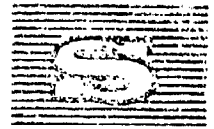


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LETTER DATED 14 SEPTEMBER 1971 FROM THE ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith, for the attention of the Security Council, the text of a resolution adopted 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 at its 826th meeting, on 14 September 1971, concerning the question of Territories under Portuguese administration.

The operative paragraphs of the resolution read as follows:

"The Special Committee,

...

"1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the peoples of Angola, Mozambique, Guinea (Bissau) and other Territories under Portuguese domination to self-determination, freedom and independence in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and the legitimacy of their struggle to achieve that right;

"2. Condemns the persistent refusal of the Government of Portugal to implement General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council, and the colonial war being waged by that Government against the African peoples in Angola, Mozambique and Guinea (Bissau) which also threatens the security and violates the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the neighbouring independent African States;

"3. Calls upon the Government of Portugal to cease forthwith all repressive activities and military operations against the peoples of Angola, Mozambique and Guinea (Bissau), to withdraw all military and other forces, and to effect the full and speedy implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council with respect to the Territories under its domination;

"4. Condemns the violations by Portugal of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of independent African States, in particular those States bordering the Territories;

"5. Calls upon the Government of Portugal, in view of the armed conflict in Angola, Mozambique and Guinea (Bissau) and the inhuman treatment of prisoners, to ensure the application to that situation of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, both dated 12 August 1949;

"6. Appeals once again to all States, particularly the military allies of Portugal within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, to discontinue extension of military assistance of any kind to the Government of Portugal and to prevent the sale or supply of weapons, military equipment and material to Portugal, as well as any equipment and material for the manufacture or maintenance of weapons and ammunition which it uses to perpetuate its colonial domination in Africa;

"7. Deplores those activities of economic and other interests operating in the Territories under Portuguese domination which impede the realization of the legitimate aspirations of the African populations in these Territories for self-determination, freedom and independence and which strengthen the military efforts of Portugal;

"8. Calls upon all States to take effective measures to put an end to all practices which exploit the Territories under Portuguese domination and the peoples therein and to discourage their nationals and companies from entering into any activities or arrangements which strengthen Portugal's domination over, and impede the implementation of the Declaration with respect to those Territories;

"9. Condemns the policies of those Governments which have failed to prevent their nationals and companies under their jurisdiction from agreeing or preparing to participate in the Cabora Bassa project in Mozambique and the Cunene River Basin project in Angola and calls upon all Governments which have not yet done so to withdraw immediately from all activities relating to these projects and to take all necessary measures to prevent the participation therein of any companies or individuals under their jurisdiction;

"10. Draws the attention of the Security Council to the need for taking, as a matter of urgency, all effective measures, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, to secure the implementation by Portugal of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and of the decisions of the Security Council concerning the Territories under Portuguese domination, in particular, resolutions 180 (1963) of 31 July 1963, 183 (1963) of 11 December 1963, and 218 (1965) of 23 July 1965;

"11. Urges all States and the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity, to render to the peoples of the Territories under Portuguese domination the moral and material assistance necessary to continue their struggle for the restoration of their inalienable rights;

"12. Reiterates its appeal to the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations, in particular to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the International Development Association (IDA), to refrain from granting Portugal any financial, economic or technical assistance as long as the Government of Portugal refuses to implement General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

"13. Requests its Chairman, bearing in mind the acceptance 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 of the invitations extended to it by the Movimento Popular de Libertação de Angola (MPLA) and the Frente de Libertação de Moçambique (FRELIMO) to visit the liberated areas of Angola and Mozambique, to work out the necessary modalities in consultation with the Organization of African Unity and those liberation movements;

"14. Decides to keep the situation in the Territories under continuous review."

(Signed) Rafic JOUEJATI  
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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