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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

Rapporteur: Mr. James E.K. AGGREY-ORLEANS (Ghana)

1. At its 1676th plenary meeting, on 27 September 1968, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee (A/7250), decided to include in the agenda of its twenty-third session an 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: 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". The item was allocated to the Fourth Committee.
2. At its 1766th meeting, on 17 October, 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.
3. At the 1791st meeting, on 18 November, the Rapporteur of the Special Committee introduced the report of that Committee relating to the item (A/7320 and Add.1).

4. The general debate covering the present item, together with the nine other items referred to in paragraph 2 above, took place at the 1791st to 1802nd meetings, between 18 November and 4 December.

5. At the 1807th meeting, on 9 December, the representatives of Algeria and Sierra Leone introduced a draft resolution, which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Algeria, Congo (Democratic Republic of), Ghana, Guinea, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Liberia, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Nigeria, Pakistan, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Togo, Tunisia, United Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Yemen, Yugoslavia and Zambia (A/C.4/L.916 and Add.1-3).

6. At the 1812th meeting, on 13 December, the representative of Ghana, on behalf of the sponsors, submitted oral revisions to the draft resolution, as follows:

(a) In operative paragraph 5, the words "the policies" were replaced by the words "those policies";

(b) In operative paragraph 8, the words "appropriate measures" were replaced by the words "practical measures".

7. At the same meeting, the Fourth Committee voted on the draft resolution, as orally revised, as follows:

(a) Operative paragraph 1 was adopted by 70 votes to 7, with 29 abstentions;

(b) Operative paragraph 3 was adopted by 81 votes to 4, with 18 abstentions;

(c) The draft resolution, as orally revised, as a whole, was adopted by a roll-call vote of 89 to 2, with 17 abstentions (see paragraph 8 below). The result of the voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cambodia, Cameroon, Ceylon, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Democratic Republic of), Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives Islands, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Southern Yemen, Spain, Sudan, Syria, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Against: Portugal, South Africa.

Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, Denmark, Finland, France, Iceland, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

#### RECOMMENDATION OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

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

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

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 concerning this item,<sup>1/</sup>

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, in particular paragraph 8 of the Declaration, and its resolution 2288 (XXII) of 7 December 1967,

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 is 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. 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;

3. Declares that any administering Power, by depriving the colonial peoples of the exercise of these rights or by subordinating them to foreign economic and financial interests, violates the obligations they have assumed under Chapters XI and XII of the Charter of the United Nations and impedes the implementation of resolution 1514 (XV);

4. 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;

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<sup>1/</sup> A/7320 and Add.1.

5. Deplores those policies of the administering Powers aimed at encouraging the systematic inflow of foreign immigrants to colonial Territories which jeopardize the rights and interests of the colonial peoples of these Territories;

6. Deplores the refusal of the States concerned to implement the provisions of paragraphs 7, 8 and 10 of resolution 2288 (XXII);

7. Requests the administering Powers to take immediate measures to put an end to all practices which exploit the Territories and peoples under their administration and consequently violate the political, economic and social rights of the peoples;

8. Requests all States to take practical measures to ensure that the activities of their nationals involved in economic, financial and other concerns in dependent Territories do not run counter to the rights and interests of the colonial peoples in conformity with the objectives of resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions;

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

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