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QUESTION OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA

Report of the Fourth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Ron S. MORRIS (Australia)

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 21 September 1979, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its thirty-fourth session an item entitled:

"Question of Southern Rhodesia: 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".

At the same meeting, the Assembly decided to allocate the item to the Fourth Committee.

2. The Fourth Committee considered the item at its 26th, 27th, 29th to 34th, 36th and 37th meetings, between 8 November and 11 December 1979 (see A/C.4/34/SR.26, 27, 29-34, 36 and 37).

3. At the 29th meeting, on 26 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 VIII of the report of that Committee (A/34/23/Add.1) relating to Southern Rhodesia. The Fourth Committee also had before it the following communications addressed to the Secretary-General:

(a) Letter dated 14 February 1979 from Equatorial Guinea (A/34/88-S/13084);

(b) Letters dated 7 and 15 March, 16 April and 6 July 1979 from Sri Lanka (A/34/111-S/13151, A/34/126-S/13185, A/34/186-S/13252, A/34/187-S/13253, A/34/357);

(c) Letters dated 9 and 11 April, 29 June and 24 August 1979 from Zambia (A/34/171-S/13235, A/34/179-S/13244, A/34/346-S/13427, A/34/439-S/13515);

- (d) Letter dated 2 May 1979 from Egypt (A/34/220-S/13295);
- (e) Letter dated 9 May 1979 from Mongolia (A/34/228-S/13309);
- (f) Letter dated 24 May 1979 from Ghana (A/34/279);
- (g) Letter dated 27 July 1979 from Morocco (A/34/389 and Corr.1);
- (h) Letters dated 1 and 16 October from Cuba (A/34/542, A/34/599);
- (i) Letter dated 4 December 1979 from Madagascar (A/C.4/34/13).

In addition, the Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/34/499) which, inter alia, related to the item.

4. During the Fourth Committee's consideration of the item, Mr. Josiah Chinamano, Mr. Edgar Tekere and Mr. Mtshana Ncube, representatives of the Patriotic Front, the national liberation movement of the Territory, participated in an observer capacity in the proceedings of the Committee, in accordance with the provisions of the relevant General Assembly resolutions.

5. Mr. Chinamano made a statement at the 26th meeting, on 8 November. Mr. Ncube made a statement at the 31st meeting, on 29 November.

6. The Fourth Committee granted the following requests for hearing in connexion with its consideration of the item:

<u>Petitioner</u>	<u>Meeting at which request for hearing was granted</u>
Reverend G. Michael Scott (A/C.4/34/9)	13th
Mr. Romesh Chandra, World Peace Council (A/C.4/34/9/Add.1)	23rd

7. At its 27th meeting, on 14 November, the Fourth Committee heard statements by the Reverend Scott; and by Mr. Chandra and Mr. Amos Ngunya of the World Peace Council.

8. The general debate on the item took place at the 29th to 34th and 36th meetings, between 26 November and 4 December.

9. At the 26th meeting, on the proposal of the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Angola and Mozambique and following a statement by the Chairman concerning the related administrative and financial implications, the Fourth Committee decided that the statement made by Mr. Chinamano at that meeting (see para. 5) should be reproduced as a Committee document (A/C.4/34/L.26). At the 27th meeting, on the proposal of the representative of Ghana and following a statement by the Chairman concerning the related administrative and financial

implications, the Committee decided that the statements of the petitioners (see para. 7) should be reproduced in extenso in the record of the meeting (A/C.4/34/SR.27). At the 29th meeting, on the proposal of the representative of Mali and following a statement by the Chairman concerning the related administrative and financial implications, the Committee decided that the statement made at that meeting by the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland should be reproduced as a Committee document (A/C.4/34/L.27). At the 31st meeting, on the proposal of the representatives of Ghana and Madagascar and following a statement by the Chairman concerning the related administrative and financial implications, the Committee decided that the statement made by Mr. Ncube at that meeting (see para. 5) should be reproduced as a Committee document (A/C.4/34/L.28).

10. At its 37th meeting, on 11 December, the Fourth Committee, on the proposal of the Chairman, decided to conclude consideration of the item, it being understood that a decision on the item could be taken by the General Assembly directly in plenary meeting, as appropriate, in the light of the related developments with respect to the Territory.
