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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH
REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF
INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES
AND PEOPLES



QUESTION OF TERRITORIES UNDER PORTUGUESE ADMINISTRATION

Resolution adopted by the Special Committee at
its 921st meeting on 22 June 1973

The Special Committee,

Having considered the question of Territories under Portuguese domination,

Having invited, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity and through it, representatives of the national liberation movements of Angola, Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde and Mozambique to participate in an observer capacity in its consideration of these Territories, and having heard the statements of the representatives of the Frente de Libertação de Moçambique, Partido Africano da Independência da Guiné e Cabo Verde, Movimento Popular de Libertação de Angola and Frente Nacional para a Libertação de Angola, 1/

Recalling the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, and the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration, contained in General Assembly resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, as well as all other resolutions relating to the question of Territories under Portuguese domination adopted by the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Special Committee,

Recalling in particular the provisions of General Assembly resolution 2918 (XXVII) of 14 November 1972 and Security Council resolution 322 (1972) of 22 November 1972, in which the Government of Portugal was called upon, inter alia, to enter into negotiations with the parties concerned, with a view to achieving a

1/ A/AC.109/PV.915 and 917.

solution to the armed confrontation that exists in the Territories of Angola, Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde and Mozambique and permitting the peoples of those Territories to exercise their right to self-determination and independence,

Taking into consideration the programme of action adopted at the International Conference of Experts for the Support of Victims of Colonialism and Apartheid in Southern Africa, held at Oslo in April 1973,

Bearing in mind the Declaration on Territories under Portuguese Domination, adopted by the Assembly of the Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its tenth ordinary session,

Condemning the repeated acts of aggression committed by the armed forces of Portugal against independent African States which border the Territories under its domination - the violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of those States which seriously disturbs international peace and security in the African continent, as reaffirmed in Security Council resolution 312 (1972) of 4 February 1972,

Condemning any attempt by Portugal to place at the disposal of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, for military purposes, any of the facilities in Angola, Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde and Mozambique,

Condemning the continued collaboration of Portugal, South Africa and the illegal racist minority régime in Southern Rhodesia, designed to perpetuate colonialist and racist domination in the region, and the persistent intervention against the peoples of the Territories concerned by police and armed forces, as well as mercenaries from South Africa and Southern Rhodesia,

Strongly deploring the policies of those States, particularly some of the military allies of Portugal which, in defiance of repeated requests addressed to them by the United Nations, continue to provide Portugal with military and other assistance both within the context of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and bilaterally, without which Portugal could not pursue its policies of colonial domination and oppression of the peoples of Angola, Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde and Mozambique,

Deeply disturbed by the intensified activities of those foreign economic, financial and other interests which, contrary to the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, are directly or indirectly assisting Portugal in its colonial wars and obstructing the realization by the peoples of Territories under Portuguese domination of their legitimate aspirations for freedom and independence,

Noting with deep concern that the constitutional changes introduced by the Government of Portugal in 1971 and 1972 are not intended to lead to the exercise of self-determination and the attainment of independence by the African peoples of the Territories, but are designed to perpetuate Portuguese domination,





Noting with satisfaction the progress towards national independence and freedom made by the national liberation movements in those Territories, both through their struggle and through reconstruction programmes in the liberated areas, despite the formidable obstacles confronting them,

Noting with particular satisfaction the impressive progress made by the Partido Africano da Independência da Guiné e Cabo Verde, the sole and authentic representative of the people of Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde, in the liberation struggle in Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde, including the recent elections and the establishment of the Popular National Assembly of Guinea (Bissau), and aware of the fact that there are States which are ready to accord recognition to the Partido Africano da Independência da Guiné e Cabo Verde as the sole effective power in Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde,

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the peoples of Angola, Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde and Mozambique and other Territories under Portuguese domination to self-determination and independence, as recognized by the General Assembly in its resolution 1514 (XV), and the legitimacy of their struggle to achieve that right;
2. Reaffirms that the national liberation movements of Angola, Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde and Mozambique are the authentic representatives of the true aspirations of the peoples of those Territories and recommends that, pending the accession of those Territories to independence, all Governments, the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system and the United Nations bodies concerned should, when dealing with matters pertaining to the Territories, ensure the representation of those Territories by the liberation movements concerned in an appropriate capacity and in consultation with the Organization of African Unity;
3. Condemns the persistent refusal of the Government of Portugal to comply with the provisions of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations and, in particular, the intensified armed repression by Portugal of the peoples of the Territories under its domination, including the mass destruction of villages and property and the ruthless use of napalm and chemical substances, in order to stifle the legitimate aspirations of those peoples for freedom and independence;
4. Demands that the Government of Portugal should cease forthwith its colonial wars and all acts of repression against the peoples of Angola, Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde and Mozambique, withdraw its military and other forces and discontinue all practices which violate the inalienable rights of those populations including the eviction from their homes and the regrouping of the African populations and the settlement of foreign immigrants in the Territories;
5. Calls upon the Government of Portugal to treat the freedom-fighters of Angola, Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde and Mozambique captured during the struggle for freedom as prisoners of war in accordance with the principles of the Geneva

Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War, of 12 August 1949, 2/ and, in that connexion, invites the International Committee of the Red Cross to make available to the liberation movements, as the parties to the conflict, reports on prison camps and treatment of prisoners detained by Portugal and to make the necessary arrangements to secure the exchange of prisoners of war, as appropriate;

6. Appeals to all Governments, the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations to render to the peoples of Angola, Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde and Mozambique, in particular the populations in the liberated areas of those Territories, all the political, diplomatic and material assistance necessary to continue their struggle for the achievement of their inalienable right to freedom and independence;

7. Urges all Governments, particularly those members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization which continue to render assistance to Portugal, to withdraw any assistance that enables Portugal to prosecute the colonial war in Angola, Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde and Mozambique, and to prevent the sale or supply of all arms and military matériel to Portugal, including civil aircraft, ships and other means of transport capable of being used for transporting military matériel and personnel, as well as supplies, equipment and material for the manufacture or maintenance of weapons and ammunition that it uses to perpetuate its colonial domination in Africa;

8. Appeals to all States, in particular the members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, to refrain from any collaboration with Portugal involving the use of any of the Territories under its domination for military purposes;

9. Calls upon all States to take forthwith all possible measures: (a) to put an end to any activities that help to exploit the Territories under Portuguese domination and the peoples therein; (b) to discourage their nationals and bodies corporate under their jurisdiction from entering into any transactions or arrangements that contribute to Portugal's domination over those Territories; and (c) to exclude Portugal from taking part on behalf of Angola, Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde and Mozambique in any bilateral or multilateral treaties or agreements relating particularly to external trade in the products of these Territories;

10. Draws the attention of the Security Council, having regard to the explosive situation resulting from the policies of Portugal in the colonial Territories under its domination and from its constant provocations against the independent African States bordering those Territories, and in the light of the outright disregard by Portugal of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations, particularly Security Council resolutions 312 (1972) and 322 (1972), to the urgent need for taking, as a matter of priority, all effective steps with a view to securing the full and speedy implementation of resolution 1514 (XV) and of the related decisions of the United Nations;

2/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 75 (1950), No. 972.



11. Requests its Chairman, in the light of the relevant decisions 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 and the General Assembly, to continue his consultations with the Organization of African Unity and with the liberation movements to work out the necessary modalities for the dispatch of a special mission to the Territories concerned, as appropriate;

12. Invites the Secretary-General, bearing in mind the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 2909 (XXVII) of 2 November 1972, to continue to take effective and concrete measures through all the media at his disposal to give widespread and continuous publicity to information relating to the situation obtaining in these Territories;

13. Decides to keep the situation in the Territories under Portuguese domination under continuous review.



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