



Twenty-first session
Agenda item 70

QUESTION OF OMAN

Report of the Fourth Committee

Rapporteur: Dr. Mohsen Sadigh ESFANDIARY (Iran)

1. At its 1415th plenary meeting, on 24 September 1966, the General Assembly, in adopting the recommendations of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda and allocate to the Fourth Committee the following item: "70. Question of Oman: (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;^{1/} (b) report of the Secretary-General."^{2/}
2. The Fourth Committee considered this item at its 1667th, 1668th and 1678th and 1679th meetings, between 12 and 17 December.
3. In connexion with its consideration of this item, the Committee granted the following requests for hearings:

Petitioner

Meeting at which the
request was granted

Mr. Robert Edwards, on behalf of the Committee for the Rights of Oman (A/C.4/674)	1634th
Sheikh Suleiman bin Himyar, Chairman of the Delegation of Oman, Mr. Talib bin Ali Al-Hani and Mr. Faisal Ali Faisal (A/C.4/674/Add.1)	1658th

4. At the 1668th meeting, on 13 December, Mr. Talib bin Ali and Mr. Faris Glubb, Secretary of the Committee for the Rights of Oman, addressed the Fourth Committee and replied to questions put to them by members of the Committee.

^{1/} A/6300/Add.8, chapter XIII.

^{2/} A/6563.

5. At the same meeting, 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 chapter of the report of the Special Committee relating to Oman.^{3/}

6. The Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General concerning this item (A/6563).

7. At the 1678th meeting, on 17 December, the representatives of Mali and Indonesia introduced a draft resolution, which was finally sponsored by Afghanistan, Algeria, Burundi, Chad, Cyprus, Guinea, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Togo, the United Arab Republic, Uganda, Upper Volta, Yemen, Yugoslavia and Zambia (A/C.4/L.862 and Add.1/Rev.1).

8. At its 1679th meeting on the same day, the Fourth Committee adopted the draft resolution by a roll-call vote of 61 to 15 with 22 abstentions (see paragraph 9 below). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Bulgaria, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Ceylon, Chad, Chile, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Democratic Republic of), Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Gabon, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Hungary, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Maldives Islands, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, Spain, Sudan, Syria, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Against: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Haiti, Honduras, India, Iran, Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico, Sierra Leone, Thailand, Venezuela.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

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

Question of Oman

The General Assembly,

Having considered 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 Territory of Oman,^{1/}

Having also considered the report of the Secretary-General,^{2/}

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Recalling further its resolutions 2073 (XX) of 17 December 1965 and 2189 (XXI) of 13 December 1966,

Having heard the statements of the petitioners,

Deeply concerned at the serious and critical situation arising from the colonial policies pursued by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in the Territory,

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 Oman;

2. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of the Territory as a whole to self-determination and independence and recognizes the legitimacy of their struggle to achieve the rights laid down in the Charter of the United Nations, the

^{1/} A/6300/Add.8, chapter XIII.

^{2/} A/6563.

Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

3. Deplores the refusal of the United Kingdom to implement General Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and 2073 (XX) of 17 December 1965;

4. Further deploras the policies of the United Kingdom in installing and supporting any unrepresentative régime in the Territory in contravention of the relevant General Assembly resolutions;

5. Recognizes that the natural resources of the Territory belong to the people of Oman and that the concessions given to foreign monopolies without the consent of the people constitute a violation of the rights of the people of the Territory;

6. Considers that the maintenance of military bases, depots and troops in the Territory constitutes a major hindrance to the exercise by the people of their right to self-determination and independence and is prejudicial to the peace and security of the region, and that their immediate removal is therefore essential;

7. Calls upon the Government of the United Kingdom to effect immediately the implementation in the Territory of the following measures:

- (a) Cessation of all repressive action against the people of the Territory;
- (b) Withdrawal of British troops;
- (c) Release of political prisoners and political detainees and return of political exiles to the Territory;
- (d) Elimination of British domination in any form;

8. Appeals to all Member States to render all possible assistance to the people of the Territory in their struggle to attain freedom and independence;

9. Requests the Special Committee to continue its examination of the situation in the Territory;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to take, in consultation with the Special Committee, appropriate measures for the implementation of the relevant General Assembly resolutions and to report thereon to the Assembly at its twenty-second session.