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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

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (CHAPTER VI (SECTION F))

Report of the Fourth Committee

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1. At its 2236th plenary meeting, on 21 September 1974, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee (A/9750), decided to include in the agenda of its twenty-ninth session the following items:

"69. 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 its 2237th plenary meeting, on the same day, the General Assembly decided to allocate to the Fourth Committee, for consideration and report, agenda item 69, together with chapter VI (section F) of the report of the Economic and Social Council, 1/ which relates to the item.

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/9603).

3. At its 2080th meeting, on 1 October, the Fourth Committee decided to hold a general debate covering agenda items 13, 23, 64, 69 and 12, 70 and 71, on the understanding that individual draft resolutions on matters covered by those items would be considered separately.
4. The Fourth Committee considered items 69 and 12 at its 2115th to 2120th and 2122nd to 2128th meetings, between 21 November and 6 December.
5. At the 2115th meeting, on 21 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 chapter VI of the report of that Committee, relating to item 69 (A/9623 (part VII)).
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 the items, submitted in pursuance of paragraphs 10 (a) and 10 (b) of General Assembly resolution 3118 (XXVIII) of 12 December 1973 (A/9638 and Add.1, Add.1/Corr.1, and Add.2-5 and A/9830).
7. The general debate covering the items referred to in paragraph 3 above took place at the 2115th to 2120th and 2122nd to 2126th meetings, between 21 November and 4 December.
8. At the 2127th meeting, on 5 December, the representatives of Bulgaria, the United Republic of Tanzania, Mongolia and the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic introduced a draft resolution (A/C.4/L.1081), which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Afghanistan, Bulgaria, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Central African Republic, Congo, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Liberia, Mongolia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Yugoslavia, Zaire and Zambia.
9. At its 2128th meeting, on 6 December, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/L.1081 without objection (see para. 10 below).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

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

2/ Ibid., chap. VI, sect. F.

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 account also the statements of the representatives of the national liberation movements of the colonial Territories in Africa who participated as observers in the work relating to their respective countries, and conscious of the urgent and pressing need of the peoples concerned for concrete assistance from the specialized agencies and other institutions associated with the United Nations in the administration of their countries and in the reconstruction programmes being undertaken by their national liberation movements,

Reaffirming the responsibility of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to take all effective measures, within their respective spheres of competence, to ensure the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations, particularly in the provision of moral and material assistance, on a priority basis, to the peoples of the colonial Territories and their national liberation movements,

Noting with deep concern that, although progress has been maintained in the extension of assistance to refugees from the colonial Territories in Africa, the

3/ A/9638 and Add.1, Add.1/Corr.1 and Add.2-5; A/9830.

4/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/9603), chap. VI, sect. F.

5/ A/9623 (part VII), chap. VI.

6/ A/9624 (vol. I) and Corr.1, A/9624 (vol. II) and A/9624/Add.1.

actions taken thus far by the organizations concerned in the provision of assistance to the peoples of the Territories through their national liberation movements continue to remain far from adequate to meet the urgent needs of those peoples,

Noting with satisfaction the measures taken by several agencies and organizations within the United Nations system to grant observer status to the national liberation movements, and expressing the hope that other organizations concerned will proceed forthwith to take the necessary steps in this regard,

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 organizations within the United Nations system in connexion with the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations,

Welcoming the categorical renunciation by the Government of Portugal of the colonialist policy of its predecessors, in particular the unequivocal acceptance by that Government of its obligations under the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and its recognition of the right of the peoples concerned to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration and with the provisions of all related resolutions of the United Nations, as well as its express readiness to co-operate in the work of the Special Committee,

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; 7/
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 in particular the populations in the liberated areas of those Territories and their national liberation movements;
3. Expresses its appreciation to those specialized agencies and organizations within the United Nations system which have continued to co-operate 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

7/ A/9623 (part VII), chap. VI.

material assistance to the colonial peoples in Africa struggling for their liberation from colonial rule and, in particular, recommends that the organizations concerned should initiate or broaden contacts and co-operation with these peoples in consultation with the Organization of African Unity and should work out and implement concrete programmes for such assistance with the active collaboration of the national liberation movements 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 World Bank, 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;

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 Government of South Africa and the illegal régime of Southern Rhodesia, to discontinue all support to them until they restore to the peoples of Namibia and Zimbabwe their inalienable right to self-determination and independence and to refrain from taking any action which might imply recognition of the legitimacy of the domination of the Territories by those régimes;

7. Draws the attention of the specialized agencies and the institutions associated with the United Nations to the steps towards decolonization undertaken by the new Government of Portugal, thus enabling these organizations to resume their co-operation with the present Government of Portugal;

8. Requests the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to make appropriate procedural arrangements and, if necessary, amend their relevant instruments, with a view to enabling representatives of the national liberation movements of the colonial Territories, recognized by the Organization of African Unity, to participate fully as observers in all proceedings relating to their countries, particularly so as to ensure that assistance projects of the agencies and organizations are carried out to the benefit of the national liberation movements and peoples of the liberated areas;

9. 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;

10. 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 9 above, to formulate and submit to their respective governing bodies or legislative organs, as a matter of priority and with the 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;

11. 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 thirtieth session;

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 thirtieth session.
