

2505 (XXIV). Manifesto on Southern Africa

The General Assembly,

Having received the Manifesto on Southern Africa,⁸ adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its sixth ordinary session, held at Addis Ababa from 6 to 9 September 1969,

Convinced of the need for intensifying international efforts for the elimination of *apartheid*, racial discrimination and colonialism in order that peace and security in southern Africa may be assured,

Recalling its resolution 2011 (XX) of 11 October 1965 on co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity,

1. *Welcomes* the Manifesto on Southern Africa and recommends it to the attention of all States and all peoples;

2. *Expresses once again* the firm intention of the United Nations, acting in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity, to intensify its efforts to find a solution to the present grave situation in southern Africa.

*1815th plenary meeting,
20 November 1969.*

2519 (XXIV). Installation of mechanical means of voting

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1957 (XVIII) of 12 December 1963 regarding the installation of mechanical means of voting in the General Assembly Hall on an experimental basis and the carrying out of additional work of a preparatory nature in one or two committee rooms so as to permit an eventual expansion of the system,

Recalling also its decision of 7 December 1966⁹ to approve the use of the mechanical voting system in the General Assembly Hall on a permanent basis,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General concerning the installation of mechanical means of voting in one committee room,¹⁰ as well as the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions¹¹ and the report of the Fifth Committee¹² on the administrative and financial implications thereof,

1. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to proceed, as outlined in his report, with the design and construction of a mechanical voting system for installation in one main committee room, on the understanding that no expenditure shall be incurred until a demonstration model has been completed and confirmation of the technical accuracy of the design has been established;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session on the progress achieved in the design, construction and installation of a mechanical voting system in a main committee room, together with his recommendations on any further steps to be taken.

*1820th plenary meeting,
4 December 1969.*

⁸ *Ibid.*, agenda item 106, document A/7754.

⁹ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-first Session, Plenary Meetings*, 1486th meeting, para. 51.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 26, document A/7737.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, document A/7755.

¹² *Ibid.*, document A/7771.

2520 (XXIV). Participation of States which are parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice, but are not Members of the United Nations, in the procedure for effecting amendments to the Statute

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, under Article 69 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, the Security Council may recommend to the General Assembly for adoption provisions concerning the participation of States which are parties to the Statute, but are not Members of the United Nations, in the procedure for effecting amendments to the Statute,

Having received the recommendations of the Security Council in this regard, contained in Council resolution 272 (1969) of 23 October 1969,

Decides that:

(a) A State which is a party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice, but is not a Member of the United Nations, may participate in the General Assembly in regard to amendments to the Statute in the same manner as the Members of the United Nations;

(b) Amendments to the Statute of the International Court of Justice shall come into force for all States which are parties to the Statute when they have been adopted by a vote of two thirds of the States which are parties to the Statute and ratified in accordance with their respective constitutional processes by two thirds of the States which are parties to the Statute and in accordance with the provisions of Article 69 of the Statute and Article 108 of the Charter of the United Nations.

*1820th plenary meeting,
4 December 1969.*

2521 (XXIV). Special programme of activities in connexion with the tenth anniversary of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Preparatory Committee for the Tenth Anniversary of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,¹³

Mindful of the need on the occasion of that anniversary to evaluate the progress so far made in the implementation of the Declaration and, taking into account the various existing obstacles, to formulate specific proposals for the elimination of the remaining manifestations of colonialism,

1. *Approves* the report of the Preparatory Committee for the Tenth Anniversary of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and endorses the recommendations contained therein¹⁴ concerning the programme of activities to be undertaken in connexion with the tenth anniversary of the Declaration;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to all Member States, the specialized agencies and other international organizations concerned the above-mentioned recommendations for appropriate action and to report on their implementation to the Special Com-

¹³ *Ibid.*, agenda item 24, document A/7684.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, para. 22.

mittee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

3. *Requests* the Special Committee, in its preparation of a draft declaration or a suggested programme of action for consideration at the special commemorative meeting, to co-operate as appropriate with other United Nations bodies concerned and, in addition to carrying out the other specific tasks assigned to it in the report, to follow, in consultation with the Committee for the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the United Nations, the implementation of the above-mentioned recommendations and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session.

*1821st plenary meeting,
4 December 1969.*

2536 (XXIV). Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency

The General Assembly,

Having received and examined the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency to the General Assembly for the year 1968-1969,¹⁵

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

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

3. *Invites* the International Atomic Energy Agency to take these records into account in its future work.

*1828th plenary meeting,
11 December 1969.*

2548 (XXIV). 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,

Recalling its resolutions 1654 (XVI) of 27 November 1961, 1810 (XVII) of 17 December 1962, 1956 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963, 1970 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963, 2105 (XX) of 20 December 1965, 2189 (XXI) of 13 December 1966, 2326 (XXII) of 16 December 1967 and 2465 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968,

Recalling also its resolution 2425 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968 concerning the item entitled "Activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Southern Rhodesia, Namibia and Territories under Portuguese domination and in all other Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, *apartheid* and racial discrimination in southern Africa",

¹⁵ International Atomic Energy Agency, *Annual Report of the Board of Governors to the General Conference, 1 July 1968-30 June 1969* (Vienna, July 1969) and supplementary report; transmitted to the Members of the General Assembly by notes of the Secretary-General (A/7637 and A/7637/Add.1).

Recalling further its resolution 2426 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968 concerning the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations,

Noting with grave concern that nine years after the adoption of the Declaration many Territories are still under colonial domination,

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

Bearing in mind that the continuation of colonialism and its manifestations, including racism, *apartheid* and activities of foreign economic and other interests which exploit colonial peoples, and the attempts of some colonial Powers to suppress national liberation movements by repressive activities against colonial peoples are incompatible with the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Deploring the attitude of certain States which, in defiance of the pertinent 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,

Recalling its resolution 2446 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968 relating to the measures to achieve the rapid and total elimination of all forms of racial discrimination in general and of the policy of *apartheid* in particular, especially paragraph 8 thereof,

Recalling the Manifesto on Southern Africa,¹⁶ adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its sixth ordinary session,

Recalling that the year 1970 will be the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 1514 (XV) and all its other resolutions on the question of decolonization;

2. *Approves* 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 covering its work during 1969,¹⁷ including the programme of work envisaged by the Special Committee during 1970;

3. *Urges* all States, in particular the administering Powers, and the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations, including the various programmes in 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 United Nations resolutions;

4. *Declares* that the continuation of colonial rule threatens international peace and security and that the

¹⁶ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 106, document A/7754.
¹⁷ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 23* (A/7623/Rev.1).