



Twenty-first session
Agenda item 23

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE
TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES
TERRITORIES NOT CONSIDERED SEPARATELY

Report of the Fourth Committee

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1. At its 162nd meeting, on 21 September 1966, 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: 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". At its 163rd meeting, on 22 September, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the allocation to the Fourth Committee of all of the chapters of the report of the Special Committee relating to specific Territories.
2. At its 1415th plenary meeting, on 24 September, the General Assembly, by adopting the recommendations of the General Committee, included the item in its agenda and allocated to the Fourth Committee those chapters of the report of the Special Committee relating to specific Territories.
3. At its 1633rd meeting on 10 November, the Fourth Committee decided to consider, as one item, the chapters of the Special Committee's report concerning the Territories which it would not be considering separately. The Territories concerned and the relevant chapters of the Special Committee's report are set out below:

Gibraltar	(A/6300/Add.8, chapter XI)
Mauritius, Seychelles and St. Helena	(A/6300/Add.9, chapter XIV)
Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Pitcairn and the Solomon Islands	(A/6300/Add.9, chapter XV)

* Reissued for technical reasons.

Niue and the Tokelau Islands	(A/6300/Add.9, chapter XVI)
New Hebrides	(A/6300/Add.9, chapter XVII)
American Samoa, Guam and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands	(A/6300/Add.9, chapter XVIII)
Trust Territory of Nauru, Papua and the Trust Territory of New Guinea, and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands	(A/6300/Add.9, chapter XIX)
Brunei	(A/6300/Add.9, chapter XX)
Hong Kong	(A/6300/Add.9, chapter XXI)
United States Virgin Islands, British Virgin Islands, Antigua, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Barbados, Bermuda, Bahamas, Turks and Caicos Islands, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands (Malvinas) and British Honduras	(A/6300/Add.10, chapter XXII)

4. The Committee considered this item at its 1669th, 1671st, 1672nd, 1674th, 1675th, 1677th, 1678th and 1679th meetings, between 13 and 17 December.
5. At the 1669th meeting, on 13 December, 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 relevant chapters of the reports of that Committee concerning this item, as listed above.
6. The Fourth Committee had before it the following communications addressed to the Secretary-General:
 - (a) Letters dated 20 January 1966 and 2 March 1966 from the Permanent Representative of Spain concerning Gibraltar (A/6242 and A/6277);
 - (b) Letters dated 9 February 1966, 22 August 1966 and 15 December 1966 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina concerning the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (A/6261 and Add.1; A/C.4/682);
 - (c) Letters dated 9 February 1966, 22 August 1966, 8 December 1966 and 15 December 1966 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (A/6262 and Add.1, A/6568; A/C.4/683);
 - (d) Letter dated 2 March 1966 from the Alternate Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning Gibraltar (A/6278).

7. In connexion with the consideration of this item, the Committee granted the following requests for hearings:

<u>Petitioner</u>	<u>Territories concerned</u>	<u>Meeting at which the request was granted</u>
Mr. Milton Cato, Political Leader, Labour Party, St. Vincent (A/C.4/680)	St. Vincent	1664th
Mr. A. Hodgson, Co-Deputy Chairman, Progressive Labour Party, Bermuda (A/C.4/681)	Bermuda	1669th
Mr. Joshua Hassan, Chief Minister, Mr. Peter J. Isola, Deputy Chief Minister, Gibraltar (A/C.4/684)	Gibraltar	1676th
Mr. Salvador Costa Vizosa, Miss Mercedes López Clavijo, Mr. Francisco Dieguez Natera, members, <u>Sindicato de los Trabajadores españoles en Gibraltar</u> (A/C.4/684/Add.1)	Gibraltar	1677th

8. At the 1672nd meeting, on 15 December, Mr. A. Hodgson, addressed the Committee concerning Bermuda and replied to questions put to him by members of the Committee.

9. At the 1679th meeting, on 17 December, Mr. Joshua Hassan and Mr. Peter J. Isola addressed the Committee concerning Gibraltar and replied to questions put to them by members. Mr. Salvador Costa Vizosa, Miss Mercedes López Clavijo and Mr. Francisco Dieguez Natera did not appear before the Committee. Mr. Milton Cato also did not appear before the Committee.

10. The general debate on the item took place at the 1669th, 1671st, 1674th and 1675th meetings, between 13 and 16 December.

11. At its 1677th to 1679th meetings, on 16 and 17 December, the Committee considered two draft resolutions relating to this item, one concerning Gibraltar (A/C.4/L.863 and Add.1), the other concerning American Samoa, Antigua, Bahamas, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Dominica, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Grenada, Guam, Mauritius, Montserrat, New Hebrides, Niue, Pitcairn, St. Helena, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia,

St. Vincent, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Tokelau Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands (A/C.4/L.866). The Committee also requested the Chairman to formulate the consensus of the Committee with regard to the Falkland Islands (Malvinas). The Committee's consideration of the draft consensus submitted by the Chairman and the draft resolutions is set out in sections I to III below.

I. FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS)

12. At the 1678th meeting, on 17 December, the Fourth Committee, on the proposal of the representative of Uruguay, requested the Chairman to formulate the consensus of the Committee concerning the Falkland Islands (Malvinas), on the basis of views expressed by members.

13. At the 1679th meeting, on the same day, the Committee adopted the draft consensus formulated by the Chairman. The consensus as adopted reads as follows:

"With reference to General Assembly resolution 2065 (XX) of 16 December 1965 concerning the question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas), the Fourth Committee took note of the communications dated 15 December 1966 of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (A/C.4/682 and A/C.4/683). In this regard there was a consensus in favour of urging both parties to continue with the negotiations so as to find a peaceful solution to the problem as soon as possible, keeping 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 the General Assembly duly informed about the development of the negotiations on this colonial situation, the elimination of which is of interest to the United Nations within the context of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960."

II. GIBRALTAR

14. At the 1677th meeting, on 17 December, the representatives of Ecuador and Syria introduced a draft resolution on behalf of Algeria, Argentina, Bolivia, Burundi, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Dahomey, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mauritania, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Syria, the United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, and Yemen (A/C.4/L.863 and Add.1), which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Having examined the question of Gibraltar,

"Having heard the statements of the administering Power and the representative of Spain,

"Recalling its resolution 2070 (XX) of 16 December 1965, and the consensus adopted by the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples on 16 October 1964,

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

"Taking into account the noted willingness of the administering Power and of the Government of Spain to continue the present negotiations,

"Regretting the occurrence of certain acts which had prejudiced the smooth progress of these negotiations,

"1. Regrets the delay in the process of decolonization and in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) with regard to Gibraltar;

"2. Calls upon the two parties to continue their negotiations and asks the administering Power to expedite, without any hindrance and in consultation with the Government of Spain, the decolonization of Gibraltar, and to report to the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples as soon as possible, and in any case, before the twenty-second session of the General Assembly;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General to assist in the implementation of the present resolution."

15. At the 1679th meeting, on 17 December, the representative of Sierra Leone introduced the following oral amendments to the draft resolution:

(a) Insert the following as the third preambular paragraph: "Having heard the statements of the petitioners,";

(b) In operative paragraph 2, insert the phrase "taking into account the interests of the people of the Territory," after the words "their negotiations,". These amendments were accepted by the sponsors of the draft resolution.

16. At the same meeting, the draft resolution, as orally revised, as a whole, was adopted by a roll-call vote of 78 to none, with 12 abstentions (see paragraph 20 below, draft resolution I). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Ceylon, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo (Democratic Republic of), Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives Islands, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Syria, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, France, Hungary, Mexico, Mongolia, Poland, Portugal, South Africa, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

III. AMERICAN SAMOA, ANTIGUA, BAHAMAS, BERMUDA, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, CAYMAN ISLANDS, COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS, DOMINICA, GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS, GRENADA, GUAM, MAURITIUS, MONTSERRAT, NEW HEBRIDES, NIUE, PITCAIRN, ST. HELENA, ST. KITTS-NEVIS-ANGUILLA, ST. LUCIA, ST. VINCENT, SEYCHELLES, SOLOMON ISLANDS, TOKELAU ISLANDS, TURKS AND CAICCS ISLANDS AND THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

17. At the 1679th meeting, on 17 December, the representative of India introduced a draft resolution on behalf of Algeria, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya, Kuwait, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, the Sudan, Syria, Uganda, the United Arab Republic, the United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen, Yugoslavia and Zambia (A/C.4/L.866).

18. At the same meeting, the Committee voted upon the draft resolution. At the request of the Philippines, a separate vote was taken on the phrase "and at the creation by the administering Powers of military bases and installations" in the fourth preambular paragraph. That phrase in the fourth preambular paragraph was adopted by a roll-call vote of 48 to 11, with 23 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Bulgaria, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Ceylon, Chile, Congo (Democratic Republic of), Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kuwait, Liberia, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Spain, Sudan, Syria, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Against: Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Greece, Netherlands, New Zealand, Philippines, Portugal, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Argentina, Austria, Brazil, China, Colombia, Denmark, Finland, Guatemala, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldive Islands, Mexico, Norway, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, Uruguay, Venezuela.

The draft resolution as a whole was adopted by a roll-call vote of 62 to none, with 21 abstentions (see paragraph 20 below, draft resolution II). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Ceylon, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo (Democratic Republic of), Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Jamaica, Jordan, Kuwait, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Spain, Sudan, Syria, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Maldive Islands, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

19. The Fourth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Question of Gibraltar

The General Assembly,

Having examined the question of Gibraltar,

Having heard the statements of the administering Power and the representative of Spain,

Having heard the statements of the petitioners,

Recalling its resolution 2070 (XX) of 16 December 1965, and the consensus adopted by the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples on 16 October 1964,^{1/}

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

Taking into account the noted willingness of the administering Power and of the Government of Spain to continue the present negotiations,

Regretting the occurrence of certain acts which had prejudiced the smooth progress of these negotiations,

1. Regrets the delay in the process of decolonization and in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) with regard to Gibraltar;

2. Calls upon the two parties to continue their negotiations, taking into account the interests of the people of the Territory, and asks the administering Power to expedite, without any hindrance and in consultation with the Government of Spain, the decolonization of Gibraltar, and to report to the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples as soon as possible, and in any case, before the twenty-second session of the General Assembly;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to assist in the implementation of the present resolution.

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Nineteenth Session, Annexes, Annex No. 8 (A/5800/Rev.1), chapter X, para. 209.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Question of American Samoa, Antigua, Bahamas, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Dominica, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Grenada, Guam, Mauritius, Montserrat, New Hebrides, Niue, Pitcairn, St. Helena, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Tokelau Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of American Samoa, Antigua, Bahamas, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Dominica, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Grenada, Guam, Mauritius, Montserrat, New Hebrides, Niue, Pitcairn, St. Helena, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Tokelau Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands,

Having examined the chapters 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 these Territories,^{2/}

Recalling its resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, 1654 (XVI) of 27 November 1961, 1810 (XVII) of 17 December 1962, 1956 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963, 2066 (XX) of 16 December 1965, 2069 (XX) of 16 December 1965 and 2189 (XXI) of 13 December 1966,

Deeply concerned at the information contained in the report of the Special Committee on the continuation of policies, aiming, among other things, at the disruption of the territorial integrity of some of these Territories and at the creation by the administering Powers of military bases and installations in contravention of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly,

Deploring the refusal of some administering Powers to allow visiting missions of the United Nations to these Territories,

Conscious that these situations require the continued attention and the assistance of the United Nations in the achievement by the peoples of these Territories of their objectives, as embodied in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

^{2/} A/6300/Add.9, chapters XIV-XIX, A/6300/Add.10, chapter XXII.

Aware of the special circumstances of geographical location and economic conditions concerning some of these Territories,

1. Approves the chapters 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 these Territories;
2. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the peoples of these Territories to self-determination and independence;
3. Calls upon the administering Powers to implement without delay the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;
4. Reiterates its declaration that any attempt aimed at the partial or total disruption of the national unity and the territorial integrity of colonial Territories and the establishment of military bases and installations in these Territories is incompatible with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);
5. Urges the administering Powers to allow United Nations visiting missions to visit the Territories, and to extend to them full co-operation and assistance;
6. Decides that the United Nations should render all help to the peoples of these Territories in their efforts freely to decide their future status;
7. Requests the Special Committee to continue to pay special attention to these Territories and to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session;
8. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide all assistance in the implementation of the present resolution.
