



INTRODUCTION

At its sixteenth session, in 1961, the General Assembly established

the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

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II. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S MEETINGS
IN AUGUST AT HEADQUARTERS

A. General

series of activities in observance of

conditions in their respective Territories as would enable their people to exercise freely and without interference their inalienable right to

self-determination and independence; and, in that connection, reaffirmed the importance of fostering an awareness among their peoples of the possibilities open to them in the exercise of that right.

The Special Committee requested the administering Powers in

co-operation with the territorial Governments, to safeguard the inalienable

resources by taking effective measures to ensure their right to

and dispose of those resources and to establish and maintain control of their

With respect to the questions of East Timor and Western Sahara, after having heard the statements of the petitioners, the Special Committee agreed that, subject to any directives which the General Assembly might give in that connection at its fortieth session, it should continue consideration of these questions at its 1986 session. The Committee also decided to continue consideration of the question of Gibraltar at its 1986 session.

D. Sending of visiting missions to Territories

In response to requests addressed to them by the General Assembly, the administering Powers have continued to co-operate with the Special Committee

The Special Committee reaffirmed that the natural resources of all

peoples of those Territories and that the exploitation and depletion of those resources by foreign economic interests constituted a direct violation of the rights of the peoples. The Committee thus condemned the intensified

continued to exploit the natural and human resources of colonial territories



G. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence

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The Special Committee also requested the General Assembly to recommend that all Governments intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and organizations of which they were members, to ensure the

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In the same context, the Special Committee, in 1985, held two

