



Twenty-third session
Agenda item 39

PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES

Report of the Second Committee

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1. At its 1767th meeting, on 27 September 1968, the General Assembly allocated to the Second Committee agenda item 39 entitled "Permanent sovereignty over natural resources".
2. The Committee considered this item at its 1193rd, 1195th to 1198th, 1209th and 1210th meetings, held between 16 October and 5 November 1968.
3. The Committee had before it a report of the Secretary-General (A/7268).
4. At the 1209th meeting, the representative of Poland, on behalf of the delegations of Ghana, Libya, Poland and the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1007), which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 523 (VI) of 12 January 1952, 626 (VII) of 21 December 1952, 1515 (XV) of 15 December 1960 and 1803 (XVIII) of 14 December 1962,

"Reaffirming the principles and recommendations contained in resolution 2158 (XXI) of 25 November 1966,

"Noting the progress report of the Secretary-General^{1/} on permanent sovereignty over natural resources and his suggestion that a further report might be submitted,

^{1/} A/7268.

"Considering that the full exercise of permanent sovereignty over natural resources will play an important role in the achievement of the goals of the second United Nations Development Decade,

"Considering that resolution 2158 (XXI) contains guidelines for the Secretary-General for the elaboration of the report requested under part II, paragraph (c) of that resolution,

"1. Requests the Secretary-General, in his further report, to include comprehensive account of the implementation of the principles and recommendations set forth in resolution 2158 (XXI), in particular paragraphs 5, 6 and 7;

"2. Decides to take up the report of the Secretary-General at its twenty-fourth session."

5. The representative of Panama orally proposed that the words "twenty-fourth session" in operative paragraph 2 be changed to "twenty-fifth session". The sponsors agreed to this amendment, and Panama became a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

6. At the same meeting, Sierra Leone joined as a co-sponsor.

7. The Committee voted on the draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1007), as amended, at the 1210th meeting, and approved it by 85 votes to none, with 12 abstentions.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

8. The Second Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Permanent sovereignty over natural resources

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 523 (VI) of 12 January 1952, 626 (VII) of 21 December 1952, 1515 (XV) of 15 December 1960 and 1803 (XVIII) of 14 December 1962,

Reaffirming the principles and recommendations contained in its resolution 2158 (XXI) of 25 November 1966,

Noting the progress report of the Secretary-General on permanent sovereignty over natural resources^{1/} and his suggestion that a further report might be submitted,

Considering that the full exercise of permanent sovereignty over natural resources will play an important role in the achievement of the goals of the second United Nations Development Decade,

Considering that resolution 2158 (XXI) contains guidelines for the Secretary-General for the elaboration of the report requested under section II, paragraph (c), of that resolution,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to include in his further report a comprehensive account of the implementation of the principles and recommendations set forth in General Assembly resolution 2158 (XXI), in particular paragraphs 5, 6 and 7;
2. Decides to take up the report of the Secretary-General at its twenty-fifth session.
