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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

Report of the Fourth Committee

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1. At its 1767th 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 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) Report of the Secretary-General."

"12. Report of the Economic and Social Council."

2. At the same meeting, the General Assembly decided to allocate to the Fourth Committee for consideration agenda item 69 and chapter XVI, section C, of the report of the Economic and Social Council,<sup>1/</sup> which relates to the item.

<sup>1/</sup> A/7203 and Add.1 (part IV).

3. At its 1766th meeting, on 17 October, the Fourth Committee decided that a general debate should be held covering the two items (items 69 and 12), together with eight other items on its agenda, namely, items 13, 23, 63, 66 to 68, 70 and 71.
4. At the 1791st meeting, on 18 November, the Rapporteur of the Special Committee introduced the report of that Committee relating to item 69 (A/7200 (part I) and Corr.1 (chapter III)).
5. In addition the Fourth Committee had before it chapter XVI, section C, of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/7203 and Add.1 (part IV)) as well as the report of the Secretary-General relating to item 69 (A/7301).
6. The Committee also had before it the following documents:
  - (a) Letter dated 15 November 1968 from the Director-General of the International Labour Organisation addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.4/714);
  - (b) Letter dated 19 November 1968 from the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to the Secretary-General (A/C.4/716);
  - (c) Note by the Secretariat containing information received from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the World Meteorological Organization and the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (A/C.4/718).
7. The general debate covering the two items, together with the eight other items referred to in paragraph 3 above, took place at the 1791st to 1802nd meetings, held between 18 November and 4 December.
8. At the 1807th meeting, on 9 December, the representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Tunisia introduced a draft resolution which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Algeria, Bulgaria, Congo (Democratic Republic of), Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Liberia, Libya, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Yemen, Yugoslavia and Zambia (A/C.4/L.917 and Add.1-2).
9. At the 1808th meeting, on 10 December, the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics introduced an amendment (A/C.4/L.921) to the draft resolution (A/C.4/L.917 and Add.1-2), by which the following new paragraph would be inserted as operative paragraph 5 and, as a consequence, operative paragraphs 5 to 8 would be renumbered as operative paragraphs 6 to 9:

"5. Recommends that the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development should withdraw the loans and credits which it has granted to the Governments of Portugal and the Republic of South Africa, which are being used by those Governments to suppress the national liberation movement in the Portuguese colonies and in Namibia, and against the African population of the Republic of South Africa."

10. At the 1812th meeting, on 13 December, the Under-Secretary-General for Trusteeship and Non-Self-Governing Territories made a statement concerning the items.

11. At the same meeting, the Fourth Committee adopted the amendment submitted by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (A/C.4/L.921) by a roll-call vote of 33 to 31, with 35 abstentions. The result of the voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Bulgaria, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Congo (Brazzaville), Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Ecuador, Guinea, Hungary, India, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Nepal, Poland, Romania, Somalia, Southern Yemen, Sudan, Syria, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Against: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Denmark, Finland, Gabon, Guatemala, Honduras, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Madagascar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Portugal, South Africa, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Barbados, Burma, Ceylon, Chad, Colombia, Congo (Democratic Republic of), Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Philippines, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Upper Volta.

12. At the same meeting, the Committee voted on the draft resolution (A/C.4/L.917 and Add.1-2), as amended, as follows:

(a) The sixth preambular paragraph was adopted by 65 votes to 3, with 32 abstentions;

(b) Operative paragraph 3 was adopted by 77 votes to 6, with 16 abstentions;

- (c) Operative paragraph 4 was adopted by 67 votes to 7, with 27 abstentions;  
(d) The draft resolution as amended, as a whole, was adopted by a roll-call vote of 79 to 5, with 19 abstentions (see paragraph 13 below). The result of the voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Barbados, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, 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, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Against: Brazil, Portugal, South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Peru, Spain, Sweden, Turkey.

#### RECOMMENDATION OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

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

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 General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Recalling its resolution 2311 (XXII) of 14 December 1967 and other relevant General Assembly resolutions,

Taking into account the relevant reports submitted by the Secretary-General,<sup>2/</sup> the Economic and Social Council<sup>3/</sup> 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 concerning the implementation of the Declaration by the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations,<sup>4/</sup>

Bearing in mind that the national liberation movements in several colonial Territories, and particularly in Africa, require the urgent assistance of the specialized agencies, particularly in the field of education, health and nutrition, in their struggle to attain freedom and independence,

Noting with regret that some of the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations, and in particular the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Monetary Fund, have not so far implemented resolution 2311 (XXII) and other relevant resolutions,

Considering that, by virtue of the Charter of the United Nations, in particular Chapters IX and X, the United Nations shall make recommendations for the co-ordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies,

1. Reiterates its appeal to the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the international institutions associated with the United Nations to extend their full co-operation to the United Nations in the achievement of the objectives and provisions of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions;

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and to those specialized agencies and the international

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<sup>2/</sup> A/7301.

<sup>3/</sup> A/7203 (chapter XVI) and Add.1 (part IV).

<sup>4/</sup> A/7200 (part II), chapter III.

institutions which have co-operated with the United Nations in the implementation of the relevant General Assembly resolutions;

3. Recommends that the specialized agencies and international institutions concerned should assist the peoples struggling for their liberation from colonial rule and, in particular, should work out, within the scope of their respective activities and in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity and, through it, with the national liberation movements, concrete programmes of assistance to the oppressed peoples of Southern Rhodesia, Namibia and the Territories under Portuguese domination;

4. Appeals once again to all the specialized agencies and international institutions and, in particular, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Monetary Fund, to take all necessary steps to withhold from the Governments of Portugal and South Africa financial, economic, technical and other assistance until they renounce their policies of racial discrimination and colonial domination;

5. Recommends that the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development should withdraw the loans and credits which it has granted to the Governments of Portugal and South Africa, which are being used by those Governments to suppress the national liberation movement in the Portuguese colonies and in Namibia, and against the African population of the Republic of South Africa;

6. Requests all States, through action in the specialized agencies and international institutions of which they are members, to facilitate the full and speedy implementation of the relevant General Assembly resolutions;

7. Requests the Economic and Social Council to consider, in consultation with the Special Committee, appropriate measures for the co-ordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies in implementing the relevant General Assembly resolutions;

8. Invites the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue to assist the specialized agencies and international institutions concerned in working out appropriate measures for implementing the relevant General Assembly resolutions and to report thereon to the Assembly at its twenty-fourth session;

(b) To obtain and transmit to the Special Committee for its consideration concrete suggestions from the specialized agencies and international institutions concerned as regards the best ways and means of achieving the full and speedy implementation of the relevant resolutions;

9. Requests the Special Committee to continue to examine the question and to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session.

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