

Recalling further the resolution adopted on 16 October 1964 by the Special Committee,²³

Reaffirming its resolution 2072 (XX) of 16 December 1965,

Noting that the Spanish Government, as the administering Power, has not as yet applied the provisions of the Declaration,

Having regard to the decision taken by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its third ordinary session, held at Addis Ababa from 5 to 9 November 1966, concerning the Territories under Spanish administration,

Noting the decision of the administering Power to apply in full the provisions of General Assembly resolution 2072 (XX),²⁴

Noting further the statement of the administering Power on 7 December 1966 relating to Spanish Sahara, in particular with regard to the sending of a special United Nations mission to the Territory, the return of exiles and the free exercise by the indigenous population of its right to self-determination,²⁵

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the peoples of Ifni and Spanish Sahara to self-determination in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

2. Approves the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the Territories of Ifni and Spanish Sahara, and endorses the resolution adopted by the Special Committee on 16 November 1966,²⁶

3. Requests the administering Power to take immediately the necessary steps to accelerate the decolonization of Ifni and to determine with the Government of Morocco, bearing in mind the aspirations of the indigenous population, procedures for the transfer of powers in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

4. Invites the administering Power to determine at the earliest possible date, in conformity with the aspirations of the indigenous people of Spanish Sahara and in consultation with the Governments of Mauritania and Morocco and any other interested party, the procedures for the holding of a referendum under United Nations auspices with a view to enabling the indigenous population of the Territory to exercise freely its right to self-determination and, to this end:

(a) To create a favourable climate for the referendum to be conducted on an entirely free, democratic and impartial basis, by permitting, *inter alia*, the return of exiles to the Territory;

(b) To take all the necessary steps to ensure that only the indigenous people of the Territory participate in the referendum;

(c) To refrain from any action likely to delay the process of the decolonization of Spanish Sahara;

(d) To provide all the necessary facilities to a United Nations mission so that it may be able to par-

ticipate actively in the organization and holding of the referendum;

5. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the administering Power and the Special Committee, to appoint immediately a special mission to be sent to Spanish Sahara for the purpose of recommending practical steps for the full implementation of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, and in particular for determining the extent of United Nations participation in the preparation and supervision of the referendum and submitting a report to him as soon as possible for transmission to the Special Committee;

6. Requests the Special Committee to continue its consideration of the situation in the Territories of Ifni and Spanish Sahara and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session.

1500th plenary meeting,
20 December 1966.

2230 (XXI). Question of Equatorial Guinea

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Equatorial Guinea,

Having heard the statement of the petitioner,

Having also heard the statement of the representative of the administering Power,

Having considered the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to Equatorial Guinea,²⁷

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and its resolution 2067 (XX) of 16 December 1965,

Recalling the Basic Law of 1963 which recognized Fernando Póo and Río Muni as one entity thereafter to be called Equatorial Guinea, and the declaration by the administering Power of its intention to grant independence to Equatorial Guinea as a single entity,

Taking into account the declarations of the administering Power that it would accede to the desires of the people of the Territory for independence whenever they so requested,

Noting the desire of the overwhelming majority of the people consulted that the Territory should become independent not later than July 1968,

Having noted the statement of the representative of the administering Power that a constitutional conference will be convened early in 1967,

Recognizing the need for further measures to promote the economic, social and educational advancement of the people of the Territory,

1. Approves the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to Equatorial Guinea, and endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained therein;²⁸

2. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of Equatorial Guinea to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration on the Grant-

²³ *Ibid.*, Nineteenth Session, Annexes, annex No. 8 (part I) (A/5800/Rev.1), chapter IX, para. 112.

²⁴ *Ibid.*, Twenty-first Session, Annexes, addendum to agenda item 23 (A/6300/Rev.1), chapter X, annex.

²⁵ *Ibid.*, Twenty-first Session, Fourth Committee, 1660th meeting, paras. 1-4.

²⁶ *Ibid.*, Twenty-first Session, Annexes, addendum to agenda item 23 (A/6300/Rev.1), chapter X, para. 243.

²⁷ *Ibid.*, chapter IX.

²⁸ *Ibid.*, chapter IX, annex, paras. 286-310.

ing of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) ;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Government of Spain for having invited the Special Committee to visit the Territory and for the co-operation rendered to the Sub-Committee on Equatorial Guinea of the Special Committee during its visit to the Territory ;

4. *Invites* the administering Power to implement as soon as possible the following measures :

(a) Removal of all restrictions on political activities and establishment of full democratic freedoms ;

(b) Institution of an electoral system based on universal adult suffrage and the holding, before independence, of a general election for the whole Territory on the basis of a unified electoral roll ;

(c) Transfer of effective power to the government resulting from this election ;

5. *Requests* the administering Power to ensure that the Territory accedes to independence as a single political and territorial unit and that no step is taken which would jeopardize the territorial integrity of Equatorial Guinea ;

6. *Requests* the administering Power, in accordance with the wishes of the people of Equatorial Guinea, to set a date for independence as recommended by the Special Committee and, for this purpose, to convene a conference in which the various political parties and all sections of the population would be fully represented ;

7. *Further requests* the administering Power to establish in law and in practice full equality of political, economic and social rights ;

8. *Urges* the administering Power to take effective measures, including increased assistance, to ensure the rapid economic development of the Territory and to promote the educational and social advancement of the people, and requests the specialized agencies to render all possible assistance towards this end ;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate action, in consultation with the administering Power and the Special Committee, to ensure the presence of the United Nations in the Territory for the supervision of the preparation for, and the holding of, the election envisaged in paragraph 4 (b) above, and to participate in any other measures leading towards the independence of the Territory ;

10. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to the administering Power and to report to the Special Committee on its implementation ;

11. *Decides* to maintain the question of Equatorial Guinea on its agenda.

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20 December 1966.*

2231 (XXI). Question of Gibraltar

The General Assembly,

Having examined the question of Gibraltar,

Having heard the statements of the administering Power and the representative of Spain,

Having heard the statements of the petitioners,

Recalling its resolution 2070 (XX) of 16 December 1965, and the consensus adopted by the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementa-

tion of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples on 16 October 1964,²⁹

Recalling further its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Taking into account the noted willingness of the administering Power and of the Government of Spain to continue the present negotiations,

Regretting the occurrence of certain acts which had prejudiced the smooth progress of these negotiations,

1. *Regrets* the delay in the process of decolonization and in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) with regard to Gibraltar ;

2. *Calls upon* the two parties to continue their negotiations, taking into account the interests of the people of the Territory, and asks the administering Power to expedite, without any hindrance and in consultation with the Government of Spain, the decolonization of Gibraltar, and to report to the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples as soon as possible, and in any case before the twenty-second session of the General Assembly ;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to assist in the implementation of the present resolution.

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2232 (XXI). Question of American Samoa, Antigua, Bahamas, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Dominica, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Grenada, Guam, Mauritius, Montserrat, New Hebrides, Niue, Pitcairn, St. Helena, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Tokelau Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of American Samoa, Antigua, Bahamas, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Dominica, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Grenada, Guam, Mauritius, Montserrat, New Hebrides, Niue, Pitcairn, St. Helena, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Tokelau Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands,

Having examined the chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to these Territories,³⁰

Recalling its resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, 1654 (XVI) of 27 November 1961, 1810 (XVII) of 17 December 1962, 1956 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963, 2066 (XX) of 16 December 1965, 2069 (XX) of 16 December 1965 and 2189 (XXI) of 13 December 1966,

Deeply concerned at the information contained in the report of the Special Committee on the continuation of policies which aim, among other things, at the disruption of the territorial integrity of some of these Terri-

²⁹ *Ibid.*, Nineteenth Session, Annexes, annex No. 8 (part I) (A/5800/Rev.1), chapter X, para. 209.

³⁰ *Ibid.*, Twenty-first Session, Annexes, addendum to agenda item 23 (A/6300/Rev.1), chapters XIV-XIX and XXII.