

STATEMENT

By

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**at the Management Segment of ECOSOC, on 22 July 2022,
under agenda item 14 entitled “Implementation of the Declaration on the
Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the
specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the
United Nations”**

Madam President,
Distinguished delegates,

It is my honour to address the Economic and Social Council under agenda item 14 entitled “Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations”, in my capacity as one of the Vice-Chairs of the Special Committee on Decolonization.

I would like to draw the Council’s attention to the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/77/66, listing specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations, to which the provisions of General Assembly resolution 76/87 of 9 December 2021 apply.

I would also like to refer to the report of the President of ECOSOC, E/2022/51, which contains information submitted by twelve (12) entities of the UN system regarding the assistance extended to various Non-Self-Governing Territories, including support provided in response to the COVID-19 pandemic as well as in other areas such as the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and addressing climate change challenges.

The information received from Regional Commissions, specialized agencies and funds and programs regarding assistance provided to the Territories, especially in the context of the challenges presented by the pandemic, is of great importance to the work of the Committee.

The General Assembly and this Council have persistently stressed¹ that without the continuing cooperation and assistance of the specialized agencies and other organizations of

¹ See: GA resolution [76/87](#) (PP11) and ECOSOC resolution [2021/2 B](#) (PP9).

the United Nations system, the Territories will be constrained in meeting the special challenges to planning for and implementing sustainable development.

Both during the regional seminar on decolonization organized in May this year by the Special Committee in Saint Lucia and during its substantive session last month, the Territories voiced their concerns over the difficulties encountered in dealing with the impact of the pandemic, and the importance of the support received from a number of entities of the United Nations system.

The Decolonization Committee acknowledges with appreciation the contribution made by various United Nations entities in rendering support to the Territories, in accordance with their respective mandates, and encourages them to further engage with the Special Committee, specially through their participation in the annual seminar on decolonization and the provision of information called for in relevant resolutions.

In this respect, let me echo the request² made by the General Assembly and ECOSOC to the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and regional organizations, to strengthen the support provided and to formulate appropriate programmes of assistance to the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories, on a case-by-case basis, within the framework of their respective mandates, in order to accelerate socio-economic progress in the Territories.

Madam President,
Distinguished delegates,

Under item 14 of the agenda, I would like to draw the attention of the distinguished members of the Economic and Social Council to the draft resolution contained in document E/2022/L. 22, concerning the “Support to Non-Self-Governing Territories by the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations”.

Draft resolution E/2022/L. 22 is co-sponsored by the following Member States:

1. Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
2. Cuba
3. Ecuador
4. Grenada
5. Indonesia
6. Iraq
7. Nicaragua
8. Papua New Guinea
9. Saint Kitts and Nevis
10. Saint Lucia
11. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
12. Sierra Leone
13. Syrian Arab Republic
14. Timor Leste

² See: GA resolution [76/87](#) (OP9) and ECOSOC resolution [2021/2 B](#) (OP9).

In addition, after the issuance of the draft resolution E/2022/L. 22, the following Member States also joined the co-sponsorship:

1. xxxx
2. xxxx

The text of the resolution before you echo the concerns expressed by the General Assembly in relevant resolutions adopted in connection with the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and stressing the need for a united and coordinated response.

The draft resolution reaffirms that the specialized agencies and other organizations and institutions of the United Nations system should continue to be guided by the relevant resolutions of the United Nations in their efforts to contribute to the implementation of the Declaration on Decolonization and all other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly.

By this draft resolution, the Council requests the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and international and regional organizations to examine and review conditions in each Non-Self-Governing Territory so that they may take appropriate measures to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of those Territories on a case-by-case basis.

It is worth reiterating that such assistance and support are of great importance in light of the challenges posed by the fragile economies and vulnerability of the Territories and compounded by the continuing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Madam President,
Distinguished delegates,

In concluding, I would like to emphasise the importance attached by the Special Committee to the role and support of the Council in the implementation of the United Nations decolonization mandate.

I now would like to invite all members of this Council to support the draft resolution issued in E/2022/L. 22 before you.

I thank you.