



American Model United Nations
General Assembly Fourth Committee

GA Fourth/II/1

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Fourth Committee

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1 *Recognizing* resolution 1514, the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and
2 Peoples which characterized foreign rule as a violation of human rights, affirmed the right to self-determination, and
3 called for an end to colonial rule,

4 *Bearing in mind* the United Nations Charter chapter eleven's definition of Non-Self Governing Territories
5 (NSGTs) as "territories whose people have not yet attained a full measure of self-government,"

6 *Drawing inspiration* from the structure and work of the Trusteeship Council, which is designed to "promote
7 the political, economic, social, and educational advancement of the inhabitants of the trust territories, and their
8 progressive development towards self-government or independence,"

9 *Stressing* the importance of proper procedure when transitioning from NSGTs to a fully independent state,
10 and the consequences that come with failing to do so,

11 *Remaining fully aware* that many former colonized countries share the common experience of financial,
12 political, and general structural instability and decay,

13 *Noting* that the transition from an NSGT to an independent state is a long and arduous process,

14 *Acknowledging* the responsibility of promoting sovereignty, peace, and self-sufficiency that administering
15 powers possess, ,

16 1. *Calls for* a peaceful transition of power from NSGT to independent state in all cases of due independence;

17 2. *Notes* that the involvement of the United Nations is necessary to facilitate a dialogue on independence of
18 NSGTs and advocates for the creation of a working group to oversee this dialogue;

19 3. *Recommends* that the Special Committee on the Situation with Regard to the Implementation of the
20 Declaration on the Granting of Independence of Colonial Countries and Peoples (C-24) adopt an infrastructure for
21 the purposes of facilitating dialogue and actions on the transition to independence of NSGTs:

22 (a) Suggests C-24 membership be expanded to consist of representatives from all willing NSGTs,
23 Administering Powers and third-party arbitrators;

24 (b) Invites NSGTs and Administering Powers to use C-24 as a forum to voice concerns and actions
25 to be taken surrounding their independence including;

26 (i) Calling witnesses and experts for NSGTs and Administering Powers;

27 (ii) Making a determination on the status of NSGTs;

28 (iii) Referring to the Security Council and the International Court of Justice about the status of
29 NSGTs;

30 (iv) Seeking a compact of free association with their Administering Power, at the full, democratic
31 agreement of the people;

32 (c) Calls for the C-24 to work towards independence for NSGTs when the C-24 has reached a mutual
33 decision that it is in their best interest;

34 (d) Reiterates to United Nations Member States that if a mutual solution is not possible, other
35 United Nations bodies may need to intervene on the basis of promoting international peace and security;

36 4. *Affirms* the setting of standards in the transition to independence for NSGTs, to be achieved in the C-24,
37 using Article 73 of the United Nations Charter for guidance:

38 (a) Emphasizing the need for Administering Powers to assist in efforts such as;

39 (i) Creation of stable government;

40 (ii) Promotion of a functioning public infrastructure;

41 (iii) Furthering international peace and security;

42 5. *Expresses* its hope that former colonies will be able to ease economic dependence on former colonial
43 powers with the intention to:

44 (a) Encourage development in former colonized territories, with due consideration of the former
45 colonized territories' economic structures and capabilities;

46 (b) Support independent government and increased liberty;

47 (c) Considers the opportunity for former colonies to apply to the C-24 for funds from their former
48 colonies and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to offset the implications of colonization;

49 (i) With the intention of reenforcing ex-colonial economic stability;

50 (ii) On a case by case analysis of each NSGT, ascertaining the specific needs of each territory in
51 order to determine whether intervention is necessary;

52 6. *Encourages* the C-24 to create regional conferences to include NSGTs, as well as formerly colonized
53 nations, in discussion of economic opportunities within their region:

54 (a) Further encourages these conferences to cover the topics of;

55 (i) Activity and inclusion within regional trade agreements;

56 (ii) Environmental challenges, such as natural disasters, that impact the regional economy;

57 (iii) The protection of natural resources that accumulate revenue;

58 (iv) The status of working conditions within NSGTs and surrounding states for civilians;

59 (v) Strengthening regional economic ties and collaboration;

60 (vi) Promoting self sufficiency within current and formerly colonized nations, in order to minimize
61 financial dependence on former colonial powers;

62 7. *Advocates* for the establishment of a public relations initiative run by the C-24 in partnership with United
63 Nations Development Program's focused on building good will between countries formerly in conflict by:

64 (a) Encouraging former colonial powers to improve relations with former colonies through media
65 campaigns emphasising the positive nature of self determination, independence, reconciliation and future cooperation;

66 (b) Endorsing cooperation between willing governments of nations in conflict on projects of mutual
67 interest;

68 (c) Accounting for the general sentiments of the local population in addition to those of the disputing
69 powers;

70 8. *Declares formally* that the C-24 and the precedent of former United Nations actions be consulted when
71 resolving any ambiguous definitions referenced in this resolution..

Passed, Yes: 53 / No: 0 / Abstain: 3