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ACTIVITIES OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC AND OTHER INTERESTS WHICH ARE IMPEDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA, NAMIBIA AND TERRITORIES UNDER PORTUGUESE DOMINATION AND IN ALL OTHER TERRITORIES UNDER COLONIAL DOMINATION AND EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE COLONIALISM, APARTHEID AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

Report of the Fourth Committee

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1. At its 1758th plenary meeting, on 20 September 1969, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee (A/7700), decided to include the following item in the agenda of its twenty-fourth session and to allocate it to the Fourth Committee for consideration and report:

"68. Activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Southern Rhodesia, Namibia and Territories under Portuguese domination and in all other Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa: 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".

2. At its 1842nd meeting, on 4 November, the Fourth Committee decided that a general debate should be held covering the present item (item 68), together with nine other items on its agenda, namely, items 12, 13, 23, 63, 66, 67 and 69 to 71.

In taking that decision, it was the understanding of the Fourth Committee that individual draft resolutions on matters covered by those items would be considered separately following the conclusion of the general debate.

3. The Fourth Committee considered this item at its 1844th, 1850th, 1851st, 1853rd to 1860th, 1862nd, 1864th and 1866th meetings, between 10 November and 9 December.

4. At the 1844th meeting, on 10 November, 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 report of that Committee relating to the item (A/7752 and Add.1).

5. The general debate covering the present item, together with the nine other items referred to in paragraph 2 above, took place at the 1850th, 1851st and 1853rd to 1859th meetings, between 18 and 26 November.

6. At the 1862nd meeting, on 3 December, the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania introduced a draft resolution, which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Cameroon, Congo (Democratic Republic of), Kenya, Liberia, Libya, Mali, Mongolia, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Southern Yemen, Sudan, Togo, United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen, Yugoslavia and Zambia (A/C.4/L.944/Rev.1 and Add.1).

7. At the 1864th meeting, on 8 December, the sponsors of the draft resolution (A/C.4/L.944 and Add.1) submitted a revised draft resolution (A/C.4/L.944/Rev.1), by which, in paragraph 3, the words "operating in colonial Territories" were replaced by the words "operating in colonial Territories which are exploiting those Territories".

8. At its 1866th meeting, on 9 December, the Fourth Committee adopted the revised draft resolution (A/C.4/L.944/Rev.1 and Add.1) by a vote of 94 to 2, with 17 abstentions (see paragraph 9 below).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

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

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "Activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Southern Rhodesia, Namibia and Territories under Portuguese domination and in all other Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa",

Having examined 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 this question,^{1/}

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, in particular the eighth preambular paragraph thereof, and its resolution 2425 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968,

Convinced that any economic or other activity which impedes the implementation of resolution 1514 (XV) and which obstructs efforts aimed at the elimination of colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa and other colonial Territories violates the political, economic and social rights and interests of the people in these Territories and is therefore incompatible with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling that the administering Powers have the obligation to ensure the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the inhabitants of the Territories under their administration and to protect the population and the natural resources of these Territories against abuses, in accordance with Chapters XI and XII of the Charter,

1/ A/7752 and Add.1.

1. Approves 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 this question;
2. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the peoples of dependent Territories to self-determination and independence and to the natural resources of their Territories, as well as their right to dispose of these resources in their best interest in the light of the eighth preambular paragraph of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);
3. Affirms that foreign economic and other interests operating in colonial Territories which are exploiting those Territories constitute a major obstacle standing in the way of political independence as well as of enjoyment of the natural resources of these Territories by the indigenous inhabitants;
4. Declares that any administering Power, by depriving the colonial peoples of the exercise of their rights or by subordinating them to foreign economic and financial interests, violates the obligations it has assumed under Chapters XI and XII of the Charter of the United Nations and impedes the implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);
5. Condemns the exploitation of the colonial Territories and peoples and the methods practised in the Territories under colonial domination by those foreign economic, financial and other interests which are designed to perpetuate colonial rule;
6. Deplores the attitude of colonial Powers and States concerned which have not taken any action to implement the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions;
7. Requests the administering Powers and States concerned whose companies and nationals are engaged in such activities to take immediate measures to put an end to all practices which exploit the Territories and peoples under colonial rule in conformity with General Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, 2288 (XXII) of 7 December 1967 and 2425 (XXIII) of 18 December, in particular by preventing new investments, especially in southern Africa, which run counter to the objectives of the above-mentioned resolutions;

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8. Requests all States to take effective measures to cease forthwith the supply of funds or other forms of economic and technical assistance to colonial Powers which use such assistance to repress the national liberation movements;

9. Requests the Special Committee to continue to study this question and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to use all the facilities at his disposal to render assistance to the Special Committee in the pursuit of this study.
