



Twenty-first session

REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM IN THE AGENDA
OF THE TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

ELIMINATION OF FOREIGN MILITARY BASES IN THE COUNTRIES OF
ASIA, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA

Letter dated 23 September 1966 from the Minister for Foreign
Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the
President of the General Assembly

On the instructions of the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, I request the inclusion in the agenda of the twenty-first session of the General Assembly, as an important and urgent question, of an item entitled "Elimination of foreign military bases in the countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America".

All peace-loving States consider it necessary that the foreign military bases established in foreign territory by certain Powers belonging to Western military blocs should be eliminated. The necessity of such a measure was stated by the Summit Conference of Independent African States held at Addis Ababa in May 1963 and by the Second Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries held at Cairo in October 1964.

The facts show, however, that the United States of America and certain other Western Powers stubbornly continue to use their military bases in foreign territory for direct or indirect interference in the affairs of other States and peoples. Recent events in Africa, Asia and Latin America indicate that the United States military bases in those continents, which it uses for purposes of armed intervention and gross violence against peoples fighting for their freedom and independence, represent a special danger to the sovereignty and national freedom of States. There is a direct connexion between the United States imperialist aggression in Viet-Nam and its use of military bases in foreign territory.

The existence of military bases in foreign territory is incompatible with the General Assembly Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (resolution 1514 (XV)), since they are used to perpetuate colonialism; with the General Assembly Declaration on the Inadmissibility of Intervention in the Domestic Affairs of States and the Protection of their Independence and Sovereignty (resolution 2131 (XX)); and with the General Assembly resolution on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (resolution 2105 (XX)), requesting all colonial Powers to dismantle the military bases installed in colonial Territories and to refrain from establishing new ones.

Since many States are particularly disturbed by the fact that certain Western Powers maintain military bases in the territory of colonies and former colonies, the USSR Government proposes that the decision should now be taken to eliminate all foreign military bases in the territory of the countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

The elimination of foreign military bases in the countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America would help to reduce international tension and to remove one of the sources of conflicts which imperil peace. It would also help to strengthen the independence of the new States of Asia, Africa and Latin America, to stop interference in their internal affairs and to bring to a rapid conclusion the historic struggle of peoples for the complete elimination of colonialism and vestiges of colonialism.

I request that this letter be regarded as the explanatory memorandum provided for in rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and that it and the attached draft resolution submitted by the Soviet Union be circulated as official documents of the United Nations.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION

Elimination of foreign military bases in the countries
of Asia, Africa and Latin America

The General Assembly,

Noting with concern that foreign military bases in the territory of independent States of Asia, Africa and Latin America are used for direct military intervention in the internal affairs of peoples, for suppression of their struggle for independence and freedom and for dangerous activities which threaten world peace,

Considering that the existence of military bases in dependent Territories is incompatible with the General Assembly resolution on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (resolution 2105 (XX)), requesting the colonial Powers to dismantle the military bases established in colonial Territories and to refrain from establishing new ones,

1. Invites States with military bases in the territory of independent States or dependent Territories in Asia, Africa and Latin America immediately to eliminate these bases and never to establish others;

2. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to supervise the fulfilment of the terms of this resolution and to report on the results of its implementation to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session.
