

by the colonial peoples and the activities of their national liberation movements,

Taking into account the suggestions of the Special Committee as well as the views of the Office of Public Information on the implementation of these suggestions, as reflected in the relevant chapters of the report of the Special Committee,

Taking into account the recommendations of the Fifth Committee⁵² relating to the report of the Secretary-General on the review and reappraisal of United Nations information policies and activities,⁵³ and noting the report of the Secretary-General on the joint meeting 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, the Special Committee on *Apartheid* and the United Nations Council for Namibia,⁵⁴

Recognizing the importance of publicity as an instrument for furthering the aims and purposes of the Declaration and the need for the Office of Public Information to intensify its efforts to acquaint world public opinion with all aspects of the problems of decolonization,

1. *Approves* 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 the question of publicity for the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization;

2. *Affirms* the vital importance of urgently effecting the widest possible dissemination of information on the evils and dangers of colonialism, the continuing struggle for liberation being waged by the colonial peoples, particularly in southern Africa, and the efforts being made by the international community to eliminate the remaining vestiges of colonialism in all its forms and manifestations;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, having regard to the suggestions of the Special Committee, to continue to take concrete measures through all the media at his disposal, including publications, radio and television, to give widespread and continuous publicity to the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization, to the situation in the colonial Territories and to the continuing struggle for liberation being waged by the colonial peoples and, *inter alia*:

(a) To intensify the activities of the information centres located in southern Africa, including the establishment of an additional information centre where appropriate;

(b) To maintain a close working relationship with the Organization of African Unity by holding periodic

consultations and a systematic exchange of the relevant information with that organization;

(c) To enlist, from the non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and from those non-governmental organizations having a special interest in the field of decolonization, support in the dissemination of the relevant information;

(d) To continue to publish, in consultation with the Special Committee, selected issues of the periodical *Objective: Justice* and the bulletin "United Nations and Southern Africa" in other languages besides English and French;

4. *Requests* Member States, in particular the administering Powers, to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General in the discharge of the tasks entrusted to him under paragraph 3 above;

5. *Invites* all States, the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, as well as other non-governmental organizations having a special interest in the field of decolonization, to undertake, in co-operation with the Secretary-General and within their respective spheres of competence, the large-scale dissemination of the information referred to in paragraph 2 above;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Special Committee, to collect and prepare on a continuous basis for redissemination by the Office of Public Information, basic material, studies and articles relating to various aspects of the problems of decolonization;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Special Committee on the implementation of the present resolution;

8. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to examine the question at its next session and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session.

2028th plenary meeting,
20 December 1971.

2903 (XXVI). Appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Acting in accordance with the recommendation contained in Security Council resolution 306 (1971) of 21 December 1971,⁵⁵

Appoints Mr. Kurt Waldheim Secretary-General of the United Nations for a term of office beginning on 1 January 1972 and ending on 31 December 1976.

2031st plenary meeting,
22 December 1971.

⁵² A/C.5/L.1068/Rev.2. For the text of this document, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 76, document A/8531/Add.1, para. 137.

⁵³ A/C.5/1320/Rev.1 and Add.1.

⁵⁴ A/8388.

⁵⁵ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 18, document A/8496.