

Country: Switzerland

Committee: The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (SPECPOL)

Agenda Item: Reassessing the Political Status of Disputed and Non-Self-Governing Territories

Switzerland truly understands that people have the right to determine their own political status freely without any pressure. Switzerland supports Resolution 1514 as a guiding factor, while emphasizing dialogue and peaceful implementation rather than compelling measures

Switzerland has consistently supported international efforts to promote decolonization and the right to self-determination despite never being a colonial power. Switzerland has supported major resolutions on decolonization, including Resolution 1514 (XV), which states that colonialism violates basic human rights, and Resolution 1541 (XV), which explains the legal ways a region can choose its own political future.

Switzerland still supports peaceful and legal solutions to unwound territorial issues. Switzerland also supports the use of International Court of Justice opinions as guidelines for fair and lawful outcomes.

Switzerland encourages dialogue between contradictory parties and supports UN led efforts to find peaceful solutions rather than taking sides. We also emphasize that lasting peace must include respect for the rights and wants of the people who live in the regions involved.

References:

1. United Nations Charter, Article 1(2)

Charter of the United Nations, 1945 Establishes self-determination as a UN purpose

2. UN General Assembly Resolution 1514 (XV) (1960) Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples