

3. *Invites* the administering Power to take the necessary measures for the transfer of powers, not later than 6 July 1964, to the people of Nyasaland, in accordance with their will and desire;

4. *Congratulates* the Governments of Nyasaland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the steps taken towards the achievement of the aims set out in the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples.

*1277th plenary meeting,
11 December 1963.*

1954 (XVIII). Question of Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1817 (XVII) of 18 December 1962 regarding the Territories of Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland, which was adopted in accordance with the terms of its resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, 1654 (XVI) of 27 November 1961 and 1810 (XVII) of 17 December 1962,

Having considered the part 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 Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland,¹⁴

Regretting that the administering Power has not taken effective steps to implement the provisions of resolutions 1514 (XV) and 1817 (XVII),

Being cognizant of the fact that the claim and the demand of the Government of the Republic of South Africa that these Territories should be transferred to South Africa remain unchanged,

Recalling the declaration contained in General Assembly resolution 1817 (XVII) to the effect that any attempt to annex Basutoland, Bechuanaland or Swaziland, or to encroach upon their territorial integrity in any way, will be regarded by the United Nations as an act of aggression violating the Charter of the United Nations,

Mindful of the unsatisfactory economic, financial and social conditions in these three Territories and their dire need for external assistance,

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the peoples of Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland to self-determination and independence;

2. *Reiterates* its request that the administering Power take immediate steps to return to the indigenous inhabitants all the land taken from them, whatever the form or pretext for such alienation;

3. *Once more requests* the administering Power to convene immediately a constitutional conference for each of the three Territories, in which all groups representing all opinions will participate with a view to devising democratic constitutional arrangements which will lead to general elections based on universal suffrage and, thereafter, to immediate independence;

4. *Solemnly warns* the Government of the Republic of South Africa that any attempt to annex or encroach upon the territorial integrity of these three Territories shall be considered an act of aggression;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide economic, financial and technical assistance commensurate with the special needs of the Territories through the

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, chapter IX.

United Nations programmes of technical co-operation and the specialized agencies.

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11 December 1963.*

1955 (XVIII). Question of British Guiana

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, 1654 (XVI) of 27 November 1961 and 1810 (XVII) of 17 December 1962,

Having considered the part 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 British Guiana,¹⁵

Noting with deep regret that the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has not permitted the visit to British Guiana of the Sub-Committee established on the suggestion of both the Government of British Guiana and the principal opposition party with a view to seeking, together with the interested parties, the most suitable ways and means of enabling British Guiana to accede to independence without delay.

Bearing in mind that the leaders of British Guiana who have appeared before the Special Committee have expressed the desire of the people of British Guiana for independence without delay.

Noting paragraph 65 of the report of the Sub-Committee on British Guiana,¹⁶ which was approved by the Special Committee and which invited the Government of the United Kingdom to do its utmost so that British Guiana might achieve independence as soon as possible without any conditions or reservations, in accordance with paragraph 5 of resolution 1514 (XV),

Regretting that at the recent constitutional conference on British Guiana no date for independence was set,

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of British Guiana to independence;

2. *Calls upon* the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to fix without delay the date for the independence of British Guiana in accordance with the wishes of the people of the Territory.

*1277th plenary meeting,
11 December 1963.*

1956 (XVIII). The situation with regard to the 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 resolutions 1654 (XVI) of 27 November 1961 and 1810 (XVII) of 17 December 1962 by which the General Assembly established the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Having considered the report of the Special Committee,¹⁷

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, chapter X.

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, chapter X, appendix.

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, document A/5446/Rev.1.

Taking into consideration the observations of the Special Committee regarding the list of territories to be examined by it,¹⁸

Noting with deep regret that, three years after the adoption of the Declaration, many territories are still under foreign domination and that, in some cases, not even preliminary measures have been taken towards the application of the Declaration,

Deploring the negative attitude of certain administering Powers and their partial or complete refusal to co-operate with the Special Committee in the implementation of the Declaration,

Deploring further the assistance given to some administering Powers by certain States, which enables those Powers to persist in their refusal to apply the Declaration,

Having adopted resolutions on Southern Rhodesia,¹⁹ South West Africa,²⁰ Territories under Portuguese administration,²¹ Aden,²² Malta,²³ Fiji,²⁴ Northern Rhodesia,²⁵ Nyasaland,²⁶ Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland,²⁷ and British Guiana,²⁸

1. *Reaffirms* its resolutions 1514 (XV), 1654 (XVI) and 1810 (XVII);

2. *Notes with appreciation* 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 and endorses its methods and procedures;

3. *Approves* the report of the Special Committee and calls upon the administering Powers to implement the conclusions and recommendations contained therein;

4. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to seek the best ways and means for the immediate and total application of the Declaration to all territories which have not yet attained independence, and to report to the General Assembly not later than at its nineteenth session;

5. *Deeply regrets* the refusal of certain administering Powers to co-operate with the Special Committee and their continued disregard of the resolutions of the General Assembly;

6. *Invites* the Special Committee to apprise the Security Council of any developments in any territory examined by it which may threaten international peace and security;

7. *Requests* all States to refrain from any action which may jeopardize the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and the Special Committee for the application of the Declaration;

8. *Further requests* the administering Powers to give their full co-operation to the Special Committee and to facilitate the task of the sub-committees and visiting groups instructed by the Special Committee to go to the territories under its mandate;

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, chapter I, para. 27.

¹⁹ Resolutions 1883 (XVIII) of 14 October 1963 and 1889 (XVIII) of 6 November 1963.

²⁰ Resolutions 1899 (XVIII), 1900 (XVIII) and 1901 (XVIII) of 13 November 1963.

²¹ Resolution 1913 (XVIII) of 3 December 1963.

²² Resolution 1949 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963.

²³ Resolution 1950 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963.

²⁴ Resolution 1951 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963.

²⁵ Resolution 1952 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963.

²⁶ Resolution 1953 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963.

²⁷ Resolution 1954 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963.

²⁸ Resolution 1955 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963.

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Special Committee with all the facilities and personnel necessary for the implementation of the present resolution.

*1277th plenary meeting,
11 December 1963.*

1957 (XVIII). Installation of mechanical means of voting

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1898 (XVIII) of 11 November 1963 relating to the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Improvement of the Methods of Work of the General Assembly,²⁹

Having considered the parts of the *Ad Hoc* Committee's report which concern the introduction of mechanical means of voting,³⁰

Having noted the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions³¹ and the report of the Fifth Committee,³²

1. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to arrange for the installation of electrical voting equipment in the General Assembly Hall on an experimental basis for one year, and to carry out additional work of a preparatory nature in one or two committee rooms so as to permit an eventual expansion of the system without undue expense, if the experiment is successful;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in the provisional agenda of the nineteenth session an item entitled "Installation of mechanical means of voting".

*1278th plenary meeting,
12 December 1963.*

1975 (XVIII). Admission of Zanzibar to membership in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having received the recommendation of the Security Council of 16 December 1963 that Zanzibar should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,³³

Having considered the application for membership of Zanzibar,³⁴

Decides to admit Zanzibar to membership in the United Nations.

*1281st plenary meeting,
16 December 1963.*

1976 (XVIII). Admission of Kenya to membership in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having received the recommendation of the Security Council of 16 December 1963 that Kenya should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,³⁵

²⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 25, document A/5423.

³⁰ *Ibid.*, agenda item 25, document A/5423, paras. 57 and 58, and annex VIII.

³¹ *Ibid.*, agenda item 25, document A/5442; and *ibid.*, agenda item 58, document A/5604, paras. 12 and 13.

³² *Ibid.*, agenda item 58, document A/5645.

³³ *Ibid.*, agenda item 86, document A/5677.

³⁴ A/5661. For the text of this document, see *Official Records of the Security Council, Eighteenth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1963*, document S/5478.

³⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 86, document A/5678.