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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 ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, in paragraph 12 (b) of resolution 3421 (XXX) of 8 December 1975, on 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, requested the Secretary-General "to continue to assist the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system in working out appropriate measures for implementing the present resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session".
2. On 27 January 1976 the Secretary-General, in transmitting the resolution to the executive heads of the specialized agencies and international institutions concerned, informed them that, having regard to the above-quoted provisions, he stood ready to extend assistance, as might be required. At the same time, the Secretary-General invited the executive heads of these organizations, in accordance with paragraph 12 (a) of the resolution, to submit, for transmission to the different United Nations bodies concerned with related aspects of the item, the information called for concerning the action taken or envisaged by their organizations in the implementation of the relevant General Assembly resolutions.
3. The information received from the various organizations in response to this invitation, covering action taken by organizations of the United Nations system regarding assistance to refugees, assistance in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and the national liberation movements for the colonial peoples concerned, representation of national liberation movements at relevant meetings of the agencies and other aspects of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 3421 (XXX), was made available in the Secretary-General's report

to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-first session and to 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 session in 1976 (A/31/65 and Add.1-5; A/AC.109/L.1097). The present report should be read in conjunction with the information contained in that report.

4. The Secretary-General held discussions with the executive heads of the agencies within the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC) in April 1976 regarding various aspects of the questions arising in connexion with the implementation of General Assembly resolution 3421 (XXX) and all other relevant General Assembly resolutions.

5. During the year under review, the organizations within the United Nations system have continued their programmes of assistance for the colonial peoples concerned and their national liberation movements. In co-operation with the other agencies concerned, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has continued to help refugees from the colonial Territories and from South Africa. Several organizations have taken steps jointly and collectively in co-operation with the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia and the United Nations Council for Namibia to provide assistance and support for the United Nations Institute for Namibia.

6. Representatives of the national liberation movements have been invited to the meetings and conferences of the organizations of the system in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly and have participated actively in them. The United Nations Council for Namibia has also continued to be invited to attend meetings of the agencies and other organizations when questions of interest to Namibians are discussed.

7. In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1892 (LVII) of 1 August 1974, a meeting was held in April 1976 between representatives of organizations within the United Nations system and of the general secretariat of OAU. ^{1/} As requested by the Council, the meeting reviewed activities relating to the implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and other relevant United Nations resolutions, with a view to achieving effective co-ordination of activities. Follow-up action was subsequently taken by the organizations concerned.

8. Within the context of paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 3421 (XXX), the specialized agencies and programmes concerned have continued to extend special assistance to the newly independent and emerging States. Appropriate steps have been taken to ensure that there is a fully co-ordinated approach by the United Nations system in this respect. A full account of these activities is contained in documents A/31/65 and Add.1-5.

^{1/} See also A/31/217.