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THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

Report of the Secretary-General

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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 of the World Health Organization (WHO) has the honour to transmit to the Secretary-General a copy of resolution WHA30.24 (see enclosure below), concerning assistance to newly independent and emerging States in Africa, which was adopted on 16 May 1977 by the Thirtieth World Health Assembly.

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The Director-General looks forward to further joint endeavour with all concerned to intensify health assistance to newly independent and emerging States in Africa and to national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity (OAU), as requested by the World Health Assembly.

1/ See also A/32/87.

Enclosure

Thirtieth World Health Assembly

Resolution WHA30.24

CO-ORDINATION WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

ASSISTANCE TO NEWLY INDEPENDENT AND EMERGING STATES IN AFRICA

The Thirtieth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the Director-General's reports submitted in accordance with resolutions WHA29.23 ^{2/} and EB59.R40 on assistance to newly independent and emerging States in Africa,

Bearing in mind the action called for in resolution WHA29.23,

1. Notes with appreciation the concerted efforts made by UNHCR, UNDP, UNDRO, UNICEF, ^{3/} the League of Red Cross Societies and WHO to provide assistance to these States;
2. Commends the action taken to introduce flexible measures to meet the needs of the countries concerned;
3. Requests the Director-General to continue and intensify health assistance to newly independent and emerging States in Africa and to national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity, and to report to the Thirty-first World Health Assembly on such assistance.

Twelfth plenary meeting, 16 May 1977
A30/VR/12

^{2/} Ibid., WHO, para. 18.

^{3/} The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Development Programme, the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and the United Nations Children's Fund.

UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION 4/

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/28 June 1977/

1. In accordance with article IV of the agreement between the United Nations and the Universal Postal Union (UPU), the Director-General submitted to the Executive Council at its May 1977 session a report on the measures taken by the International Bureau with regard to the recommendations of the United Nations concerning the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies, together with resolutions on the implementation of the Declaration, some parts of which concern the specialized agencies.

2. During its meeting on 12 May, the Executive Council noted the report and the relevant resolutions, and these are discussed in document CE 1977-Doc.4/Annex 4 and Add.1 (see enclosure below). As may be observed from this document, the report for the most part reiterates the information given in the Director-General's letter of 23 February 1977 (see A/32/87). The following additions and clarifications should, however, be noted:

A. Relations with newly independent countries

3. Angola joined UPU on 3 March 1977. The International Bureau has also repeated its 1976 invitation to the Seychelles to join UPU. On the level of technical assistance, a national of the Comoros received a grant for specialized study from the UPU Special Fund for 1977.

B. Study of the position of Non-Self-Governing Territories within UPU

4. The consultations which began during 1976 on the position of Non-Self-Governing Territories within UPU have not produced satisfactory results. There has been insufficient response from member countries to enable the Executive Council to choose either of the solutions proposed. At its May 1977 session, the Executive Council entrusted the International Bureau with the task of pursuing the consultations initiated in 1976 and presenting a further report at its 1978 session.

5. It should also be pointed out that in the intervening period, France and the United States of America unilaterally renounced the status of member country enjoyed by the groups of Territories for whose international relations they were responsible. As a result, the problem to be solved by UPU is at present confined to the dependent Territories of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Netherlands and Portugal (see also A/32/87, UPU, para. 6).

4/ See also A/32/87.

C. Co-operation with the Organization of African Unity (OAU)

6. OAU was represented at the May 1977 session of the Executive Council by the adviser to the permanent delegation of OAU at Geneva.

7. OAU will also be invited to participate in the meeting between UPU, the Restricted Postal Unions and the regional economic commissions which will probably take place at UPU headquarters at Berne in November 1977. This meeting will be the first of its kind in the framework of relations between UPU and the regional organizations on technical co-operation matters.

D. Resolutions submitted to the Executive Council at its meetings in May 1977

8. In addition to the resolutions listed in the letter of the Director-General referred to above, the following General Assembly resolutions were also submitted to the Executive Council: 31/144 of 17 December 1976 and 31/148, 31/149, 31/151 and 31/153 of 20 December 1976.

E. Namibia

9. As regards the Institute for Namibia at Lusaka, UPU stated, in a letter dated 26 April 1977 addressed to the Director of the Office of the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia, that it was prepared to consider a programme of courses for Namibians and nationals of other colonial countries, in co-operation with the United Nations. It was explained on that occasion that if such a programme was accepted in principle, its financing (study grants and missions) could be jointly covered by contributions from the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa and UPU's own resources.

Enclosure

A. Document CE 1977-Doc.4/Annex 4

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Recommendations by the United Nations concerning the implementation
by the specialized agencies of the Declaration on the Granting of
Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Secretary-General's report

Each year, the International Bureau informs the Executive Council of the measures it has taken in connexion with the "Recommendations by the United Nations concerning the implementation by the specialized agencies of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples". This document reports on what has been done in this field since the last session of the Executive Council.

1. Relations with newly independent countries

Of the countries which recently became independent, five have joined UPU, viz, Cape Verde, Comoros, Papua New Guinea and Surinam in 1976 and Angola in 1977. Two others (Grenada and Sao Tome and Principe) have begun the formalities with a view to attaining the status of member country shortly. The International Bureau has also invited the Seychelles to join UPU and has renewed its 1975 invitation to Mozambique.

The International Bureau has also paid attention to the development of the postal services of the newly independent countries. In 1976, Comoros and Mozambique benefited from a mission by a postal development specialist and a headquarters official respectively. These missions covered the planning and development of postal services.

Under the 1977 programme of missions by specialists and consultants, several aid activities will be proposed, namely to Angola, Cape Verde, Sao Tome and Principe and the Seychelles; they will cover general study of the operation of services, planning, reorganization of operational services and vocational training.

2. Aid to colonial peoples

In application of the various United Nations resolutions on the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa (resolution 3422 (XXX) of 8 December 1975 and 31/31 of 29 November 1976), it is planned to propose to the United Nations ... a programme of courses for nationals of Namibia, Zimbabwe and South Africa. The finance for this action could be provided jointly under the head of contributions to the United Nations Training Programme for Southern Africa and the UPU Special Fund.

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3. Study on the situation of Non-Self-Governing Territories within UPU

The 1974 Lausanne Universal Postal Congress instructed the Executive Council to study the situation of the groups of Non-Self-Governing Territories which were full members of UPU (resolution C 15).

At its May 1976 session, the Executive Council held discussions on the problem thus raised and, on that occasion, considered it advisable to undertake various consultations before taking a decision on the substance of the problem. Consultations were undertaken with all Union member countries, the postal administrations of Non-Self-Governing Territories and the national liberation movements acting on behalf of those Territories. As the study was being prepared, France and the United States of America waived the status of member country for the groups of Territories for whose international relations they are responsible. This waiver, which is based on article 12 of the Constitution, will take effect one year after receipt by the Swiss Government, i.e., on 22 December 1977 and 1 January 1978 respectively. These member countries have specified that, from that date, the Acts of UPU will apply to the Territories concerned in accordance with article 23 of the Constitution.

4. Co-operation with OAU

Admitted to take part as an observer at all UPU meetings (1974 Lausanne Congress decision C 92), OAU was invited to attend the session of the Consultative Committee for Postal Studies, but was unable to be represented at it. It has also been invited to the May 1977 session of the Executive Council.

Meanwhile, the International Bureau, as part of the study mentioned in paragraph 3 above, has requested the co-operation of OAU in contacting the national liberation movements recognized by that organization and which act in the name of the Non-Self-Governing Territories of particular interest to UPU.

5. Co-operation with the United Nations

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 31/30, the International Bureau has supplied the Secretary-General of the United Nations with the necessary information to enable him to prepare, for the bodies concerned, the desired report on the measures taken by the United Nations and by the specialized agencies in relation to the decolonization problem.

6. Resolutions submitted for the attention of the Executive Council

In accordance with article IV of the agreement between the United Nations and UPU, the International Bureau submits to the Executive Council the resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly calling for co-operation by the specialized agencies and to which the Secretary-General has particularly drawn its attention /see list below/.

Resolutions and relevant paragraphs

- 31/6 - Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa (part G, para. 9; part H, para. 6; part I, para. 12; part J, para. 22, annex, para. 12)
- 31/7 - 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
- 31/30 - 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 (paras. 8, 11 and 12)
- 31/46 - Question of the Solomon Islands (para. 5)
- 31/48 - Question of Tokelau (para. 8)
- 31/54 - Question of the British Virgin Islands (para. 6)
- 31/59 - Question of French Somaliland (para. 15)
- 31/143 - Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (para. 6)
- 31/144 - Dissemination of information on decolonization (para. 4)
- 31/146 - Situation in Namibia resulting from the illegal occupation of the Territory by South Africa (para. 5)
- 31/149 - Action by intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations with respect to Namibia (paras. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5)
- 31/151 - United Nations Fund for Namibia (paras. 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10)
- 31/153 - Nationhood Programme for Namibia (para. 4)
- 31/154 - Question of Southern Rhodesia (part A, para. 11)

B. Document CE 1977-Doc.4/Annex 4/Add.1

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Since publication of CE 1977-Doc.4/Annex 4, the International Bureau has received United Nations General Assembly resolution 31/148 entitled "Intensification and co-ordination of United Nations action in support of Namibia", ...

The Secretary-General of the United Nations has particularly drawn attention to this resolution, paragraph 5 of which refers to the specialized agencies.

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WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION 5/

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/20 July 1977/

1. A large number of resolutions of the United Nations on the subject of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other related questions, containing requests addressed to the specialized agencies were received by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) during the period between the twenty-eighth (1976) and the twenty-ninth (1977) sessions of its Executive Committee (see enclosure 1 below). The substance of these resolutions was considered by the Committee at its twenty-ninth session (Geneva 26 May to 15 June 1977). Relevant extracts from the report of the session, containing the decisions of the Committee are given in enclosure 2 below.

2. Further action will be initiated by the WMO secretariat in accordance with the decisions referred to above.

5/ See also A/32/87.

Enclosure 1

WMO
Executive Committee
Twenty-ninth session
26 May-15 June 1977

UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS

Document No. 17.964/S/IND, annex I

I. Resolutions 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

- A/AC.109/494 6/ - Question of Southern Rhodesia
- A/AC.109/495 7/ - Question of Namibia
- A/AC.109/530 8/ - Question of Southern Rhodesia
- A/AC.109/537 9/ - 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.109/540 10/ - 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

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6/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/10023/Rev.1), vol. II, chap IX, para. 16.

7/ Ibid., chap. X, para. 13.

8/ Ibid., Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/31/23/Rev.1), vol. II, chap. VIII, para. 13.

9/ Ibid., vol. I, chap. VI, para. 13.

10/ Ibid., chap. IV, para. 9.

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III. Resolutions of the General Assembly

- 31/6 - Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa
- 31/7 - 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
- 31/30 - 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
- 31/42 - Assistance to the Comoros
- 31/43 - Assistance to Mozambique
- 31/48 - Question of Tokelau
- 31/54 - Question of the British Virgin Islands
- 31/59 - Question of French Somaliland
- 3480 (XXX) - Question of French Somaliland
- 31/143 - Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples
- 31/144 - Dissemination of information on decolonization
- 31/146 - Situation in Namibia resulting from the illegal occupation of the Territory by South Africa
- 31/148 - Intensification and co-ordination of United Nations action in support of Namibia
- 31/149 - Action by intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations with respect to Namibia
- 31/151 - United Nations Fund for Namibia
- 31/153 - Nationhood Programme for Namibia
- 31/154 A - Question of Southern Rhodesia
- 31/188 - Assistance to Angola

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Enclosure 2

WMO
Executive Committee
Twenty-ninth session
26 May-15 June 1977

EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Document No. 17.964/S/IND, annex II

10. CO-OPERATION WITH UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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 and other related questions

10.1.2 It was agreed that the resolutions on this subject which have been adopted by the United Nations since the twenty-eighth session (1976) of the Executive Committee could be classified into three categories:

- A. Recommendations on which WMO has already taken or is taking appropriate action.
- B. Recommendations which fall outside the field of competence of WMO and which do not therefore require any action by WMO.
- C. Recommendations which require specific action by WMO.

10.1.3 The Executive Committee noted with satisfaction the action already taken by WMO on those recommendations which fall under category A. The decisions of the Committee regarding the category C resolutions are recorded in the following paragraphs.

Recommendations on questions concerning Namibia

10.1.4 The Committee considered General Assembly resolution 31/149 concerning the granting of full membership to the United Nations Council for Namibia and other United Nations resolutions and recommendations concerning Namibia. Noting that in General Assembly resolution 2145 (XXI) the United Nations had assumed direct responsibility for Namibia, the Committee requested the Secretary-General to discuss with the Secretary-General of the United Nations the procedures which could best be followed in this matter.

10.1.5 In accordance with resolution 31/148 and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, the Committee requested the Secretary-General to refrain from any action that might imply legitimacy for South Africa's illegal occupation of

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Namibia and to render all possible assistance, within the fields of competence of WMO and in co-operation with the United Nations Council for Namibia, in the planning and implementation of the Nationhood Programme for Namibia and to the Institute for Namibia.

10.1.6 The Secretary-General was requested to refer to the Eighth Congress the various resolutions calling for financial support for Namibia.

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WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

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/25 July 1977/

A. General

1. United Nations General Assembly resolution 31/30 concerning 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, adopted on 29 November 1976, as well as a number of other resolutions of the General Assembly, adopted at its thirty-first session, calling upon the specialized agencies to take certain action in respect of colonial countries and peoples, including the peoples of Namibia and Zimbabwe (resolutions 31/146, 31/149, 31/151, 31/154 of 20 December 1976), are being brought to the attention of the Coordination Committee of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), which next meets in September 1977 (see WIPO document WO/CC/XI/3), together with comments and proposals by the Director General of WIPO. Similar resolutions adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its thirtieth session in 1975 were brought to the attention of the WIPO governing bodies which met in September/October 1976.

2. The following paragraphs refer to the elements of these resolutions and provide information, arranged for the most part according to the headings suggested by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, on the action taken or being taken by WIPO to give effect to the said resolutions.

B. Co-operation with OAU

3. With a view to giving effect to the resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly calling upon the specialized agencies to co-operate with the OAU, the Director General of WIPO prepared with the Administrative Secretary-General of OAU a draft co-operation agreement between WIPO and OAU. At its sixth session, in September 1975, the WIPO Coordination Committee approved the draft agreement. The Administrative Secretary-General of OAU submitted the draft agreement to the Council of Ministers of OAU at its twenty-seventh ordinary session held at Port Louis from 24 June to 23 July 1976. The Council of Ministers took note of the text of the draft agreement and requested the Administrative Secretary-General of OAU to circulate, in accordance with the usual procedure, the draft agreement to the Governments of the member States of OAU. At its twenty-eighth session, held at Lomé from 21 to 28 February 1977, the Council of Ministers of OAU approved the agreement. According to its terms, the Cooperation Agreement entered into force on the date of its signature, that is, on 24 May 1977.

4. Following upon the signature of the Cooperation Agreement between WIPO and OAU, the representative of the Director General of WIPO addressed the fourteenth ordinary session of the Assembly of the Heads of State and Government of OAU, held at Libreville from 2 to 5 July 1977.

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C. Assistance to the peoples in colonial Territories and to their national liberation movements

5. Even before the approval of the Cooperation Agreement by the Council of Ministers of OAU, discussions were held between officials of the International Bureau of WIPO and officials of the secretariat of OAU on the matter of assistance to colonial peoples in Africa. With the entry into force of the Agreement, and in light of the said discussions, which are still in progress, the Director General of WIPO will be in a position to submit in due course proposals to the interested WIPO governing bodies on matters relating to assistance to the colonial peoples in Africa and their liberation movements, which could be provided in co-operation with OAU.

6. As concerns assistance to the people of Namibia and their national liberation movement, the Director General of WIPO is prepared to consider any request by the United Nations Council for Namibia for assistance to the people of Namibia, to the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) and to the Institute for Namibia, and will transmit any request for membership by the United Nations Council for Namibia to the WIPO governing bodies concerned. To this end, the International Bureau of WIPO has contacted the United Nations Council for Namibia for the purpose of having discussions concerning the implementation of the relevant resolutions.

7. As regards assistance to the people of Zimbabwe and their national liberation movement, it may be noted that the discussions between the International Bureau of WIPO and the secretariat of OAU, have included the subject of such assistance.

8. It may be noted that the type of assistance to colonial countries and peoples which could be provided by WIPO, could extend to advice in preparing or modernizing legislation on industrial property and copyright and in establishing or strengthening national institutions (patent offices and copyright offices or societies of authors) for the administration of such laws, the training of persons who assume, or are expected to assume, responsibility for the administration of industrial property or copyright matters, fostering access to technological information and appropriate technology, and otherwise enhancing innovative capacity and promoting intellectual creativity in the literary, artistic and technological fields.

9. As concerns information on the situation in Zimbabwe and on the relevant decisions and actions of the United Nations, during the sessions in September/October 1976 of the WIPO governing bodies, it was suggested by the delegation of the Sudan, supported by the delegation of Cuba, that one way for WIPO to give widespread publicity to the relevant decisions and actions of the United Nations, as called for in paragraph 10 of the resolution adopted on 16 June 1976, 11/ 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, would be to publish those resolutions and decisions in WIPO's monthly review Industrial Property/La Propriété industrielle.

11/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/31/23/Rev.1), vol. II, chap. VIII, para. 13.

10. Following upon that suggestion, paragraph 10 of the resolution adopted on 6 June 1976, by the Special Committee, whose text parallels that of paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 31/154 A, was specifically referred to, and the text of paragraph 2 of Security Council resolution 388 (1976) of 6 April 1976, was reproduced in the report on the main activities of WIPO which appears in Industrial Property/La Propriété industrielle (February 1977), and in Copyright/Droit d'auteur (February 1977).

D. Withholding of assistance from the Government of South Africa and the illegal régime of Southern Rhodesia

11. It may be noted that neither the Government of South Africa nor the illegal régime of Southern Rhodesia has requested, nor have they received, any financial, economic, technical or other assistance from the International Bureau of WIPO. In addition, as regards Southern Rhodesia, it may be noted that through the intermediary of the Embassy of the United Kingdom, a declaration of continuity and an instrument of accession were deposited in the name of the Government of Southern Rhodesia with the Swiss Confederation, which, on 6 March 1965, notified this deposit and the fact that the accession would take effect on 6 April 1965. As a consequence, Southern Rhodesia has, since that date, been listed by the International Bureau as a member of the Paris Union. By its communication of 6 December 1968, the Government of the United Kingdom requested the International Bureau to transmit in the future all communications intended for the Southern Rhodesian authorities to the Government of the United Kingdom. The International Bureau has given, and continues to give, full effect to the said request.

E. Observer status for national liberation movements recognized by OAU

12. The discussions between the International Bureau of WIPO and the secretariat of OAU, referred to above, have extended also to arrangements for observer status for the national liberation movements recognized by OAU. In the light of these discussions, which are still in progress, the Director-General will be in a position to submit to the WIPO governing bodies concerned, proposals on observer status for such movements, including possible changes in the General Rules of Procedure of WIPO.
