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STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE INADMISSIBILITY
OF INTERVENTION IN THE DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF STATES AND THE PROTECTION
OF THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY

Report of the First Committee

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1. By a letter dated 23 September 1966 (A/6397), the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics requested the President of the General Assembly to include in the agenda of the twenty-first session the item entitled "Status of the implementation of the Declaration on the Inadmissibility of Intervention in the Domestic Affairs of States and the Protection of Their Independence and Sovereignty". A draft resolution was attached to the request for the inclusion of the item.
2. At its 164th meeting, on 24 September, the General Committee recommended the inclusion of the item in the agenda and its allocation to the First Committee (A/6438).
3. At its 1415th plenary meeting, on 24 September, the General Assembly approved the recommendation of the General Committee and referred the item to the First Committee for consideration and report.
4. At its 1430th meeting, on 13 October, the First Committee decided to consider the item as the seventh on its agenda (A/C.1/933). The item was considered at the 1473rd to 1483rd meetings, from 5 to 12 December.
5. The Committee had before it the above-mentioned draft resolution submitted by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (A/C.1/L.367), which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Deeply concerned at the evidence of unceasing armed intervention by certain States in the domestic affairs of other States in different parts of the world, resulting in increased international tension,

"Reaffirming the Declaration on the Inadmissibility of Intervention in the Domestic Affairs of States and the Protection of Their Independence and Sovereignty, adopted at its twentieth session,

"Deems it to be its bounden duty:

(a) To urge the immediate cessation of intervention, in any form whatever, in the domestic affairs of States and peoples;

(b) To call upon all States to carry out faithfully their obligations under the United Nations Charter and the provisions of the Declaration on non-intervention (resolution 2131 (XX));

(c) To condemn all forms of intervention in the domestic affairs of States and peoples, as a basic source of danger to the cause of world peace;

(d) To warn those States which, in violation of the United Nations Charter and the Declaration on non-intervention, engage in armed intervention in the domestic affairs of other States and peoples that by so doing they assume responsibility for all the consequences which may ensue, including consequences to themselves."

6. On 30 November, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela submitted amendments (A/C.1/L.388) to the draft resolution, by which: (1) in the second line of the first preambular paragraph the following phrase would be inserted between the word "world" and the words "resulting in increased international tension"; the words "as also of other acts of direct or indirect interference committed against the sovereign personality and political independence of States"; (2) in the second line of operative paragraph 1 the words "or external" would be inserted between the word "domestic" and the words "affairs of States and peoples"; (3) in the first line of operative paragraph 3 the words "or external" would be inserted between the word "domestic" and the words "affairs of States"; (4) in the second line of operative paragraph 4 the words "in the domestic affairs" would be replaced by the following phrase: "or in the promotion or the organization of subversion, terrorism or other indirect forms of intervention in the domestic or external affairs".

7. On 9 December, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela submitted revised amendments (A/C.1/L.388/Rev.1) to the draft resolution. On 10 December, the word "intervention" in the first line of the first preambular paragraph as amended was corrected to read "interventions" (A/C.1/L.388/Rev.1/Corr.1). The revised amendments were subsequently co-sponsored by Burma, Cyprus, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya, Kuwait, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Nigeria, Somalia, Syria, Tunisia, the United Arab Republic, the United Republic of Tanzania and Yugoslavia (A/C.1/L.388/Rev.1/Add.1) and by Burundi, Congo (Democratic Republic of), Iran and Togo (A/C.1/L.388/Rev.1/Add.2). The revised amendments sought to introduce the following changes:

(1) The first preambular paragraph would be amended to read:

"Deeply concerned at the evidence of unceasing armed intervention by certain States in the domestic affairs of other States in different parts of the world and at other forms of direct or indirect interference committed against the sovereign personality and political independence of States, resulting in increased international tension,";

(2) The second preambular paragraph would be amended to read:

"Reaffirming all the principles and rules embodied in the Declaration on the Inadmissibility of Intervention in the Domestic Affairs of States and the Protection of their Independence and Sovereignty, adopted at its twentieth session,";

(3) Sub-paragraph (a) of the operative part would be amended to read:

"(a) To urge the immediate cessation of intervention, in any form whatever, in the domestic or external affairs of States;";

(4) Sub-paragraph (c) of the operative part would be amended to read:

"(b) To condemn all forms of intervention in the domestic or external affairs of States as a basic source of danger to the cause of world peace;";

(5) Sub-paragraphs (b) and (d) of the operative part would be combined in a single sub-paragraph (c), which would read:

"(c) To call upon all States to carry out faithfully their obligations under the United Nations Charter and the provisions of the Declaration on non-intervention (resolution 2131 (XX)), and to urge them to refrain from armed intervention or the promotion or organization of subversion, terrorism or other indirect forms of intervention undertaken for the purpose of changing by violence the existing system in another State or interfering in civil strife in another State."

8. At the 1483rd meeting, on 12 December, the representative of France requested a separate vote on the fifth amendment proposed by the forty-one Powers (A/C.1/L.388/Rev.1 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2). The paragraph was adopted by 91 votes to none, with 9 abstentions. The revised amendments as a whole were then adopted by 100 votes to none, with 1 abstention.
9. The draft resolution (A/C.1/L.367), as amended, was adopted by 99 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

10. The First Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Status of the implementation of the Declaration on the Inadmissibility of Intervention in the Domestic Affairs of States and the Protection of Their Independence and Sovereignty

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned at the evidence of unceasing armed interventions of certain States in the domestic affairs of other States in different parts of the world and at other forms of direct or indirect interference committed against the sovereign personality and political independence of States, resulting in increased international tension,

Reaffirming all the principles and rules embodied in the Declaration on the Inadmissibility of Intervention in the Domestic Affairs of States and the Protection of Their Independence and Sovereignty contained in its resolution 2131 (XX) of 21 December 1965,

Deems it to be its bounden duty:

- (a) To urge the immediate cessation of intervention, in any form whatever, in the domestic or external affairs of States;
- (b) To condemn all forms of intervention in the domestic or external affairs of States as a basic source of danger to the cause of world peace;
- (c) To call upon all States to carry out faithfully their obligations under the Charter of the United Nations and the provisions of the Declaration on the Inadmissibility of Intervention in the Domestic Affairs of States and the Protection of Their Independence and Sovereignty and to urge them to refrain from armed intervention or the promotion or organization of subversion, terrorism or other indirect forms of intervention for the purpose of changing by violence the existing system of another State or interfering in civil strife in another State.