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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

(a) 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

(b) REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (CHAPTER XXVI)

Report of the Fourth Committee

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1. At its 2123rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 1973, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee (A/9200), decided to include in the agenda of its twenty-eighth session the following items:

"74. 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:

(a) 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;

(b) Reports of the Secretary-General."

"12. Report of the Economic and Social Council".

2. At the same meeting, the General Assembly decided to allocate to the Fourth Committee, for consideration and report, agenda item 74, together with chapter XXVI of the report of the Economic and Social Council, 1/ which relates to the item.

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/9003 and Corr.1).

3. At its 2063rd meeting, on 19 November, the Fourth Committee decided to hold a general debate covering agenda items 23, 69, 74 and 12, 75 and 76, on the understanding that individual draft resolutions on matters covered by those items would be considered separately.

4. The Fourth Committee considered items 74 and 12 at its 2063rd to 2070th and 2075th meetings, between 19 November and 4 December.

5. At the 2063rd meeting, on 19 November, the Chairman drew attention to chapter VI 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, relating to item 74 (A/9023 (part V)).

6. In addition, the Fourth Committee had before it the relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council. ^{2/} The Committee also had before it the reports of the Secretary-General relating to item 74, submitted in pursuance of paragraphs 11 (a) and 11 (b) of General Assembly resolution 2980 (XXVII) of 14 December 1972 (A/9051 and Add.1-5, A/9277).

7. Supplementary information on the related activities of their respective organizations since the circulation of the above-mentioned report of the Secretary-General (A/9051 and Add.1-5) was given at the 2068th meeting, on 27 November, by the representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Labour Organisation (ILO) (see A/C.4/SR.2068), and at the 2069th meeting, on 28 November, by the representative of the World Health Organization (WHO) (see A/C.4/SR.2069). In addition, at the 2070th meeting, on 29 November, the Secretary of the Committee submitted to the Committee the related information recently received by the Secretary-General from the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO) (see A/C.4/SR.2070).

8. The general debate covering the items referred to in paragraph 3 above took place at the 2064th to 2068th, 2070th and 2073rd meetings, between 20 November and 3 December.

9. At the 2069th meeting, on 28 November, the representatives of Bulgaria, Sierra Leone, the United Republic of Tanzania and the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic introduced a draft resolution (A/C.4/L.1042), which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Afghanistan, Bulgaria, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Democratic Yemen, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Guinea, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Yugoslavia, Zaire and Zambia.

^{2/} Ibid., chap. XXVI.

10. At the same meeting, the Executive Secretary of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) to the United Nations made a statement (see A/C.4/SR.2069).

11. On 29 November, the sponsors of the draft resolution submitted a revised text of the draft resolution (A/C.4/L.1042/Rev.1), in which the following paragraph was added as the eighth preambular paragraph:

"Noting with satisfaction the decisions of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Labour Organisation, the International Telecommunication Union, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization to grant observer status to the national liberation movements, and expressing the hope that the other agencies and organizations within the United Nations system will follow their example,".

12. At its 2075th meeting, on 4 December, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/L.1042/Rev.1 by a recorded vote of 99 to 4, with 16 abstentions (see paragraph 13 below). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bhutan, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Laos, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Republic, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Portugal, South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, France, Germany (Federal Republic of), Greece, Honduras, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Malawi, Nicaragua, Spain, Uruguay.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

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

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

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "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",

Recalling the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, and the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration, contained in its resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, as well as all other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council,

Taking into account with appreciation the reports submitted on the item by the Secretary-General, 3/ the Economic and Social Council 4/ 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, 5/ as well as the related report of the United Nations Council for Namibia, 6/

Taking into consideration the programme of action adopted by the International Conference of Experts for the Support of Victims of Colonialism and Apartheid in Southern Africa, held at Oslo in April 1973, 7/

Having heard the statements of the representatives of the national liberation movements concerned who participated in an observer capacity in the Fourth Committee's consideration of the item, in accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 2139th plenary meeting, on 3 October 1973, 8/ and having been fully apprised of the latest developments in these Territories and in particular of the urgent and pressing need of the peoples concerned for specific assistance from the specialized agencies and other institutions associated with the United Nations in the administration of their countries and the reconstruction programmes being undertaken by their national liberation movements,

3/ A/9051 and Add.1-5, A/9277.

4/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/9003 and Corr.1), chap. XXVI.

5/ A/9023 (part V), chap. VI.

6/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 24 (A/9024).

7/ A/9061, annex, sect. IV.

8/ A/PV.2139, p. 136.

Reiterating its conviction that, having regard to their avowed responsibility to combat poverty, deprivation and other basic human sufferings, it is incumbent upon the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to provide competent assistance to meet the urgent needs of the peoples in all colonial Territories, particularly those of the populations in the liberated areas of the Territories, and of their national liberation movements, and convinced that, within the existing framework of their respective activities and spheres of competence, those organizations are indeed in a position to provide such assistance,

Recognizing the urgency for all specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to take further and more effective measures, within their respective spheres of competence, to ensure the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, the Security Council 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, and stressing the importance of the role to be played in that regard by their respective executive heads and the secretariats concerned,

Noting with satisfaction the decisions of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Labour Organisation, the International Telecommunication Union, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization to grant observer status to the national liberation movements, and expressing the hope that the other agencies and organizations within the United Nations system will follow their example,

Expressing its appreciation to the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity for the continued co-operation and assistance extended by it to the United Nations system of organizations in connexion with the implementation of the relevant decisions of the General Assembly, the Special Committee and the United Nations Council for Namibia, and in particular, for its active participation in the work of the Special Mission established by the Special Committee at the latter's 912th meeting, 9/

Noting once again with deep concern that, although several of the specialized agencies and organizations within the United Nations system have provided considerable assistance to refugees from the colonial Territories in Africa, many of them have not extended their full co-operation to the United Nations in the implementation of the resolutions relating to providing assistance to the national liberation movements and discontinuing all kinds of support to the Governments of Portugal and South Africa, as well as the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia,

Mindful of the necessity to keep under continuous review the activities of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system in the implementation of the various United Nations decisions relating to decolonization,

1. Approves the chapter 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 relating to the item 10/ and expresses its appreciation of the work accomplished during the year by the Special Committee, in particular by the Working Group on the Implementation by the Specialized Agencies and the International Institutions Associated with the United Nations of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other Relevant Resolutions of the United Nations and the Special Mission, established by the Special Committee at its 912th meeting;

2. Reaffirms that the recognition by the General Assembly, the Security Council and other United Nations organs of the legitimacy of the struggle of colonial peoples to achieve freedom and independence entails, as a corollary, the extension by the United Nations system of organizations of all the necessary moral and material assistance to the peoples of the colonial Territories, including especially the populations in the liberated areas of those Territories and their national liberation movements;

3. Expresses once again its appreciation to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and to those other specialized agencies and organizations within the United Nations system which have been co-operating in varying degrees with the United Nations in the implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

4. Urges all specialized agencies and institutions associated with the United Nations and all States to render, as a matter of urgency, all possible moral and material assistance to the colonial peoples in Africa struggling for their liberation from colonial rule, and in particular, recommends that:

(a) The specialized agencies and other organizations concerned should initiate and broaden contacts and co-operation with the above-mentioned peoples in consultation with the Organization of African Unity, and, in particular, work out and implement with the active co-operation of the Organization of African Unity and, through it, of the national liberation movements, concrete programmes for such assistance to the peoples of Angola, Mozambique, Southern Rhodesia, and Namibia, including, in particular, the peoples in the liberated areas of those Territories and their national liberation movements;

(b) The Organization of African Unity should be invited to take appropriate measures to maintain continued contacts with Governments with a view to facilitating the sponsoring and preparation of the necessary assistance projects in this regard;

(c) The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development should be requested to consider, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity, all forms of support which the Bank might be able to extend to the Governments concerned for the purpose of assisting those peoples;

10/ Ibid., chap. VI.

(d) The Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme should be requested to consider at its seventeenth session, inter alia, waiving the counterpart obligations normally required of the sponsoring Governments in respect of projects beneficial to the peoples concerned;

5. Reiterates its urgent request that the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, including in particular the United Nations Development Programme and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, should take measures, within their respective spheres of competence, to increase the scope of their assistance to refugees from colonial Territories, including assistance to the Governments concerned in the preparation and execution of projects beneficial to those refugees, and, in that connexion, to introduce the greatest possible measure of flexibility in their relevant procedures, and, with a view to increasing the flow of assistance to refugees, invites the Governments of the countries of residence to pay special attention, as far as possible, to projects carried out in co-operation with the organizations of the United Nations system which are beneficial to the peoples concerned, as well as to grant refugees from the colonial Territories the legal status provided for under the relevant international instruments;

6. Urges once again the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council, to take all necessary measures to withhold any financial, economic, technical or other assistance from the Governments of Portugal and South Africa and the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia, to discontinue all kinds of support to them until they renounce their policies of racial discrimination and colonial oppression and to refrain from taking any action which might imply recognition of the legitimacy of these régimes' colonial and alien domination of the Territories concerned;

7. Requests the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity and the Special Committee, to take all necessary measures to ensure that the peoples of the colonial Territories in Africa are represented by their national liberation movements, in an appropriate capacity, when dealing with matters pertaining to those Territories;

8. Recommends that all Governments should intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system of which they are members to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations and, in that connexion, should accord priority to the question of providing assistance on an emergency basis to peoples in the colonial Territories and to their national liberation movements;

9. Urges the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, with a view to facilitating the implementation of paragraph 8 above, to formulate and submit to their respective governing bodies or legislative organs, as a matter of priority and with the

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active co-operation of the Organization of African Unity, concrete proposals for the full implementation of the relevant United Nations decisions, in particular specific programmes of all possible assistance to the peoples in colonial Territories and their national liberation movements, together with a comprehensive analysis of the problems, if any, confronted by these agencies and organizations;

10. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To prepare for submission to the relevant bodies concerned with related aspects of the present item, with the assistance of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, a report on the action taken since the circulation of his previous report in implementation of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations, including the present resolution;

(b) 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 twenty-ninth session;

11. Draws the attention of the Economic and Social Council to the present resolution, as well as to the related discussions in the Special Committee and the relevant documentation on the item, particularly the reports of the Working Group on the Implementation by the Specialized Agencies and the International Institutions Associated with the United Nations of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other Relevant Resolutions of the United Nations and the Special Mission of the Special Committee established at the latter's 912th meeting;

12. Requests the Economic and Social Council to continue to consider, in consultation with the Special Committee, appropriate measures for co-ordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system in implementing the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

13. Requests the Special Committee to continue to examine the question and to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session.
