

Republic of Poland**Special Political and Decolonization Committee (SPECPOL)****Agenda Item: Reassessing the Political Status of Disputed and Non-Self-Governing Territories****Position Paper**

The Republic of Poland supports the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, which are the right of peoples to self-determination, respect for territorial integrity and political independence, the peaceful settlement of disputes, and the non-use of force. Poland believes that issues related to disputed and non-self-governing territories should be solved in a balanced, lawful, and peaceful way, by respecting international law and the role of the United Nations.

Poland's position on this agenda item is affected by its own historical experience. Between 1795 and 1918, Poland remained under foreign rule. As a result of its experiences, Poland understands the importance of independence, freedom, and the right of nations to decide their own future. It also supports the fundamental right of peoples living in Non-Self-Governing Territories to self-determination in line with the Charter of the United Nations. Poland is in favor of the continued and active role of the United Nations in decolonization processes and in addressing disputed territories.

Poland believes that all disputes related to territory should be resolved through dialogue, negotiation, mediation, and other peaceful means, in line with international law and respect for human rights. For this aim, Poland suggests cooperating with all UN bodies to provide technical legal assistance to parties on international law. Moreover, Poland stresses while decolonization is being achieved, human rights should be protected. To this end, the local human rights institutions and civil society should be supported.

In conclusion, the Republic of Poland expresses its readiness to cooperate with all Member States and United Nations bodies to promote peaceful and lawful solutions regarding the disputed and non-self-governing territories, in line with international law and the principles of the United Nations.