

1. *Notes* that the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples has taken these petitions into account in its consideration of the situation in Namibia within the context of the implementation of the Declaration;

2. *Notes further* that those petitions which raised matters of concern to the United Nations Council for Namibia have been brought to the latter's attention by the Secretariat and have been taken into consideration by the Council in the performance of the functions assigned to it by the General Assembly in resolutions 2248 (S-V), 2325 (XXII) and 2403 (XXIII);

3. *Draws the attention* of the petitioners concerned to the report on the Territory submitted by the Special Committee⁹ and to the resolutions on the question of Namibia adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session, as well as to the report of the United Nations Council for Namibia.¹⁰

*1819th plenary meeting,
1 December 1969.*

2554 (XXIV). Activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Southern Rhodesia, Namibia and Territories under Portuguese domination and in all other Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, *apartheid* and racial discrimination in southern Africa

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "Activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Southern Rhodesia, Namibia and Territories under Portuguese domination and in all other Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, *apartheid* and racial discrimination in southern Africa",

Having examined 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 this question,¹¹

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, in particular the eighth preambular paragraph thereof, and its resolution 2425 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968,

Convinced that any economic or other activity which impedes the implementation of resolution 1514 (XV) and which obstructs efforts aimed at the elimination of colonialism, *apartheid* and racial discrimination in southern Africa and other colonial Territories violates the political, economic and social rights and interests of the people in these Territories and is therefore in-

compatible with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling that the administering Powers have the obligation to ensure the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the inhabitants of the Territories under their administration and to protect the population and the natural resources of these Territories against abuses, in accordance with Chapters XI and XII of the Charter,

1. *Approves* 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 this question;

2. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the peoples of dependent Territories to self-determination and independence and to the natural resources of their Territories, as well as their right to dispose of these resources in their best interest in the light of the eighth preambular paragraph of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

3. *Affirms* that foreign economic and other interests operating in colonial Territories which are exploiting those Territories constitute a major obstacle to political independence as well as to the enjoyment of the natural resources of these Territories by the indigenous inhabitants;

4. *Declares* that any administering Power, by depriving the colonial peoples of the exercise of their rights or by subordinating them to foreign economic and financial interests, violates the obligations it has assumed under Chapters XI and XII of the Charter of the United Nations and impedes the implementation of resolution 1514 (XV);

5. *Condemns* the exploitation of the colonial Territories and peoples and the methods practised in the Territories under colonial domination by those foreign economic, financial and other interests which are designed to perpetuate colonial rule;

6. *Deplores* the attitude of the colonial Powers and States concerned which have not taken any action to implement the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions;

7. *Requests* the administering Powers and States concerned whose companies and nationals are engaged in such activities to take immediate measures to put an end to all practices which exploit the Territories and peoples under colonial rule, in conformity with General Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, 2288 (XXII) of 7 December 1967 and 2425 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968, in particular by preventing new investments, especially in southern Africa, which run counter to the objectives of the above-mentioned resolutions;

8. *Requests* all States to take effective measures to cease forthwith the supply of funds or other forms of economic and technical assistance to colonial Powers which use such assistance to repress the national liberation movements;

9. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to study this question and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to use all the facilities at his disposal to render assistance to the Special Committee in the pursuit of this study.

*1831st plenary meeting,
12 December 1969.*

⁹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/7623/Rev.1), chapter VII.

¹⁰ Ibid., Supplement No. 24 (A/7624/Rev.1).

¹¹ Ibid., Supplement No. 23A (A/7623/Rev.1/Add.1).