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Report of the Fourth Committee

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1. At its 1210th meeting on 20 September 1963, the General Assembly decided to refer to the Fourth Committee the following items on its agenda:

"49. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations: reports of the Secretary-General 1/ and of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories: 2/

- (a) Political and constitutional information;
- (b) Information on educational, economic and social advancement;
- (c) General questions relating to the transmission and examination of information;

1/ A/5404/Add.1-12, A/5402 and Add.1-5, A/5403 and Add.1-11, A/5404 and Add.1-4, A/5524.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighteenth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/5514).

- "50. Dissemination of information in the Non-Self-Governing Territories on the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples: report of the Secretary-General; 3/
51. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Secretary-General; 4/
52. Question of the continuation of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories;
53. Election, if required, to fill vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories;
54. Special training programme for Territories under Portuguese administration." 5/

2. On 27 September 1963, at its 1433rd meeting, the Fourth Committee decided^{6/} to discuss item 54 together with the part of the report 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 (item 23) relating to Territories under Portuguese administration. It also decided to discuss items 49, 52 and 53 together, and to discuss items 50 and 51 together.

3. At its 1469th meeting, on the suggestion of the representative of Liberia, made at the 1468th meeting, the Committee decided to discuss item 54 together with items 50 and 51.

4. At the 1496th meeting, held on 2 December 1963, the representative of Ceylon requested the Secretary-General "for his views on whether, in his opinion and from his point of view, there was any duplication of work and overlapping of responsibility in the activities of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories and 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 the 1501st meeting, the Under-Secretary for

3/ A/5523.

4/ A/5548 and Add.1

5/ A/5531/Rev.1 and Add.1 and 2.

6/ A/C.4/601.

Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories made a statement on behalf of the Secretary-General on this question (A/C.4/630).

5. At the 1506th meeting, the Committee decided that in order to save time the general debate would include all the items on Non-Self-Governing Territories listed on its agenda. Statements in the general debate on these items were made at the 1506th, 1507th and 1509th to 1512th meetings inclusive.

6. At its 1506th meeting, in connexion with the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter, the representative of Argentina recalled the statement made by his delegation on 29 November 1963 at the 1267th meeting of the General Assembly and reserved the position of his Government with regard to sovereignty over, and the transmission of information by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on, the Islas Malvinas (Falkland Islands), the South Sandwich Islands and the South George Islands. The representative of the United Kingdom stated that his Government had no doubts concerning its sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas) and the Falkland Islands Dependencies and that his Government reserved its rights in this matter.

7. At the same meeting, the representative of Guatemala and the United Kingdom reserved the position of their respective Governments with regard to British Honduras (Belize). The representative of Mexico recalled the position of his Government, as stated at the 1267th meeting of the General Assembly on 29 November 1963, reiterating that in the event of changes in the international status of Belize (British Honduras) the historic and juridical rights of Mexico over that Territory should not be ignored. The representative of Guatemala reiterated the reply his Government had made to the representative of Mexico at the same meeting of the General Assembly.

8. The representatives of Spain and the United Kingdom reserved the positions of their respective Governments with regard to Gibraltar. The representatives of Mauritania and Morocco stated the positions of their respective Governments regarding Rio de Oro, known as Spanish Sahara. The representative of Spain affirmed the position of his Government as to its sovereignty over this Territory.

9. The representative of the Philippines reserved the position of his Government regarding North Borneo (Sabah). He said that in accordance with the joint statement made by the President of Indonesia, the Prime Minister of Malaya and

the President of the Philippines, "inclusion of Sabah in the Federation of Malaysia did not prejudice either the claim or any right thereunder". The representative of Malaysia stated that Sabah, formerly known as North Borneo, had achieved independence and joined the Federation of Malaysia. He recalled the statement made by his delegation at the 1237th meeting of the General Assembly, on 10 October 1963. The representative of Indonesia stated the position of his Government on the Federation of Malaysia, and referred to his delegation's statement at the 1206th meeting of the General Assembly, on 17 September 1963. The representative of Malaysia exercised his right of reply.

10. At the 1509th meeting the representative of Yemen recalled the statement made by his delegation at the 1266th meeting of the General Assembly, on 28 November 1963 and reserved the position of his Government regarding Aden which was an integral part of Yemen. The representative of the United Kingdom stated that his Government had no doubts as to its sovereignty over Aden.

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ITEM 52: QUESTION OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION FROM NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES

ITEM 53: ELECTION, IF REQUIRED, TO FILL VACANCIES IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION FROM NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES

11. In connexion with these items, the Committee had before it, in addition to other documentation, a statement of the Under-Secretary for Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories (A/C.4/630) made at the 1501st meeting in response to a request previously made by the representative of Ceylon and a supplementary statement made by the Under-Secretary (A/C.4/633) in response to a request by the representative of Pakistan at the 1506th meeting. It also had as a Committee document (A/C.4/632) a statement by the representative of Liberia at the 1509th meeting.

12. At the 1509th meeting the representative of Ghana introduced a draft resolution (A/C.4/L.786) jointly sponsored by Ceylon, Chad, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Leopoldville), Dahomey, Ghana, Guinea, India, Ivory Coast, Malaysia, Mali, Nigeria, Togo, Uganda and Yugoslavia. Subsequently Cambodia and Niger joined as sponsors (A/C.4/L.786/Add.1).

13. At the 1511th meeting the Fourth Committee adopted this draft resolution by a roll-call vote of 53 to none, with 28 abstentions (see paragraph 28 below, draft resolution I). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Central African Republic, Ceylon, Chad, Colombia, Congo (Brazzaville), Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Senegal, Syria, Tanganyika, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Yugoslavia.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Greece, Honduras, Japan, Liberia, Mauritania, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Peru, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Turkey, United Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Yemen.

14. The representative of Upper Volta stated that had he been present at the voting he would have abstained. The representative of Cambodia stated that as a co-sponsor he would have voted in favour of the resolution had he been present during the vote.

15. At the 1512th meeting, the Committee adopted unanimously the draft resolution recommended by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories and contained in annex II of its report (A/5514) (see paragraph 28 below, draft resolution II).

16. At the same meeting the Committee took note of the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/5524.

17. In connexion with item 49, at the 1450th meeting, the Committee received and granted a request for hearing by the Peoples' Socialist Party and Aden Trades Union Congress. At the 1515th meeting, the Committee heard the petitioner,

who drew attention to the emergency situation in Aden and Aden Protectorate as a result of recent developments.

18. Subsequently, at that meeting, Afghanistan, Algeria, Indonesia, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Morocco, Sudan, Syria, the United Arab Republic and Yugoslavia submitted a draft resolution (A/C.4/L.792) on the situation in Aden. Under rule 121 of the rules of procedure, the Committee decided by a vote of 48 to 20, with 18 abstentions, to consider the draft resolution immediately because of the little time left before the end of the session.

19. The Committee voted on the draft resolution at the 1515th meeting and adopted it by a roll-call vote of 42 to 20, with 28 abstentions (see paragraph 28 below, draft resolution III). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chad, Congo (Brazzaville), Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Ghana, Guinea, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Senegal, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tanganyika, Tunisia, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republics, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, Upper Volta, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Against: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Argentina, Brazil, Ceylon, Chile, China, Colombia, Cyprus, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Iran, Jamaica, Japan, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Sierra Leone, Spain, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela.

- ITEM 50: DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION IN THE NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES ON THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES
- ITEM 51: OFFERS BY MEMBER STATES OF STUDY AND TRAINING FACILITIES FOR INHABITANTS OF NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES
- ITEM 54: SPECIAL TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR TERRITORIES UNDER PORTUGUESE ADMINISTRATION

20. At its 1510th meeting, the Committee decided to circulate as a document the statement made by the representative of Ghana on item 54 (A/C.4/634).

21. At the 1511th meeting the Committee received two draft resolutions:

(a) an eleven-Power draft resolution (A/C.4/L.787) jointly sponsored by Ceylon, Dahomey, Ghana, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Mali, Nigeria, Tanganyika and Uganda on the Special Training Programme for Territories under Portuguese administration (item 54), and (b) a thirteen-Power draft resolution (A/C.4/L.788) jointly sponsored by Ghana, India, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Libya, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, United Arab Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and United States of America on offers by Member States of study and training facilities (item 51).

22. The discussion on draft resolution A/C.4/L.787 mainly centred on the wording of paragraph 2 which read as follows:

"2. Invites Member States, within whose boundaries there reside in great numbers refugees from Territories under Portuguese administration, to consider the possibility of obtaining assistance from the existing United Nations programmes of technical co-operation for the purpose of providing these refugees with more facilities for secondary vocational and technical education;"

23. At the 1512th meeting, the representative of Ghana, on behalf of the sponsors, orally revised operative paragraph 2 of this draft resolution. The new text

(a) replaced the words "Invites Member States" by "Draws the attention of Member States" and (b) replaced the phrase "to consider the possibility of obtaining assistance from existing United Nations programmes of technical co-operation" by the words "to the existing possibilities of obtaining assistance from United Nations programmes of technical co-operation".

24. Subsequently the sponsors accepted a drafting change proposed by the representative of Congo (Leopoldville) to replace the words "the existing

possibilities of obtaining assistance" by the words "to the possibilities available to them".

25. Having previously been informed by the Secretary-General of the financial implications (A/C.4/635), at the 1512th meeting, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/L.787, as revised, by 83 votes to 1, with 1 abstention (see paragraph 28 below, draft resolution IV).

26. At the 1512th meeting the Fourth Committee also voted on the thirteen-Power draft resolution (A/C.4/L.788) on the offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories. The draft resolution was unanimously adopted (see paragraph 28 below, draft resolution V).

27. At the same meeting, the Committee decided without objection to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on item 50 (A/5523).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

28. The Fourth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Question of the continuation of the Committee on Information
from Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1847 (XVII) of 19 December 1962 in which it decided to review at its eighteenth session the question of the further continuation of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Considering that the declaration regarding Non-Self-Governing Territories contained in Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations cannot be dissociated from the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Considering that all United Nations activities concerning Non-Self-Governing Territories should now be co-ordinated and consolidated, with a view to the immediate ending of colonialism,

Recalling that, by resolutions 1654 (XVI) of 27 November 1961 and 1810 (XVII) of 17 December 1962, it established the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and that it has approved the Special Committee's methods and procedures,

Considering that the Special Committee, in view of the experience it has gained, is now in a position to take over the functions of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Having regard to the views of the Secretary-General on this question,^{7/}

Considering that it is imperative to avoid any duplication of work or overlapping of responsibilities,

Having received the report of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories prepared in 1963,^{8/}

1. Takes note of the report of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories on the work of its fourteenth session;

2. Expresses its gratitude to the Committee for its efforts and for its valuable contribution to the accomplishment of the purposes of the United Nations under Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations;

3. Decides to dissolve the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories;

4. Invites Members of the United Nations which have or which assume responsibilities for the administration of Territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government to transmit or continue to transmit to the Secretary-General information as prescribed under Article 73 e of the Charter, as well as the fullest possible information on political and constitutional development;

5. Requests the Special Committee to study this information and take it fully into account in examining the situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples in each of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, and to undertake any special study and prepare any special report it may consider necessary in addition to its activities under General Assembly resolutions 1654 (XVI) and 1810 (XVII);

6. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Special Committee with all the facilities and personnel necessary for the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Report of the Committee on Information from
Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling that by resolutions 564 (VI) of 18 January 1952, 846 (IX) of 22 November 1954, 1152 (XII) of 26 November 1957 and 1537 (XV) of 15 December 1960 it approved or took note of the reports on economic conditions prepared by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories in 1951, 1954, 1957 and 1960,^{9/}

Having received and considered a report on economic advancement in Non-Self-Governing Territories prepared by that Committee at its fourteenth session in 1963,^{10/}

1. Approves the report on economic advancement in Non-Self-Governing Territories prepared by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories at its fourteenth session and considers that this report should be studied in connexion with the other reports mentioned above;
2. Invites the Secretary-General to communicate this report to Members of the United Nations responsible for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories, 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, to the Economic and Social Council, to the regional economic commissions, to the Trusteeship Council and to the specialized agencies concerned for their consideration;
3. Expresses its confidence that the Members responsible for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories will bring the report to the attention of the authorities responsible for economic advancement in those Territories.

^{9/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/1836); ibid., Ninth Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/2729); ibid., Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/3647); and ibid., Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/4371).

^{10/} Ibid., Eighteenth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/5514), part I, section VI.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

The situation in Aden

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1949 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963 on the question of Aden,

Having heard the petitioner's statement on the recent developments in that Territory,

Deeply concerned at the critical and explosive situation obtaining in Aden and the Aden Protectorate as a result of the state of emergency, and at the arrests and detention of nationalist leaders and trade unionists as well as the deportations of others, a situation which constitutes a denial of fundamental rights and endangers peace and security in the region,

1. Urges the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to take, as a matter of urgency, measures which would be most effective to secure:

- (a) The immediate release of the nationalist leaders and trade unionists;
- (b) An end to all acts of deportation of residents in the Territory;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of the Government of the United Kingdom with a view to its implementation.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Special training programme for Territories under
Portuguese administration

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1808 (XVII) of 19 December 1962 by which it established a special training programme for the indigenous people of Territories under Portuguese administration,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General^{11/} submitted in accordance with paragraph 9 of the aforesaid resolution,

Noting with regret that, notwithstanding paragraph 10 of that resolution, the Government of Portugal did not co-operate in the implementation of that resolution,

Noting with satisfaction that offers have been extended by several Members for the use of students from Territories under Portuguese administration,

Noting that only a few applicants from Territories under Portuguese administration have the necessary qualifications to enable them to enter institutions of higher education,

Noting further that most of the scholarships offered by Member States are for higher education only and consequently are not accessible to inhabitants from Territories under Portuguese administration whose qualifications cannot meet the requirements set for the use of such scholarships,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in making use as fully as possible of the existing United Nations programmes of technical co-operation and, particularly, to make available to those indigenous inhabitants of the Territories who are or who may be temporarily residing in various countries or Territories outside the Territories under Portuguese administration the benefits of such programmes, with the consent and co-operation of the host Governments;

2. Draws the attention of Member States within whose boundaries there reside in great numbers refugees from Territories under Portuguese administration to the possibilities available to them of obtaining assistance from the United Nations programmes of technical co-operation, for the purpose of providing these refugees with more facilities for secondary, vocational and technical education;

3. Invites the specialized agencies to co-operate in the establishment and implementation of the special training programme mentioned above, by offering every possible assistance and such facilities and resources as they may be able to provide;
4. Expresses its appreciation to Member States which have extended offers of scholarships to students from Territories under Portuguese administration;
5. Invites Member States which have offered scholarships, and those who plan to do so, to consider in the first place offers of scholarships for secondary education and for vocational and technical training;
6. Requests Member States to inform the Secretary-General of any scholarships offered and of awards made and utilized;
7. Further requests Member States to facilitate the travel of students from Territories under Portuguese administration seeking to avail themselves of the educational opportunities offered;
8. Reiterates its request to the Government of Portugal to co-operate in the implementation of the special training programme for inhabitants of Territories under Portuguese administration;
9. Requests the Secretary-General to report on this question to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for
inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples,

Recognizing the importance of rendering assistance to colonial countries and peoples in the field of general and specialized education,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories under General Assembly resolution 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954,^{12/}

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on offers of study and training facilities under General Assembly resolution 845 (IX);
2. Reaffirms its resolution 1849 (XVII) of 19 December 1962;
3. Urges Member States to continue to offer scholarships to the inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories;
4. Requests the Member States offering scholarships to take into account the necessity of furnishing complete information about the scholarships offered and, whenever possible, the need to provide travel funds to prospective students;
5. Invites once again the administering Members concerned to take all necessary measures to ensure that all scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States are utilized by the inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories and to render effective assistance to those persons who have applied for or have been granted, scholarships or fellowships, particularly with regard to facilitating their travel formalities;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;
7. Draws the attention 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 present resolution.