In this chapter an account is given of the Special Committee's work in general during 1969 and the consideration of its report by the General Assembly Following that, details are given of the Special Committee's and the General Assembly's consideration of, and recommendations on, special questions relating to the implementation of the Declaration on granting independence and to individual territories Details of the action taken in 1969 by the General Assembly, the Special Committee and other bodies on matters concerning Southern Rhodesia, Namibia, the territories under Portuguese administration and Oman will be found in other chapters (see pp 112-34, 675-701 and 702-13)

GENERAL QUESTIONS

SYSTEM OF EXAMINATION

During 1969, the General Assembly's Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples continued to use the methods of work developed in preceding years and endorsed by the General Assembly

Under this procedure, it examined special questions relating to the implementation of the Declaration It also examined the implementation in individual territories, the order of priority being decided on the basis of recommendations made by its Working Group

To assist in its examination of conditions in each territory, the Special Committee normally has before it an information paper prepared by the United Nations Secretariat describing recent political and constitutional developments, as well as current economic, social and educational conditions This information is derived from published sources and, in relevant cases, from the information transmitted by administering powers under Article 73e of the United Nations Charter

In addition, the Special Committee requests the administering powers to submit information on political and constitutional developments in the territories they administer The Committee hears statements from the administering powers, inviting those not members of the Committee to participate in its examination of the territories concerned Petitions are circulated and the Committee may decide to hear petitioners at its meetings (Reservations concerning these procedures have been expressed by the United Kingdom and the United States)

The Special Committee adopts its recommendations in the form of a consensus formulated by its Chairman or by means of a resolution adopted by vote The Special Committee is empowered by the General Assembly to send out visiting missions to territories in co-operation with administering powers (This procedure has also been the subject of reservations expressed in the Special Committee by the United Kingdom and the United States)

The Special Committee establishes sub-committees whenever it considers them necessary

Each year, the Special Committee adopts a report to the General Assembly which includes separate chapters on the situation in each territory or group of territories which it has considered, as well as on special questions which it has decided to take up separately It is on the basis of this report that the Assembly considers the implementation of the Declaration in general, special questions relating to the implementation of the Declaration and implementation of the Declaration in individual territories

(For membership of Special Committee in 1969, see APPENDIX III)

GENERAL ASPECTS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF DECLARATION

CONSIDERATION BY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

During 1969, the Special Committee considered the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in its general aspects and also with respect to the following territories: Southern Rhodesia, Namibia, territories under

For text of article 73e of the Charter, see APPENDIX II

See footnote 1.