

(a) To create a favourable climate for the referendum to be conducted on an entirely free, democratic and impartial basis by permitting, *inter alia*, the return of exiles to the Territory;

(b) To take all the necessary steps to ensure that only the indigenous people of the Territory participate in the referendum;

(c) To refrain from any action likely to delay the process of the decolonization of Spanish Sahara;

(d) To provide all the necessary facilities to a United Nations mission so that it may be able to participate actively in the organization and holding of the referendum;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the administering Power and the Special Committee, to appoint immediately the special mission provided for in paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 2229 (XXI) and to expedite its dispatch to Spanish Sahara for the purpose of recommending practical steps for the full implementation of the relevant General Assembly resolutions, and in particular for determining the extent of United Nations participation in the preparation and supervision of the referendum and submitting a report to him for transmission to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session;

5. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue its consideration of the situation in the Territory of Spanish Sahara and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session.

1747th plenary meeting,
18 December 1968.

2429 (XXIII). Question of Gibraltar

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Gibraltar,

Having heard the statements of the administering Power¹⁸ and the representative of Spain,¹⁹

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Recalling also its resolution 2353 (XXII) of 19 December 1967,

1. *Regrets* that the administering Power has failed to comply with General Assembly resolution 2353 (XXII);

2. *Declares* that the continuation of the colonial situation in Gibraltar is incompatible with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

3. *Requests* the administering Power to terminate the colonial situation in Gibraltar no later than 1 October 1969;

4. *Calls upon* the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to begin without delay the negotiations with the Government of Spain provided for in resolution 2353 (XXII);

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give the Governments of Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland any assistance they may require for the implementation of the present resolution, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session.

1747th plenary meeting,
18 December 1968.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, paras. 98-111.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, paras. 47-97 and 114-125.

2430 (XXIII). Question of American Samoa, Antigua, Bahamas, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Dominica, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Grenada, Guam, Montserrat, New Hebrides, Niue, Pitcairn, St. Helena, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Tokelau Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of American Samoa, Antigua, Bahamas, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Dominica, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Grenada, Guam, Montserrat, New Hebrides, Niue, Pitcairn, St. Helena, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Tokelau Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands,

Having examined the chapters of 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 these Territories,²⁰

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions,

Deeply concerned at the policy of some of the administering Powers in establishing and maintaining military bases in some of the Territories under their administration, in contravention of the relevant General Assembly resolutions,

Deploing the attitude of the administering Powers which continue to refuse to allow United Nations visiting groups to visit the Territories under their administration,

Conscious that these Territories require the continued attention and assistance of the United Nations in the achievement by their peoples of the objectives embodied in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Aware of the special circumstances of the geographical location and economic conditions of these Territories,

1. *Approves* the chapters of 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 these Territories;

2. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the peoples of these Territories to self-determination and independence;

3. *Calls upon* the administering Powers to implement without delay the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

4. *Reiterates* its declaration that any attempt aimed at the partial or total disruption of the national unity and the territorial integrity of colonial Territories and the establishment of military bases and installations in these Territories is incompatible with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

²⁰ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-third Session, Annexes*, addendum to agenda item 23 (A/7200/Rev.1), chapters XII, XVIII to XXI, XXIII and XXVI to XXIX.

5. *Urges* the administering Powers to allow United Nations visiting groups to visit the Territories and to extend to them full co-operation and assistance;

6. *Decides* that the United Nations should render all help to the peoples of these Territories in their efforts freely to decide their future status;

7. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to pay special attention to these Territories and to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

*1747th plenary meeting,
18 December 1968.*

2431 (XXIII). United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2349 (XXII) of 19 December 1967 by which the special educational and training programmes for South West Africa, the special training programme for Territories under Portuguese administration and the educational and training programme for South Africans were consolidated and integrated, and its resolution 2372 (XXII) of 12 June 1968 on the question of Namibia,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,²¹

Recalling paragraph 14 of its resolution 2395 (XXIII) of 29 November 1968 concerning the question of the Territories under Portuguese administration, in which it invited the Secretary-General to develop and expand training programmes for inhabitants of these Territories, and chapter II, section D, of the report of the United Nations Council for Namibia,²²

²¹ *Ibid.*, agenda item 70, documents A/7284 and Add.1.

²² *Ibid.*, *Twenty-third Session*, agenda item 64, document A/7338 and Corr.1.

Noting with concern that the voluntary contributions in 1968 have been inadequate and sharing the Secretary-General's concern over the future of the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa,

Strongly convinced that the provision of assistance for the education and training of persons from the Territories concerned is essential and that it is therefore desirable to strengthen and expand the Programme,

1. *Appeals* to all States, organizations and individuals to make generous contributions to the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to establish an Advisory Committee on the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa composed of representatives of Member States to advise him:

(a) On the strengthening and expansion of the Programme, including, in particular, the promoting of contributions;

(b) On the granting of subventions to educational and training institutions in Africa in order to enable them to provide places for persons who come under this Programme;

(c) On any other matters concerning the Programme on which the Secretary-General may seek advice;

3. *Decides* that as a further transitional measure provision shall be made under section 12 of the regular budget for the financial year 1969 of an amount of \$100,000 to ensure the continuity of the Programme pending the receipt of adequate voluntary contributions;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session on the progress of the Programme.

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18 December 1968.*

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Other decisions

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

(Item 23)

At its 1692nd plenary meeting, on 11 October 1968, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fourth Committee,²³ adopted the following text as representing the consensus of the members of the Assembly:

"1. Having considered the chapter of 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 Equatorial Guinea,²⁴ including the report of the United Nations Mission for the Supervision of the Referendum and the Elections in Equatorial Guinea (1968),²⁵ the General Assembly takes note of that report and expresses its appreciation of the work done by the Mission.

"2. The General Assembly also expresses its appreciation to the administering Power for making it possible for the United Nations presence to be established in the Territory as called for in General Assembly resolution 2355 (XXII) of 19 December 1967 and to the Secretary-General for the action taken by him in this regard.

²³ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-third Session, Annexes*, agenda item 23, document A/7265, para. 5.

²⁴ *Ibid.*, addendum to agenda item 23 (A/7200/Rev.1), chapter IX.

²⁵ *Ibid.*, chapter IX, annex VI.