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LETTER DATED 18 MAY 1965 FROM 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 ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a resolution (A/AC.109/116) on the question of Aden, 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 356th meeting on 17 May 1965.

In operative paragraph 11 of this resolution, the Special Committee "Draws the attention of the Security Council to the grave situation prevailing in the Territory".

At the same meeting the Special Committee decided to transmit to the Security Council the records of its debates on the question. These records are contained in documents A/AC.109/SR.329-338.

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) Sori COULIBALY
Chairman
Special Committee of Twenty-Four

Resolution adopted by the Special Committee
at its 528th meeting on 17 May 1965

The Special Committee,

Having examined the question of Aden and Aden Protectorate (report of the Sub-Committee on Aden (A/AC.109/L.194)),

Having heard the statements of the administering Power,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and 1949 (XVIII) of 11 December 1965, as well as its own resolutions of 9 April, 11 May and 17 November 1964,

Deeply concerned at the critical and explosive situation which is threatening peace and security in the area, arising from the policies pursued by the administering Power in the Territory,

Convinced that the solution to the question of Aden can best be found through the immediate and full implementation of the resolutions of the General Assembly, particularly resolutions 1514 (XV) and 1949 (XVIII),

1. Reaffirms the right of the people of the Territory to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples;

2. Adopts the report of the Sub-Committee on Aden and endorses its conclusions;

3. Deplores the refusal of the United Kingdom Government to implement General Assembly resolution 1949 (XVIII) on Aden and the recommendations of the Special Committee;

4. Notes with deep concern that military operations against the people of the Territory are still being carried out by the administering Power;

5. Urges the United Kingdom to:

(a) abolish the state of emergency;

(b) repeal all laws restricting public freedoms;

(c) cease forthwith all repressive actions against the people of the

Territory, in particular military operations;

(d) release all political detainees and allow the return of those people who have been exiled or forbidden to reside in the Territory because of political activities;

6. Calls upon the United Kingdom Government to convene immediately a conference of representatives of all sectors of public opinion of the whole Territory, with a view to deciding on the necessary constitutional measures for the holding of immediate general elections on the basis of universal adult suffrage and with full respect for fundamental human rights and freedoms, to be followed by the establishment of representative organs and government for the whole of the Territory and for the granting of immediate independence;

7. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Special Committee and the administering Power, to arrange for an effective United Nations presence before and during the elections referred to in paragraph 6 above;

8. Reaffirms that the maintenance of the military base in Aden is prejudicial to peace and security in the region and its early removal is, therefore, desirable;

9. Urges the United Kingdom Government to enable the Sub-Committee to visit Aden;

10. Requests the Secretary-General, the specialized agencies and the international relief organizations, in consultation with the administering Power, to assist the civilian population which has suffered from the military operations in Radfan and other regions of the Territory;

11. Draws the attention of the Security Council to the grave situation prevailing in the Territory;

12. Decides to maintain the question of Aden on the agenda of the Committee and to request the Sub-Committee on Aden to keep this question under constant review and to report to the Committee as necessary.
