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Agenda item 126****OBSERVER STATUS of NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS  
RECOGNIZED BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY  
AND/OR BY THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES****Report of the Sixth Committee****Rapporteur: Mr. Carlos VELASCO MENDIOLA (Peru)****I. INTRODUCTION**

- 1. The item entitled "Observer status of national liberation movements recognized by the Organisation of African Unity and/or by the League of Arab States" was included in the provisional agenda for the forty-third session pursuant to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 41/71 of 3 December 1986,**
- 2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 23 September 1988, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee,**
- 3. In connection with the item, the Committee had before it a report of the Secretary-General (A/43/528 and Add.1 end 2) containing the views presented by Member States pursuant to paragraph 3 of resolution 41/71.**
- 4. The Committee considered the item at its 21st, 22nd and 50th meetings, on 24 and 26 October and 28 November. The summary records of those meetings contain the views of the representatives who spoke during the consideration of the item (A/C.6/43/SR.21, 22 and 50).**

**II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS****A. Draft resolution A/C.6/43/L.10 and Rev.1**

- 5. The Committee had before it a draft resolution (A/C.6/43/L.10) entitled "Observer status of national liberation movements recognized by the Organisation of**

African Unity and/or by the League of Arab States" sponsored by Algeria, Bahrain, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, Yemen and Zambia. The draft resolution read as follows:

**"The General Assembly,**

**"Recalling** its resolutions 351167 of 15 December 1960, 37/104 of 16 December 1982, 39/76 of 13 December 1984 and 41/71 of 3 December 1986,

**"Taking note** of the report of the Secretary-General,

**"Recalling** its resolution 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 granting observer status to the Palestine Liberation Organisation,

**"Recalling further** its resolution 31/152 of 20 December 1976 granting observer status to South West Africa People's Organisation,

**"Desirous** of enhancing the effective role played by these national liberation movements,

**"Bearing in mind** the necessity of facilitating the work of these organizations,

**"1. Decides** that these organizations are entitled to have their communications relating to the sessions and work of the General Assembly directly, and without intermediary, issued and circulated as official documents of the General Assembly;

**"2. Decides also** that the above organizations are entitled to have their communications relating to the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under the auspices of the General Assembly directly, and without intermediary, issued and circulated as official documents of these conferences ;

**"3. Considers** that the above organizations are entitled to have their communications relating to the sessions and work of all other organs of the United Nations as well as the conferences convened under their auspices directly, and without intermediary, issued and circulated as official documents of these conferences;

**"4. Requests** the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps for the implementation of the present resolution."

6. At the 50th meeting, on 28 November 1988, the representative of Jordan, introduced a revised draft resolution (A/C.6/43/L.10/Rev.1) sponsored by Algeria, Bahrain, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon , the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, Yemen and Zambia, later

joined by Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Cuba. The representative of Jordan also orally revised operative paragraph 3, by adding the word "appropriate" before the word "symbol".

7. Draft resolution A/C.6/43/L.10/Rev.1 as orally revised was adopted by a vote of 81 to 2, with 25 abstentions (see para. 12, draft resolution A).

8. Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Greece (on behalf of the twelve member States of the European Community), Israel and Canada. Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Japan, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Thailand, Zaire, Turkey and Austria,

#### B. Draft resolution A/C.6/43/L.24 and Corr.1

9. At the same meeting, the representative of Cuba introduced a draft resolution (A/C.6/43/L.24 and Corr.1) sponsored by Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Cuba, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Mauritania, Nicaragua, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Uganda, the United Arab Emirates, Yemen and Yugoslavia.

10. Draft resolution A/C.6/43/L.24 and Corr.1 was adopted by a vote of 87 to 9, with 14 abstentions (see para. 12, draft resolution B).

11. A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Israel. Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Japan, Turkey, France, Belgium, Italy, Thailand and the United States of America.

### III, RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

12. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Observer status of national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and/or by the League of Arab States

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 35/167 of 15 December 1980, 37/104 of 16 December 1982, 39/76 of 13 December 1984 and 41/71 of 3 December 1986,

**Taking note** of the report of the Secretary-General, 1/

**Recalling its** resolution 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974, granting observer status to the Palestine Liberation **Organization,**

**Recalling further** its resolution 311152 of 20 December 1976, granting observer status to the South West Africa People's Organization,

**Desirous** of enhancing the effective role played by **these** national liberation movements,

**Bearing in mind** the necessity of facilitating the work of these organizations,

1. **Decides** that the Palestine Liberation Organization and the South West Africa People's **Organization** are entitled to have their communications relating to the sessions and work of **the General** Assembly directly, and without intermediary, **issued** and circulated as official documents of the General **Assembly;**

2. **Decides also** that the Palestine Liberation Organisation and the South West Africa People's Organisation **are** entitled to have their communications relating to the *sessions* and work of all international conferences convened under the auspices of the General Assembly of the United Nations directly, and without intermediary, issued and circulated as official documents of these conferences)

3. **Authorizes** the Secretariat to issue and circulate as official documents of the United Nations under the appropriate symbol of other organs or conferences of the United Nations, communications submitted directly, without intermediary, by the Palestine Liberation Organization and the South West Africa People's Organization, on matters relative to the work of these organs and **conferences;**

4. **Requests** the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps for the implementation of the present resolution,

B

**The General Assembly,**

**Recalling its** resolutions 35/167 of 15 December 1980, 37/104 of 16 December 1982, 39/76 of 13 December 1984 and 41/71 of 3 December 1986,

**Recalling also** its resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974, 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974 and 31/152 of 20 December 1976,

1/ A/43/528 and Add.1 and 2.

**Taking note** of the **report** of the **Secretary-General**, 2/

**Bearing in mind** the resolution of the United Nations Conference on the Representation of States in Their Relations with International Organisations relating to the observer status of national liberation **movrments recognised** by the **Organization** of African Unity and/or by the League of Arab States, 3/

**Noting that** the Vienna Convention on the **Representation** of States in Their Relations with International Organisations of a Universal **Character**, of 14 March 1975, 4/ regulates only the representation of States in their relations with international organisations,

**Taking into account** the current **practice** of inviting the **above-mentioned** national liberation **movements** to participate as observers in the **sessions** of the General Assembly, specialised agencies and **other** organisations of the United Nations **system** and in the work of the conferences held under the auspices of **such** international organisations,

**Convinced** that the participation of **the** national liberation **movements** referred to **above in the** work of international **organizations** helps to strengthen international peace and co-operation,

**Desirous** of ensuring the effective participation *of* the above-mentioned national liberation **movements as** observers in the work **of** the international **organizations** and of regulating, to that end, their status *and* the facilities, privileges and **immunities** necessary for **the** performance of their functions,

**Noting that many** States **have recognized** those national liberation movements and have granted them in their countries facilities, privileges and immunities,

1. **Urges** all States that have not done so, in particular, those which **are** hosts to international organisations or to **conferences convened** by, or held under the **auspices** of, international **organizations** of a universal character, to consider as soon as possible the **question of** ratifying, or acceding to, the Vienna Convention on the Representation **of States in Their Relation;** with International **Organizations Of** a Universal Churscter;

2/ A/43/528 and Add.1 and 2.

3/ See Official Records of the United Nations Conference on the Representation of States in Their Relations with Inter national Organizations, Vienna, 4 February-14 March 1975, vol. II (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.V.12), document A/CONF. 67 / 15, annex.

4/ Ibid., vol. II, p. 207.

2. Calls once more upon the **States** concerned to accord to the delegations of **the national liberation movements recognized** by the **Organisation of African Unity and/or** by the League of Arab **States** and accorded **observer status by** international organisations, the facilities, **privileges** and immunities necessary for **the** performance of their functions, **in** accordance **with the** provisions of the Vienna Convention on the Representation of States *in Their Relations with **International Organisations of a Universal Character***]

3. **Requests** the Secretary-General **to** report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth **session on** the implementation of the present **resolution.**

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