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CHAPTER IX

IFNI AND SPANISH SAHARA

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<sup>\*</sup> This document contains chapter IX of the Special Committee's report to the General Assembly. The general introductory chapter will be issued subsequently under the symbol A/6700 (Part I). Other chapters of the report are being reproduced as addenda.

## I. ACTION PREVIOUSLY TAKEN BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 1. Ifni and Spanish Sahara were first considered by the Special Committee in  $1963.\frac{1}{}^{\prime}$  The item was taken up again in 1964 and the Special Committee adopted a resolution which is contained in the Special Committee's report to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session. $\frac{2}{}$
- 2. At its meeting in 1965, the Special Committee did not specifically consider these Territories, but included relevant information on them in its report to the General Assembly at its twentieth session. 3/
- 3. At its twentieth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 2072 (XX) of 16 December 1965 which urgently requested the Government of Spain to take immediately all necessary measures for the liberation of the Territories of Ifni and Spanish Sahara from colonial domination and, to this end, to enter into negotiations on the problems relating to sovereignty presented by these two Territories.
- 4. At its meeting in 1966, the Special Committee again considered these Territories and adopted a resolution which is contained in the Special Committee's report to the General Assembly at its twenty-first session (A/6300/Add.7, chapter X, para. 243). The operative paragraphs of this resolution read as follows:
  - "1. <u>Invites</u> the administering Power to expedite the process of decolonization of the Territory of Ifni and, in collaboration with the Government of Morocco, to make arrangements for the transfer of powers in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);
  - "2. Requests the administering Power to establish without delay appropriate conditions which will ensure that the indigenous population of Spanish Sahara is able to exercise its rights to self-determination and independence;

<sup>1/</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighteenth Session, Annexes, addendum to agenda item 23 (A/5446/Rev.1), chapter XIII.

<sup>2/</sup> Ibid., Mineteenth Session, Annexes, annex No. 8 (A/5800/Rev.1), chapter IX.

<sup>3/</sup> Ibid., Twentieth Session, Annexes, addendum to agenda item 23 (A/6000/Rev.1), chapter X.