

2907 (XXVII). Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency

The General Assembly,

Having received the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency to the General Assembly for the year 1971/1972,¹

Aware that the statement of the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency of 31 October 1972² provides information on the main developments in the Agency's activities since the report was published,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency;

2. *Observes with appreciation* that there has been a substantial increase in the technical co-operation activities of the International Atomic Energy Agency and in the number of large-scale projects that the Agency is executing for the United Nations Development Programme;

3. *Commends* the International Atomic Energy Agency for the progress it has made in meeting its safeguards responsibilities and in negotiating agreements for the application of safeguards with non-nuclear-weapon States;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency the records of the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly relating to the Agency's activities.

2077th plenary meeting
31 October 1972

2908 (XXVII). Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, and the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration, contained in its resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970,

Recalling all its previous resolutions concerning the implementation of the Declaration, in particular resolution 2878 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971,

Deeply concerned that twelve years after the adoption of the Declaration many Territories are still under colonial and alien domination and that millions of oppressed persons live under conditions of ruthless and blatant colonialist and racialist repression,

Deeply deploring the continued refusal of the colonial Powers, especially Portugal and South Africa, to implement the Declaration and other relevant resolutions on decolonization, particularly those relating to the Territories under Portuguese domination, Namibia and Southern Rhodesia,

Strongly deploring the policies of those States which, in defiance of the relevant resolutions of the Security

Council, the General Assembly and the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, continue to co-operate with the Governments of Portugal and South Africa and with the illegal racist minority régime in Southern Rhodesia,

Deeply disturbed at the intransigent attitude of certain administering Powers which, despite the repeated appeals addressed to them by the General Assembly and the Special Committee, persist in their refusal to co-operate with the Special Committee in the discharge of the mandate entrusted to it by the General Assembly,

Reaffirming its view that racial discrimination in colonial Territories can be eradicated fully and with the greatest speed by the faithful and complete implementation of the Declaration,

Noting with satisfaction the proposed arrangements relating to the participation in the work of the Special Committee of representatives of the national liberation movements and leaders of Angola, Mozambique, Guinea (Bissau) and Cape Verde, Namibia and Southern Rhodesia,

Bearing in mind the constructive results achieved as a consequence of the dispatch in June 1972 of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Niue, at the invitation of the Government of New Zealand, and of the participation of the Special Committee in the United Nations Visiting Mission to observe the elections to the Third House of Assembly of Papua New Guinea in February 1972, at the invitation of the Government of Australia, and noting with deep regret the negative attitude of certain administering Powers which continue to ignore the repeated appeals made by the General Assembly and the Special Committee concerning the sending of United Nations visiting missions to the Territories under their administration,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolutions 1514 (XV) and 2621 (XXV) and all other resolutions on decolonization, and calls upon the administering Powers, in accordance with those resolutions, to take all the necessary steps to enable the dependent peoples of the Territories concerned to exercise fully and without further delay their inalienable right to self-determination and independence;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the work accomplished by the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, including in particular its successful series of meetings held in Africa in April 1972, and expresses its appreciation to the Special Committee for its efforts to secure the complete and effective implementation of the Declaration;

3. *Approves* the report of the Special Committee covering its work during 1972,³ including the programme of work envisaged for 1973;

4. *Urges* all States, in particular the administering Powers, and the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to give effect to the recommendations contained in the report of the Special Committee for the speedy implementation of the Declaration and the relevant resolutions of the United Nations;

¹ International Atomic Energy Agency, *Annual Report, 1 July 1971-30 June 1972* (Vienna, July 1972); transmitted to the members of the General Assembly by a note of the Secretary-General (A/8774).

² See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Plenary Meetings*, 2076th meeting.

³ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 23* (A/8723/Rev.1).