

have been granted, scholarships or fellowships, particularly with regard to facilitating their travel formalities;

4. *Requests* that applications for scholarships received from inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories should be transmitted simultaneously to the offering States for consideration and to the Administering Members concerned for information;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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1697 (XVI). Preparation and training of indigenous civil and technical cadres in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1534 (XV) of 15 December 1960,

Taking note of the statements made by the Administering Members to the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories at its twelfth session on the preparation and training of indigenous civil and technical cadres,¹³

Reiterating that the existence of adequate indigenous civil servants and technical personnel in the Non-Self-Governing Territories is necessary for the effective implementation of satisfactory plans and programmes of development in the educational, social and economic fields,

Noting the observation of the Committee that because of the lack of information it has not been able fully to examine the problem of the preparation and training of indigenous civil servants and technical personnel in Non-Self-Governing Territories,¹⁴

Considering that, in the light of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, immediate steps shall be taken to transfer all powers to the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories without any conditions or reservations,

Believing that the rapid preparation and training of indigenous, civil and technical cadres in Non-Self-Governing Territories will help towards the achievement of the purposes of resolution 1514 (XV),

1. *Considers* that the situation prevailing in various dependent territories in respect of the strength, composition and state of training of indigenous civil servants and technical personnel is unsatisfactory;

2. *Regrets* that due attention has not been paid to that problem;

3. *Urges* the Administering Members to take immediately all necessary measures to increase the strength of indigenous civil service and technical cadres and to accelerate their training in public administration and other essential technical skills;

4. *Further urges* the Administering Members to take more extensive and expeditious measures towards the replacement of expatriate personnel by indigenous

¹³ *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/4785), part one, annex IV.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, part one, para. 36.

officers, especially in positions of high administrative responsibility;

5. *Invites once again* the Administering Members to make fuller use of the United Nations technical assistance programme for training in public administration and related fields;

6. *Requests* the Administering Members to transmit complete and detailed information concerning the training facilities for, and current strength, composition and state of the preparation of, civil and technical services in the Territories under their administrations, in time for its careful examination and study by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories at its next session;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a special report on that subject, for the consideration of the General Assembly at its seventeenth session, taking into account the information submitted by the Administering Members and the observations, recommendations and conclusions thereon of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories.

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1698 (XVI). Racial discrimination in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 entitled "Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples", it expressed the belief that an end must be put to colonialism and all practices of segregation and discrimination associated therewith,

Recalling further its resolution 1536 (XV) of 15 December 1960,

Noting with deep concern, from the information contained in the report of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories,¹⁵ that racial discrimination persists and that the recommendations of the General Assembly contained in resolution 1536 (XV) have not yet been implemented,

Endorsing the view of the Committee that on no grounds whatsoever can the existence of racial discrimination in any aspect of life in the Non-Self-Governing Territories be justified,

Considering that racial discrimination and segregation in Non-Self-Governing Territories can be eradicated fully and with the greatest speed by the faithful implementation of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples, and that, accordingly, the efforts of the United Nations should be concentrated on that task,

1. *Condemns resolutely* the policy and practice of racial discrimination and segregation in Non-Self-Governing Territories;

2. *Urges* the Administering Members to include, among the measures that would contribute to the implementation of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples, steps to ensure:

(a) The immediate rescinding or revocation of all laws and regulations which tend to encourage or

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, part two, section VIII.

sanction, directly or indirectly, discriminatory policies and practices based on racial considerations, the adoption of legislative measures making racial discrimination and segregation punishable by law, and the discouragement of such practices based on racial considerations by all other means possible, including administrative measures;

(b) The immediate extension to all inhabitants of the full exercise of basic political rights, in particular the right to vote, and the establishment of equality among the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take measures for the immediate and large-scale dissemination of the present resolution in the Non-Self-Governing Territories through all the appropriate media of mass communication, in the principal local languages as well as in the languages of the Administering Members;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, not later than September 1962, a report on the implementation of the present resolution for the consideration of the General Assembly and any other body which the Assembly may appoint to assist it in the implementation of resolution 1514 (XV).

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1699 (XVI). Non-compliance of the Government of Portugal with Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations and with General Assembly resolution 1542 (XV)

The General Assembly,

Recalling that by resolution 1542 (XV) of 15 December 1960 it declared that an obligation exists on the part of the Government of Portugal to transmit information under Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations concerning Non-Self-Governing Territories under its administration, and that this obligation should be discharged without further delay,

Noting with deep regret that the Government of Portugal has refused and still continues to refuse to submit information on its Non-Self-Governing Territories or to participate in the work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories, as called for by General Assembly resolution 1542 (XV) and Chapter XI of the Charter,

Recalling further the principles set forth in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 entitled "Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples",

Considering that the provisions of the said Declaration and any decision of the General Assembly concerning its implementation are fully applicable to the Territories under Portuguese administration equally with other Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Noting the continuing deterioration of the situation in the Territories under Portuguese administration,

1. *Condemns* the continuing non-compliance of the Government of Portugal with its obligations under Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations and with the terms of General Assembly resolution 1542 (XV), and its refusal to co-operate in the work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories;

2. *Considers* it necessary that, pending the fulfilment of these obligations by the Government of Portugal, the General Assembly must, for its part, continue to discharge its own obligations and responsibilities towards the inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories under Portuguese administration;

3. *Decides* to establish a Special Committee of seven members to be elected by the General Assembly to examine as a matter of urgency, within the context of Chapter XI of the Charter and relevant resolutions of the Assembly, such information as is available concerning Territories under Portuguese administration, and to formulate its observations, conclusions and recommendations for the consideration of the Assembly and any other body which the Assembly may appoint to assist it in the implementation of its resolution 1514 (XV);

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, pending the compliance by Portugal with its obligations under Chapter XI of the Charter to transmit information on conditions in the Territories under its administration, to prepare for the use of the Special Committee, on the basis of available information, background papers containing information on conditions prevailing in the Territories under the administration of Portugal;

5. *Authorizes* the Special Committee, in order that information available to it may be as up to date and authentic as possible, to receive petitions and hear petitioners concerning conditions prevailing in Portuguese Non-Self-Governing Territories;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to furnish the Special Committee with such necessary secretarial and other assistance as it may require in the performance of its tasks;

7. *Requests* Member States to use their influence to secure the compliance of Portugal with its obligations under the Charter and the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

8. *Further requests* Member States to deny Portugal any support and assistance which it may use for the suppression of the peoples of its Non-Self-Governing Territories.

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At its 1257th meeting, on 20 December 1961, the Fourth Committee, acting on behalf of the General Assembly, elected the members of the Special Committee established under paragraph 3 of the above resolution. At its 1087th plenary meeting, on 20 December 1961, the General Assembly approved the election.

The following Member States were elected: BULGARIA, CEYLON, COLOMBIA, CYPRUS, GUATEMALA, GUINEA and NIGERIA.

1700 (XVI). Question of the renewal of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Having recognized the usefulness and value of the work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories in the interests of the advancement of peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories and of the attainment of the objectives set forth in Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations,