 - Assistance to South African student refugees
- 33/182 - Question of Namibia
- 33/183 - Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa

Resolutions of the Special Committee

- A/AC.109/571 11/ - 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/AC.109/572 12/ - Activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Southern Rhodesia and Namibia and in all other Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa

Resolution of the Economic and Social Council

- 1978/29 - Question of elaborating a draft declaration on the participation of women in the struggle for the strengthening of international peace and security and against colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, foreign aggression and occupation and all forms of foreign domination

Resolution of the Commission on Human Rights

- 1 (XXXIV) - Question of the violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine

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11/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/33/23/Rev.1), vol. I, chap. VI, para. 16.

12/ Ibid., chap. IV, para. 15.