



THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

GA3/II/5

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Right of Peoples to Self-Determination

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly

SUBMITTED BY: The Third Committee

The Third Committee

1 *Reaffirming* the importance of the effective guarantee and observance of the human rights of peoples to
2 self-determination enshrined in the Charter of the UN and embodied in the International Covenant of
3 Human Rights as well as in the Declaration of the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and
4 Peoples contained in GA resolution 1514 of 14 December 1960,

5 *Disappointed* with the continuation of colonial possessions held by member states,

6 *Understanding* that Article 1 of the United Nations Charter stresses that the Organization would pursue
7 the development of friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and
8 self-determination,

9 *Recognizing* that global conflicts caused by issues of self-determination create a need for greater
10 understanding,

11 *Reaffirming* the need to distinguish legitimate claims to self-determination from those whose concerns are
12 not included in the following definition of self-determination,

13 1. *Designates* the conditions of self-determination as:

14 a) The freedom of reasonable expression and of opinion,

15 b) The freedom of conscience and of religion,

16 c) The opportunity to participate freely and fully in public life,

17 d) The allowance of a country's nationals to follow and support the actions of the political
18 institutions mandated by them to manage their interests and provide for public welfare,

19 e) The absence of foreign intervention into the affairs of a country's nationals and their
20 mandated institutions;

21 2. *Requests* the creation of a UN board whose purpose is defined as the review of whether groups are

- 22 recognized under the above definition of self-determination within their states. The Board would
23 provide a detailed review to the General Assembly which would engender greater legitimacy
24 within individual states and the international community to those groups who are being denied
25 rights to self-determination;
- 26 3. *Authorizes* the Third Committee to establish specific membership, procedure, and meeting times
27 and places of this board at a later time;
- 28 4. *Recommends* that when questions on self-determination reach international proportions, bilateral
29 negotiations between the involved states or trial before the ICJ be pursued to resolve these issues;
- 30 5. *Recommends* that all dialogues and negotiations concerning self determination include direct
31 representation from all parties involved

Final Vote: 68 In Favor / 8 Opposed / 10 Abstentions