

United Nations attention be brought to bear on conditions within the Soviet empire and more particularly on the denial of human rights and fundamental freedoms. These conditions should be placed in the context of all Assembly discussions about these rights and freedoms and about the status of dependent peoples everywhere. Our aim is to provide perspective for the strident demands which the U.S.S.R. makes on behalf of others for rights and benefits denied to subject peoples of the Soviet empire.

Mr. President, there can be no dispute that the Declaration on Colonialism is intended to apply throughout the world. There can be no denying that its implementation is far from complete. It is abundantly evident that the Special Committee of Seventeen has much useful work to perform in the future. If I have stressed, in this statement, the problem of Soviet imperialism, I have done so because, in the opinion of my Government, not enough United Nations attention has been paid to that problem in the past. When the United Nations is examining situations in many other areas of the world, why should it not turn its attention at some stage to the areas of darkness under Soviet rule? This Assembly has no cause to be selective in its denunciation of oppression.