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Administration of the Non-Self-Governing Territory of
Bechuanaland.
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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[without reference to a Committee (A/L.441 and Add.1 and 2)]

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,^{1/}

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/} A/5446 and Corr.1, chapter IX.

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

1277th plenary meeting,
11 December 1963.

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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and has the honour to transmit herewith the text of resolution 1817 (XVII) adopted by the General Assembly at its 1196th plenary meeting on 18 December 1962 on the question of Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland. In transmitting this resolution, the Secretary-General requests the Permanent Representative to draw the attention of his Government to operative paragraphs 2, 3 and 5.

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[without reference to a Committee (A/L.416)]

1817 (XVII). Question of Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 embodying the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples, and its resolution 1654 (XVI) of 27 November 1961 by which it established a Special Committee to examine the implementation of this Declaration,

Having considered chapter V 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,^{1/} relating to the question of Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland,

Having heard the petitioners,

Noting that the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the Administering Power, has not yet implemented the Declaration in these Territories and has not taken steps to transfer all powers to the peoples of Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland,

Noting that the constitutional provisions now contemplated for these Territories and the electoral legislation in force are discriminatory, do not meet the wishes of the peoples and are not consistent with the Declaration,

Deploing the particularly alarming economic and social situation prevailing in Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland after several decades of colonial rule,

^{1/} A/5238.

Expressing its profound concern at the declared intention of the Government of the Republic of South Africa to annex these Territories, and condemning any attempt to jeopardize the right of the peoples of these Territories to establish their own independent States,

Taking note of the statement made by the Administering Power to the effect that these Territories are politically completely independent of South Africa and that the United Kingdom Government adheres to this policy, and that there is no question of that Government agreeing at this stage to the transfer of these Territories to the Republic of South Africa,

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

2. Invites the Administering Power immediately to suspend the present constitutional provisions and to proceed without further delay to hold elections in the three Territories on the basis of direct universal adult suffrage;

3. Invites further the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to abrogate the present constitutional provisions and to convene immediately a constitutional conference with the participation of the democratically elected political leaders of the three Territories, with a view to setting, in accordance with their wishes, the date on which each of the Territories will attain its independence;

4. Considers that a serious effort should be made to provide economic, financial and technical assistance, through United Nations programmes of technical co-operation and the specialized agencies, in order to remedy the deplorable economic and social situation of the three Territories;

5. Urges the Administering Power to take immediate steps to return to the indigenous inhabitants all the land taken from them, whatever the form of, or pretext for, such alienation;

6. Declares solemnly 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.

1196th plenary meeting,
18 December 1962.

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THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION
ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES:
REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED UNDER GENERAL ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 1654 (XVI)

Question of Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland

Cambodia, Ethiopia, India, Madagascar, Mali, Syria, Tanganyika,
Tunisia, Uruguay, Venezuela and Yugoslavia: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 embodying the
Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples,
and its resolution 1654 (XVI) of 27 November 1961 by which it established a
Special Committee to examine the implementation of this Declaration,

Having considered the report of the Special Committee on its consideration of
the question of Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland,^{1/}

Having heard the petitioners,

Noting that the Administering Authority has not yet implemented the General
Assembly Declaration on the granting of independence to these Territories and has
not taken steps for the transfer of all powers to the peoples of Basutoland,
Bechuanaland and Swaziland,

Noting that the constitutional provisions now contemplated for these
Territories and the electoral legislation in force are discriminatory, do not meet
the wishes of the peoples and are not consistent with the General Assembly
Declaration of 14 December 1960,

Deploing the particularly alarming economic and social situation prevailing
in the High Commission Territories after several decades of the colonial regime,

^{1/} A/5238, chapter V.

Expressing its profound concern at the declared intention of the Government of the Republic of South Africa to annex these Territories, and condemning any attempt to jeopardize the right of the peoples of these Territories to establish their own independent States,

Taking note of the statement by the Administering Authority to the effect that these Territories are politically completely independent of South Africa and that the United Kingdom adheres to this policy, and that there is no question of Her Majesty's Government agreeing at this stage to the transfer of Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland to the Union of South Africa,

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the peoples of Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland to self-determination and independence;
2. Invites the Administering Authority immediately to suspend the present constitutional provisions and to proceed without further delay to hold elections in the three Territories on the basis of direct universal adult suffrage;
3. Invites, further, the United Kingdom Government to abrogate the present constitutional provisions and to convene immediately a constitutional conference with the participation of the democratically elected political leaders of Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland, with a view to setting, in accordance with their wishes, the date on which each of the three Territories concerned will attain its independence;
4. Considers that a serious effort should be made to provide economic, financial and technical assistance through United Nations programmes of technical co-operation and the specialized agencies in order to remedy the deplorable economic and social situation of the three Territories;
5. Urges the Administering Authority to take immediate steps to return to the indigenous inhabitants all the land taken from them, whatever the form of or pretext for such alienation;
6. Declares solemnly 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 United Nations Charter.