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OBSERVER STATUS OF NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED
BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND/OR BY THE LEAGUE
OF ARAB STATES

Report of the Sixth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Mehmet GÜNEY (Turkey)

1. The item entitled "Observer status of national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and/or by the League of Arab States: report of the Secretary-General" was included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-ninth session pursuant to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 37/104 of 16 December 1982.
2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 1984, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.
3. In connection with the item, the Committee had before it a report of the Secretary-General (A/39/437) containing the views presented by Member States pursuant to paragraph 1 of resolution 37/104.
4. The Committee considered the item at its 31st to 33rd and 65th meetings, on 31 October, 1 November and 7 December. The summary records of those meetings (A/C.6/39/SR.31-33 and 65) contain the views of the representatives who spoke during the consideration of the item.
5. At the 65th meeting, on 7 December 1984, the representative of Cuba introduced a draft resolution (A/C.6/39/L.25) sponsored by Algeria, Bahrain, Benin, Cuba, Democratic Yemen, Iraq, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mali, Mauritania, Nicaragua, the Niger, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, Yemen and Yugoslavia, later joined by Angola, Burkina Faso, Kuwait, Mozambique, Uganda and Zambia.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/39/L.25 by 92 votes to 10, with 17 abstentions (see para. 8 below).
7. The representative of Israel made a statement in explanation of his vote before the vote. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representatives of Belgium, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, Kenya, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America spoke in explanation of their vote.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

8. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status of national liberation movements recognized
by the Organization of African Unity and/or by the League
of Arab States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 35/167 of 15 December 1980 and 37/104 of 16 December 1982,

Recalling also its resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974, 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974 and 31/152 of 20 December 1976,

Taking note of the report of Secretary-General, 1/

Bearing in mind the resolution of the United Nations Conference on the Representation of States in Their Relations with International Organizations relating to the observer status of national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and/or by the League of Arab States, 2/

Noting that the Vienna Convention on the Representation of States in Their Relations with International Organizations of a Universal Character, of 14 March 1975, 3/ regulates only the representation of States in their relations with international organizations,

1/ A/39/437.

2/ See Official Records of the United Nations Conference on the Representation of States in Their Relations with International Organizations, Vienna, 4 February-14 March 1975, vol. II (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.V.12), document A/CONF.67/15, annex.

3/ Ibid., vol. II, p. 207.

Taking into account the continued and uninterrupted current practice of inviting the above-mentioned national liberation movements to participate as observers in the sessions of the General Assembly, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and in the work of the conferences held under the auspices of such international organizations,

Convinced that the participation of the national liberation movements referred to above in the work of international organizations helps to strengthen international peace and co-operation,

Desirous of ensuring the effective participation of the above-mentioned national liberation movements as observers in the work of international organizations and of regulating, to that end, their status and the facilities, privileges and immunities necessary for the performance of their functions,

1. Urges all States that have not done so, in particular those which are hosts to international organizations or to conferences convened by, or held under the auspices of, international organizations of a universal character, to consider as soon as possible the question of ratifying, or acceding to, the Vienna Convention on the Representation of States in Their Relations with International Organizations of a Universal Character;

2. Calls once more upon the States concerned to accord to the delegations of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and/or by the League of Arab States, and which are accorded observer status by international organizations, the facilities, privileges and immunities necessary for the performance of their functions in accordance with the provisions of the Vienna Convention on the Representation of States in Their Relations with International Organizations of a Universal Character;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution.
