



Twentieth session
Agenda item 23

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO
COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES: REPORTS 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

BASUTOLAND, BECHUANALAND AND SWAZILAND

Report of the Fourth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. K. NATWAR SINGH (India)

1. At its 159th meeting, on 22 September 1965, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in the agenda of an item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: reports 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". At the same meeting, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the allocation to the Fourth Committee of all the chapters of the reports of the Special Committee relating to specific Territories.
2. At its 1336th plenary meeting, on 24 September 1965, the General Assembly, adopting the recommendations of the General Committee, included the item in its agenda and allocated to the Fourth Committee those chapters of the reports of the Special Committee relating to specific Territories.
3. At its 1517th meeting, on 28 September 1965, the Fourth Committee decided to consider separately, inter alia, the chapters of the reports of the Special Committee relating to Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland.
4. The Committee considered this item at its 1539th, 1543rd, 1545th, 1546th, 1548th, 1549th, 1551st and 1552nd meetings, on 26 October and 1-4, 8 and 9 November.

5. At the 1539th meeting, on 26 October, the Rapporteur 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 introduced the reports of that Committee concerning Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland (A/5800/Add.5, A/6000/Add.5).

6. The Committee also had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/5958) submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to operative paragraph 5 of the resolution adopted by the Special Committee on 2 November 1964.^{1/}

7. The general debate on the item took place at the 1543rd, 1545th, 1546th, 1548th and 1551st meetings, on 1-4 and 9 November.

8. At the 1549th meeting, on 8 November, the representatives of Iran and Mali introduced a draft resolution, which was finally sponsored by Algeria, Cameroon, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Democratic Republic of), Dahomey, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, India, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Syria, Togo, Tunisia, United Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia (A/C.4/L.801 and Add.1 and 2).

9. At the same meeting, the representative of Liberia, speaking on behalf of the sponsors, announced an oral revision to operative paragraph 9 of the draft resolution, which would replace the words "as recommended in the report" by the words "as recommended in paragraph 22 of the report".

10. The draft resolution (A/C.4/L.801 and Add.1 and 2), as orally revised, was voted upon by the Committee at its 1551st meeting, on 9 November 1965, as follows:

Operative paragraph 7 was adopted by a roll-call vote of 79 to none, with 12 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Ceylon, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Democratic Republic of), Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Hungary, India, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya,

^{1/} A/5800/Add.5, para. 365.

Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Syria, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Unión of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Greece, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, United States of America.

The draft resolution as a whole, as orally revised, was adopted by 84 votes to 1, with 6 abstentions.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

11. The Fourth Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland

The General Assembly,

Having examined the chapters of the reports 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 relating to the Territories of Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland,^{2/}

Having examined further the report submitted by the Secretary-General^{3/} pursuant to the request made by the Special Committee in its resolution of 2 November 1964,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Recalling further General Assembly resolutions 1654 (XVI) of 27 November 1961, 1817 (XVII) of 17 December 1962 and 1954 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963,

^{2/} A/5800/Add.5, chapter 8; A/6000/Add.5, chapter 7.

^{3/} A/5958.

Noting the resolutions adopted in July 1964 by the first session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity and the Declaration adopted by the Second Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries in October 1964^{4/} to the effect that the United Nations should guarantee the territorial integrity of Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland and should take measures for their speedy accession to independence and for the subsequent safeguarding of their sovereignty,

Noting with deep concern the economic and social situation prevailing in these Territories and their imperative and urgent need for United Nations assistance,

Having regard to the grave threat to the territorial integrity and economic stability of these Territories constituted by the policies of the present régime in the Republic of South Africa,

Regretting that the administering Power of the three Territories has not taken effective and complete steps to implement resolutions 1514 (XV), 1817 (XVII) and 1954 (XVIII),

1. Approves the chapters of the reports 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 relating to the Territories of Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland and endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained therein;

2. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the peoples of Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland to freedom and independence;

3. Once again invites the administering Power to take urgent steps to implement fully General Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV), 1817 (XVII) and 1954 (XVIII) in conformity with the freely expressed wishes of the peoples of the three Territories;

4. Renews its request that the administering Power should take immediate steps to return to the indigenous inhabitants all the land taken from them, whatever the form of or pretext for such alienation;

5. Requests the Special Committee to consider, in co-operation with the Secretary-General, what measures are necessary for securing the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland and to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-first session;

6. Expresses to the Secretary-General its satisfaction with his efforts and endorses the recommendations contained in his report;

7. Decides to establish a fund for the economic development of these Territories to be made up of voluntary contributions and to be administered by the Secretary-General in close consultation with the Governments of the three Territories and with the co-operation and assistance of the Special Fund, the Technical Assistance Board, the Economic Commission for Africa and the specialized agencies concerned;

8. Considers that the efforts to provide economic, financial and technical assistance, through United Nations programmes of technical co-operation and the specialized agencies should continue in order to remedy the deplorable economic and social situation of the three Territories;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to appoint resident representatives in the three Territories, as recommended in paragraph 22 of the Secretary-General's report, and to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-first session on the operation of the fund.
