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IMPORTANCE OF THE UNIVERSAL REALIZATION OF THE RIGHT OF  
PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND OF THE SPEEDY GRANTING  
OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES FOR THE  
EFFECTIVE GUARANTEE AND OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In resolution 2649 (XXV) entitled "Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights", adopted by the General Assembly at its 1915th plenary meeting, on 30 November 1970, the Assembly, inter alia, requested the Commission on Human Rights to study, at its twenty-seventh session, the implementation of United Nations resolutions relating to the right of peoples under colonial and alien domination to self-determination, and to submit its conclusions and recommendations to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, as soon as possible. The Council, at its 1735th meeting, on 12 January 1971, decided to transmit General Assembly resolution 2649 (XXV) to the Commission for its consideration.
2. After giving preliminary consideration to the General Assembly's request,<sup>1/</sup> the Commission on Human Rights, at its twenty-seventh session, adopted resolution 8 (XXVII),<sup>2/</sup> entitled "Implementation of United Nations resolutions relating to the right of peoples under colonial and alien domination to

<sup>1/</sup> See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/4949), chapter III.

<sup>2/</sup> Ibid., chapter XIX.



self-determination" at its 1116th meeting, on 11 March 1971. In resolution 8 A (XXVII) the Commission requested the Secretary-General to prepare an annotated collection of all the resolutions adopted by the various organs of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the regional organizations relating to the right of peoples under colonial and alien domination to self-determination, and decided, making use of this collection, to continue the consideration of the question with a view to appointing a Special Rapporteur at its twenty-eighth session. In resolution 8 B (XXVII) the Commission proposed to the Economic and Social Council that it recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution. The draft resolution recommended by the Commission was adopted by the Council at its 1771st plenary meeting, on 21 May 1971, as resolution 1592 (L) entitled "Implementation of United Nations resolutions relating to the right of peoples under colonial and alien domination to self-determination".

3. Accordingly, the Economic and Social Council recommends that the General Assembly adopt the following draft resolution:

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 "The General Assembly,  
Solemnly reaffirming that the subjection of peoples to alien subjugation, domination and exploitation is a violation of the principle of self-determination as well as a denial of basic human rights and is contrary to the Charter of the United Nations, } 103  
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- Ab "Concerned at the fact that many peoples continue to be denied the right to self-determination and are living under conditions of colonial and foreign domination,
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22 } No "Expressing concern at the fact that some countries, notably Portugal, with the support of its North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies, are waging war against the national liberation movement in colonial and developing countries, against cert. ind. States of Af. } 9 colonies
- Ab "Confirming that colonialism in all its forms and manifestations, including the methods of neo-colonialism, constitutes a gross encroachment on the rights of peoples and the basic human rights and freedoms,
- Ab "Convinced that effective application of the principles of self-determination of peoples is of paramount importance for promoting the development of friendly relations between countries and peoples and for ensuring human rights, } 105  
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No "1. Confirms the legality of the peoples' struggle for self-determination and liberation from colonial and foreign domination/ by all available means; *and alien subjugation (1879)*  
Ab "2. Affirms man's basic human right to fight for the self-determination of his people under colonial and foreign domination;

No "3. Believes that the main objectives and principles of international protection of human rights cannot be effectively implemented while some States/pursue the imperialist policy of colonialism, use force against developing countries and peoples fighting for self-determination and support régimes that are applying the criminal policy of racism and apartheid;

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No "4. Condemns the colonial Powers/ *and usurping* that are suppressing the right of peoples to self-determination and hampering the liquidation of the last hotbeds of colonialism and racism in the African/ *Asian* continent, and in other parts of the world;

No "5. Condemns States that contribute to the creation in southern Africa of a military-industrial complex whose aim is the suppression of the movement of peoples struggling for their self-determination and interference in the affairs of independent African States;

Ab. "6. Recalls that it is the duty of every State to contribute through joint and independent action to the implementation of the principle of self-determination, in accordance with the provisions of the principle of the Charter, and to assist the United Nations to discharge the responsibilities vested in it by the Charter for the implementation of this principle.

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Ab "7. Urges States to discharge their duty and to co-operate in bringing about universal respect for the observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms and eliminating all forms of racial discrimination;

Ab "8. Resolves to devote constant attention to the question of flagrant large-scale violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms resulting from the denial to peoples under colonial and foreign domination of their right to self-determination."

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