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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON MEASURES  
TAKEN IN PURSUANCE OF RESOLUTIONS 68(V) AND 69(V)

In pursuance of its resolution 42(IV) attached as annex I, the Commission adopted on 23 February 1963 resolution 68(V)<sup>1/</sup> requesting the Economic and Social Council to reconsider its decision in respect of the membership of Portugal and South Africa.

It also adopted on the same day resolution 69(V)<sup>2/</sup> requesting the Economic and Social Council in its operative paragraph 4 "to ratify that part of resolution 42(IV) which concerns the non-self-governing African countries and that part which concerns the status of France and the United Kingdom, but modifying it in respect of Spain to accord that country similar treatment to that of France and the United Kingdom".

On 24 and 30 July 1963, the Economic and Social Council adopted parts D III and IV of its resolution 974 (XXXVI), expelling Portugal from membership in the Economic Commission for Africa, amending the terms of reference of the Commission in respect of membership and deciding that the Republic of South Africa shall not take part in the work of the Commission until conditions for constructive co-operation have been restored by a change in its racial policy. The relevant parts of resolution 974 (XXXVI) are attached as annex IV.

<sup>1/</sup> See annex II.

<sup>2/</sup> See annex III.

ANNEX I

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

Resolution 42(IV) adopted by the Commission  
at its 66th meeting on 24 February 1962

The Economic Commission for Africa

Recalling resolution 24(III) adopted by the Commission at its forty-ninth plenary meeting and resolution 5(II) of 28 January 1960 relating to the admission of new associate members;

Considering the report of the Executive Secretary on the Terms of Reference granted to him by resolution 24(III) above-mentioned;

Noting that among the Powers concerned only Belgium had replied to the letter of 26 April 1961 sent by the Executive Secretary in application of the said resolution and explained its position to the satisfaction of the Commission in plenary meeting;

Considering, however, the declarations made in plenary meeting by the representatives of France, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom;

Noting:

- (a) that Spain had not furnished any explanation, verbal or written, of its attitude;
- (b) that Portugal, according to its own statement, refuses to apply the above-mentioned resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Commission concerning the representation of non-self-governing territories and invokes reasons considered unacceptable by the Commission;

1. Deplores that those Powers have not seen fit to reply to the communication sent by the Executive Secretary in application of resolution 24(III).
2. Takes note of the statement of the representative of the United Kingdom, confirmed by a letter dated 19 February 1962 addressed to the Executive Secretary, according to which:

- (a) negotiations are taking place between his Government and the representatives of non-self-governing or trusteeship territories in Africa which would permit those countries very shortly to achieve independence and thus to take part in the work of the Commission as full members;
- (b) measures have been taken so that other African territories may participate in the Commission from the next session as associate members and be represented by Africans;

3. Takes note also of the statements of the representative of France according to which the principle of self-determination applied by France in the territories for which it is responsible has permitted or will permit those territories to accede to independence and become full members of the Commission.

4. Recommends the Economic and Social Council:

- (a) to deprive Portugal and Spain of Membership of the Commission;
- (b) to amend articles 5, 6 and 7 of the Terms of Reference of the Commission as follows:

Article 5 (new). Membership of the Commission shall be open to Cameroun, the Central African Republic, Chad, the Congo (Brazzaville), the Congo (Leopoldville), Dahomey, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, the Ivory Coast, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Mauritania, the Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Tanganyika, Togo, Tunisia, the Republic of South Africa, the United Arab Republic and the Upper Volta.... (the rest unchanged).

Article 6 (new). The following territories shall be associate members of the Commission:

- (1) the non-self-governing territories situated within the geographical area defined in article 4 above;
- (2) Powers other than Portugal and Spain responsible for international relations of those territories.

Article 7 (deleted).

5. Invites, in the meantime, the Executive secretary once more to approach the Powers responsible for non-self-governing or trusteeship African territories with a view to the application of resolution 24(III) above-mentioned, and to make a report on the question to the fifth session of the Commission.

ANNEX II

68(V). TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMISSION -  
PORTUGAL AND SOUTH AFRICA

The Economic Commission for Africa

Recalling its resolution 42(IV) which, inter alia, recommended that Portugal be deprived of membership in the Commission because of its refusal to accept its obligations under General Assembly resolution 1466(XIV) and the Commission's resolution 5(II),

Recalling also its resolution 44(IV) which recommended, inter alia, that the Government of the Republic of South Africa should also be deprived of membership of the Commission until it has set a term to its policy of racial discrimination,

Bearing in mind that the governments of Portugal and South Africa have not shown any positive reaction to the recommendations of the Commission,

Noting with regret that the Economic and Social Council did not find it possible to accept the recommendation of the Commission in respect of the membership of Portugal and the Republic of South Africa at its resumed thirty-fourth session,

Recommends the Economic and Social Council to reconsider its decision on the recommendation of the Commission in respect of the membership of Portugal and South Africa and to transmit the views and the recommendation of the Commission to the General Assembly.

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ANNEX III

69(V). TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMISSION -  
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP FOR FRANCE, SPAIN AND THE UNITED KINGDOM

The Economic Commission for Africa

Taking note of resolution 927(XXXIV) of the Economic and Social Council concerning the amendment of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Africa,

Having considered the results of the voting on draft resolution III submitted by the Economic Commission for Africa to the Economic and Social<sup>4/</sup> Council and having analysed the considerations leading to resolution 927(XXXIV),

Bearing in mind the fact that, as a consequence of decolonization, the members of the Commission intended, by the above resolution, to enable African members collectively and within the terms of reference of the Commission to take decisions affecting Africa without the said decisions being influenced by the opposing votes of extra-African powers,

Bearing in mind also that non-African powers, on ceasing to have territorial responsibilities in Africa, shall cease to be members of the Commission,

1. Notes the memorandum presented to the Economic and Social Council by the Permanent Delegate of Spain to the United Nations, in which the Spanish Government states that it is prepared to apply General Assembly resolution 1466(XIV) of 12 December 1959;
2. Takes note of the declarations made by the representatives of France, Spain and the United Kingdom to the Economic Commission for Africa at its fifth session;
3. Reaffirms its position as expressed in resolution 42(IV) without prejudice to resolution 44(IV) relating to South Africa;

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<sup>4/</sup> E/3586 (E/CN.14/168), Part IV. See also Commission resolution 42(IV).

4. Requests the Economic and Social Council once again to ratify that part of resolution 42(IV) which concerns the non-self-governing African countries and that part which concerns the status of France and the United Kingdom, but modifying it in respect of Spain to accord that country similar treatment to that of France and the United Kingdom.

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ANNEX IV

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TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA: MEMBERSHIP

III

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind resolution 42(IV) of the Economic Commission for Africa which recommended, inter alia, that Portugal be deprived of membership in the Commission because of its refusal to accept its obligations under General Assembly resolution 1466(XIV) of 12 December 1959 and the Commission's resolution 5(II),

Takes note of resolution 68(V) of the Economic Commission for Africa which recommends the Council to reconsider its decision in respect of the membership of Portugal in the Economic Commission for Africa, and resolution 69(V) which reaffirms its position as expressed in its resolution 42(IV),

Also takes note that the non-African Members of the Commission, with the exception of Portugal, have accepted the status of Associate Membership,

Decides:

1. to reconsider its decision relating to the membership of Portugal in the Commission;
2. to expel Portugal from membership in the Economic Commission for Africa;
3. to amend the terms of reference of the Commission as follows:
  - (i) To replace paragraph 5 by the following text:

"Membership of the Commission shall be open to : Algeria, Burundi, Cameroun, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Leopoldville), Dahomey, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Republic of South Africa<sup>5/</sup>, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Tanganyika, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, the United Arab Republic and Upper Volta and to any State in the area which may

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<sup>5/</sup> See resolution 974 D IV (XXXVI).

hereafter become a member of the United Nations, provided that States which shall cease to have any territorial responsibilities in Africa shall cease to be members of the Commission".

(ii) To replace paragraph 6 by the following text:

"The following shall be associate members of the Commission:

"(a) The Non-Self-Governing territories situated within the geographical area defined in paragraph 4 above;

"(b) Powers other than Portugal responsible for international relations of those Territories".

(iii) To omit paragraph 7.

1294th Plenary meeting  
24 July 1963

The Economic and Social Council,

1. Decides to reconsider its decision on the recommendation of the Economic Commission for Africa in respect of the membership of the Republic of South Africa,

2. Decides that the Republic of South Africa shall not take part in the work of the Economic Commission for Africa until the Council, on the recommendation of the Economic Commission for Africa, shall find that conditions for constructive co-operation have been restored by a change in its racial policy.

1299th Plenary meeting  
30 July 1963