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INFORMATION FROM NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES TRANSMITTED UNDER ARTICLE 73 e OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS

OFFERS BY MEMBER STATES OF STUDY AND TRAINING FACILITIES FOR INHABITANTS OF NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES

# Report of the Fourth Committee

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- 1. At its 1676th plenary meeting, on 27 September 1968, the General Assæmbly, on the recommendation of the General Committee (A/7250), decided to include in the agenda of its twenty-third session the following items:
  - 163. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations:
    - "(a) Report of the Secretary-General;
    - "(b) 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."
  - "71. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Secretary-General."

These items were 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 two items (items 63 and 71), together with eight other items on its agenda, namely, items 12, 13, 23 and 66 to 70.
- 3. At the 1791st meeting, on 18 November, the Rapporteur of the Special Committee introduced the chapter of the report of that Committee relating to item 63 (A/7200/Add.11 and Corr.1).

- 4. The Committee also had before it two reports of the Secretary-General relating, respectively, to items 63 (A/7281/Rev.1) and 71 (A/7308).
- 5. The general debate covering the two items, together with the eight other items referred to in paragraph 2 above, took place at the 1791st to 1802nd meetings, between 18 November and 4 December.
  - I. INFORMATION FROM NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES TRANSMITTED UNDER ARTICLE 73 e OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS
- 6. At the 1808th meeting, on 10 December, the representative of Sierra Leone introduced a draft resolution concerning information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter, which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Afghanistan, Congo (Democratic Republic of), Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, India, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Liberia, Libya, Niger, Pakistan, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Togo, Tunisia, United Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Yemen and Yugoslavia (A/C.4/L.919 and Add.1, Add.2 and Add.2/Corr.1, and Add.3)
- 7. At its 1812th meeting, on 13 December, the Fourth Committee voted on the draft resolution, as follows:
- (a) Operative paragraph 1 was adopted by a vote of 73 to 6, with  $1^4$  abstentions;
- (b) In operative paragraph 3 the words "and the decision of that Government to cease transmitting information on Antigua, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla and St. Lucia" were adopted by a vote of 56 to 18, with 23 abstentions;
- (c) Operative paragraph 3, as a whole, was adopted by a vote of 64 to 10, with 25 abstentions;
- (d) The draft resolution, as a whole, was adopted by a roll-call vote of 81 to 3, with 15 abstentions (see paragraph 10 below, draft resolution I). The result of the voting was as follows:

In favour:

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

Against:

Brazil, Portugal, South Africa.

Abstaining:

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

- II. OFFERS BY MEMBER STATES OF STUDY AND TRAINING FACILITIES FOR INHABITANTS OF NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES
- 8. At the 1808th meeting, on 10 December, the representative of Yugoslavia introduced a draft resolution concerning offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories, which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Congo (Democratic Republic of), Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, India, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Rwanda, Senegal, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Togo, Tunisia, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta and Yugoslavia (A/C.4/L.920 and Add.1-3).

  9. At its 1812th meeting, on 13 December, the Fourth Committee adopted the draft resolution without objection (see paragraph 10 below, draft resolution II).

#### RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

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

#### DRAFT RESOLUTION I

## <u>Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted</u> <u>under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations</u>

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1970 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963, in which it requested the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to study the information transmitted to the Secretary-General in accordance with Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations and to take it fully into account in examining the situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration,

Recalling also its resolutions 2109 (XX) of 21 December 1965, 2233 (XXI) of 20 December 1966, and 2351 (XXII) of 19 December 1967, in which it, inter alia, approved the procedures adopted by the Special Committee for the discharge of the functions entrusted to it under resolution 1970 (XVIII) and requested the Special Committee to continue to discharge those functions in accordance with the said procedures,

Recalling further the provisions of paragraph 3 of its resolution 2351 (XXII) wherein the General Assembly once again urged all Member States which have or assume responsibilities for the administration of Territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government to transmit, or continue to transmit, to the Secretary-General the information prescribed in Article 73 e of the Charter, as well as the fullest possible information on political and constitutional developments in the Territories concerned,

Having studied the chapter of the report of the Special Committee dealing with the transmittal of information under Article 73 e of the Charter and the action taken by it in respect of that information,  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

Having also examined the report of the Secretary-General on this information,  $\frac{2}{}$ . 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;u>l</u>/ A/7200/Add.11.

<sup>2/</sup> A/7281/Rev.1 and Add.1.

Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations;

- 2. Regrets that, despite the repeated recommendations of the General Assembly and the Special Committee, some Member States having responsibilities for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories still have not seen fit to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter, have transmitted insufficient information or have transmitted information too late;
- 3. <u>Strongly regrets</u> the persistent refusal of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to transmit such information on Southern Rhodesia and the decision of that Government to cease transmitting information on Antigua, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla and St. Lucia;
- 4. <u>Deeply deplores</u> the fact that, despite the numerous resolutions adopted by the General Assembly concerning the colonial Territories under Portuguese domination, the Government of Portugal has maintained its refusal to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter with regard to those Territories;
- 5. Once again urges the administering Powers concerned to transmit, or continue to transmit, to the Secretary-General the information prescribed in Article 73 e of the Charter, as well as the fullest possible information on political and constitutional developments in the Territories concerned;
- 6. Reiterates its previous requests, the most recent of which is contained in resolution 2351 (XXII), that the administering Powers concerned transmit such information as early as possible and at the latest within a maximum period of six months following the expiration of the administrative year in the Non-Self-Governing Territories concerned;
- 7. Requests the Special Committee to continue to discharge the functions entrusted to it under resolution 1970 (XVIII), in accordance with the procedures referred to above.

## DRAFT RESOLUTION II

# Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2352 (XXII) of 19 December 1967,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories under General Assembly resolution 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954, 3/

- 1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General;
- 2. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have made scholarships available to inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories;
- 3. Requests those Member States offering scholarships and those which might subsequently do so to take into account the necessity of furnishing complete information about the scholarships offered and, if possible, to provide travel funds to prospective students;
- 4. <u>Invites</u> the administering Powers concerned to provide all the necessary facilities to enable students to avail themselves of offers by Member States of study and training facilities;
- 5. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution;
- 6. <u>Draws the attention</u> 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 to this resolution.