

With respect to its report on the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Special Committee noted with satisfaction the assurances given by the Administering Authority that it would continue to fulfil its responsibilities under the Charter and the Trusteeship Agreement. <sup>27/</sup> The Committee invited the attention of the relevant organs of the United Nations to Article 83 of the Charter, under which the Security Council shall exercise all functions of the United Nations relating to strategic areas, including the termination of the Trusteeship Agreements and their alteration and amendment. It expressed regret that there was no co-operation between the Trusteeship Council and the Special Committee in relation to the Trust Territory, despite the readiness of the Committee to engage in such co-operation.

D. Question of sending visiting missions to Territories

The Special Committee attaches great importance to securing adequate, first-hand information on the political, economic and social conditions prevailing in the colonial Territories, as well as on the views and aspirations of their inhabitants.

In that context, by a resolution adopted by consensus on 3 August, <sup>28/</sup> the Special Committee stressed the need to dispatch periodic visiting missions to colonial Territories in order to facilitate the full, speedy and effective implementation of the Declaration. It called upon the administering Powers concerned, including the United Kingdom, to co-operate or continue to co-operate with the United Nations by permitting the access of visiting missions to the Territories under their administration. The Committee also expressed its regret at the decision of the United Kingdom not to participate in its work; and urged it to reconsider that decision.

E. Question of the list of Territories to which the Declaration is applicable

In reviewing once again the list of Territories to which the Declaration is applicable, the Special Committee, within the context of the question, considered a decision of 11 August 1987 concerning Puerto Rico. The Committee had before it the report of its Rapporteur, <sup>29/</sup> in which he drew attention to related reports and a study which he had prepared on Puerto Rico.

The Special Committee heard the statements of representatives of a number of organizations and, by 9 votes to 2 with 11 abstentions, adopted a resolution on the question sponsored by Cuba. <sup>30/</sup> The Committee reaffirmed the inalienable right of the people of Puerto Rico to self-determination and independence, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV), and the full applicability of the fundamental principles of that resolution with respect to Puerto Rico. It expressed the hope, and that of the international community, that the people of

Puerto Rico might exercise without hindrance their right to self-determination with the express recognition of the people's sovereignty and full political equality, in conformity with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV). The Committee requested the Rapporteur to prepare a report on the implementation of its resolutions concerning Puerto Rico and decided to keep the question of Puerto Rico under continuing review.

F. 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 Namibia and in all other Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid, and racial discrimination

During its consideration of the item, the Special Committee had before it working papers prepared by the Secretariat containing information on economic conditions, with particular reference to foreign economic activities relating to Anquilla, the Cayman Islands, Montserrat, Bermuda, the Turks and Caicos Islands, the United States Virgin Islands and Namibia. At the conclusion of the general debate, the Committee, without a vote, adopted a resolution on the item which it recommended for adoption by the General Assembly.

The Special Committee submitted its resolution to the Fourth Committee, which endorsed it and transmitted it to the General Assembly. The Assembly in turn adopted resolution 43/29 on the item (see sect. II, A(2) above).

The Committee decided to continue to monitor closely the situation in the remaining colonial Territories so as to ensure that all economic activities in those Territories were aimed at strengthening and diversifying their economies in the interest of the indigenous peoples. In that connection, it requested the administering Powers concerned to ensure that the peoples of the Territories under their administration were not exploited for political, military and other purposes detrimental to their interests.

G. Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration which might be impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

The Special Committee adopted a consensus decision on the above question which, upon submission to the General Assembly by the Fourth Committee, was adopted as decision 43/410 (see sect II, A(2)).

H. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

In its consideration of the item relating to the specialized agencies, the Committee reviewed the report of the Secretary-General containing information on action taken by the organizations of the United Nations system. <sup>31/</sup> It also considered the report of the Chairman on his consultations with the President of the Economic and Social Council; <sup>32/</sup> and the report of its Sub-Committee on Petitions, Information and Assistance containing an account of the consultations held by the Sub-Committee with the representatives of a number of specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system. <sup>33/</sup> In the course of its work, the Committee received the continued co-operation, and benefited from the active participation, of the representatives of OAU and of the national liberation movements in the work recognized by OAU.

The Special Committee, by adopting a resolution on the item, again expressed concern that the assistance extended to date to the colonial peoples remained far from adequate in relation to actual needs; and urged all the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to accelerate the implementation of the relevant resolutions. The Committee requested the United Nations organizations to continue taking all necessary measures to withhold any form of co-operation and assistance from the racist régime of South Africa; and to discontinue all support to that régime until the people of Namibia had exercised fully their inalienable right to self-determination and independence and the inhuman system of apartheid had been totally eradicated.

The Committee expressed regret that the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund continued to maintain links with the racist régime of Pretoria. It stated that all links with South Africa should be discontinued and, pending such action, called upon those organizations not to extend any support or loans to that country.

The Special Committee reiterated its recommendation that the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system should initiate or broaden contacts and co-operation with the colonial peoples and their national liberation movements. It requested them to review and introduce greater flexibility in their procedures for formulating and preparing assistance programmes and projects.

The Committee once again urged the executive heads of those agencies and organizations to formulate, with the active co-operation of OAU where appropriate, and to submit, as a matter of priority, to their governing bodies and legislative organs, concrete proposals for the full implementation of the relevant United Nations decisions.

I. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations

In its consideration of the above item, the Special Committee stated unreservedly that, unless the General Assembly itself declared that a Non-Self-Governing Territory had attained a full measure of self-government according to Chapter XI of the Charter, the administering Power concerned should continue to transmit information with respect to that Territory under Article 73 e of the Charter. In that regard, the Committee requested the administering Powers concerned to continue to transmit the fullest possible information on political and constitutional developments in the Territories under their administration, within a maximum period of six months following the expiration of the administrative year in the Territory. It also requested the Secretary-General to continue to ensure that adequate information drawn from all available published sources was included in the working papers on the Territories which the Secretariat prepared for the Special Committee.

J. Other matters

During the year, the Special Committee maintained a close working relationship with other United Nations bodies with common interests, in particular the Special Committee against Apartheid, the United Nations Council for Namibia, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People and the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The Special Committee followed closely the work of those bodies as it related to colonial issues and, in its consideration of the various items on its agenda, took into account the relevant decisions which they had adopted. The Committee drew the attention of the Security Council to developments relating to certain Territories, such as Namibia and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, as well as those concerning military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration.

The Chairman of the Special Committee represented the Committee at a number of important international conferences, seminars and symposia organized by intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

Notes

1/ A/43/23 (Parts I-VI). To be issued in final form as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/43/23).

2/ A/43/588, para. 7.

3/ See A/C.4/43/SR.1 and 2.

4/ A/43/23 (Part III) (for final disposition see footnote 1); see also A/43/219, A/43/226, A/43/355 and Add. 1-3, A/43/658, A/43/671, A/43/677, A/43/680 and A/43/681.

5/ A/C.4/43/SR.3-6.

6/ A/C.4/43/SR.4.

7/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 24 (A/35/24), vol. I, annex II.

8/ A/C.4/43/SR.7-14.

9/ A/C.4/43/SR.7 and 9.

10/ A/41/326-S/18049, annex III.

11/ A/42/681, annex.

12/ A/43/762.

13/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/43/49).

14/ A/C.4/43/SR.7 and 8.

15/ A/C.4/43/SR.15.

16/ A/43/23 (Part V) (for final disposition, see footnote 1); and A/43/24 (Parts I and II). To be issued in final form as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 24 (A/43/24).

17/ A/43/807.

18/ A/43/24 (Part I), chap. VI (for final disposition, see footnote 16).

19/ See Report of the International Conference for the Immediate Independence of Namibia, Vienna, 7-11 July 1986 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.86.I.16 and addendum), part three.

20/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 24 (A/42/24), part two, chap. III, para. 203.

21/ A/42/631-S/19187, annex.

22/ A/43/23 (Part V), chap. VIII, para. 13 (for final disposition, see footnote 16).

23/ A/AC.109/934-936, 937 and Corr.1, 938-941, 942, 943, 944 and Corr.1, 945 and Add.1-2, 946-950, 952 and Corr.1, 953-957, 959, 963 and 964; A/AC.109/L.1664 and Add.1, L.1665, L.1672 and L.1676.

24/ A/AC.109/PV.1330 and 1337-1341.

25/ A/43/23 (Part VII), para. 14 (for final disposition, see footnote 1).

26/ A/43/23 (Part VI), chap. IX, para. 19 (for final disposition, see footnote 1).

27/ Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-third Year, Special Supplement No. 1 (S/20168), part II.

28/ A/43/23 (Part II), chap. III, para. 11 (for final disposition, see footnote 1).

29/ A/AC.109/L.1676.

30/ A/43/23 (Part I), para. 51 (for final disposition, see footnote 1).

31/ A/43/355 and Add.1-3.

32/ A/AC.109/L.1665.

33/ A/AC.109/L.1664 and Add.1.