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TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF  
INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

(covering its work during 1966)

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CHAPTER III (part II)

SOUTHERN RHODESIA

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REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE I

\* This document contains part II of the chapter on Southern Rhodesia. The general introductory chapter of the report of the Special Committee will be issued subsequently under the symbol A/6300. Other chapters of the report will be issued as addenda.

## INTRODUCTION

1099. At its 328th meeting on 22 April 1965, the Special Committee adopted a resolution on the question of Southern Rhodesia (A/6000/Add.1, para. 292). In operative paragraph 9 of this resolution the Special Committee decided "to study in co-operation with the Secretary-General and the agencies of the United Nations the implications of the activities of foreign economic and other interests in Southern Rhodesia and their mode of operation in order to assess their economic and political influence".

1100. In its report to the General Assembly, at its twentieth session, the Special Committee stated that it hoped to submit a report on this matter to the Assembly in 1966 (A/6000, para. 61).

1101. At its 409th meeting on 26 April 1966, the Special Committee decided, without objection, to refer to Sub-Committee I, for consideration, the item relating to the activities of foreign economic and other interests in Southern Rhodesia and their mode of operation. On 14 September 1966, Sub-Committee I adopted a report concerning this item which is annexed hereto.

1102. At its 469th meeting on 29 September 1966, the Special Committee considered the report of Sub-Committee I.

### A. CONSIDERATION BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE I

1103. At the 469th meeting of the Special Committee, the representative of Syria, Rapporteur of Sub-Committee I, introducing the report of the Sub-Committee, said that an analysis of the implications of the activities of foreign economic and other interests in Southern Rhodesia and their mode of operation had led the Sub-Committee to conclude, inter alia, that foreign economic and related interests played a decisive role in the economic life of Southern Rhodesia and that the foreign enterprises operating there were closely linked with international economic and financial interests in other parts of southern Africa. In common with those interests, those enterprises had been instrumental, directly and indirectly, in denying the African peoples the means of effective participation in the economic life and the enjoyment of the resources of their country. He hoped that the report would be adopted unanimously.