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ADEN

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I. ACTION TAKEN BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE IN 1966 AND BY THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

1. The Special Committee considered the question of Aden at its meetings in 1966. On 22 March 1966, the Special Committee, acting on certain petitions from Aden, adopted a resolution whereby it deplored the action of the administering Power in effecting mass arrests of the Adeni people and called upon it to desist from these acts and cease all repressive actions against the people of the Territory. The Sub-Committee on Aden submitted a report to the Special Committee on 18 May 1966.^{1/} Following its consideration of the report, the Special Committee decided to approve it and endorsed the recommendations contained therein.
2. On 15 June, the Special Committee adopted a resolution on Aden in which it deplored the setting-up by the administering Power of an unrepresentative régime in the Territory with a view to granting it independence contrary to General Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and 1949 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963, reaffirmed the view that the responsibilities of the administering Power could not be circumvented through any action by such a régime and deplored any defence arrangement that the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland might enter into with that régime. The Special Committee appealed to all States not to recognize such independence as was not based on the wishes of the people freely expressed through elections under universal suffrage and called upon the administering Power to declare unequivocally its acceptance of relevant General Assembly resolutions and its readiness to co-operate with the United Nations in their implementation without delay. Reiterating previous conclusions and recommendations, the Special Committee again drew the attention of the Security Council to the dangerous situation prevailing in the area. It requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Special Committee and the administering Power to appoint immediately a special mission to Aden for the purpose of recommending practical steps necessary for the full implementation of relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and in particular for determining the extent of United Nations participation in the preparation and supervision of elections.

^{1/} A/6300/Add.4, annex II.