

**Forum:** Special Conference

**Question of:** Assessing the Responsibility of Former Imperial Countries for the Colonial Exploitation of the African Continent

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1 *The Special Conference,*  
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3 *Alarmed by* the brutality of former imperial countries against native people and the economic  
4 exploitation of the African continent,  
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6 *Deploing* cultures and religions have been scaled down or demolished through colonialism as  
7 well as the millennia of culture in Africa that was disregarded by the Europeans,  
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9 *Declaring* that the mass killings of the native people conducted by the imperial powers were  
10 genocides,  
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12 *Acknowledging* actions in the past regarding the disregard of territorial borders as well as state  
13 sovereignty, violations of human rights in the course of colonial crimes as well as resulting  
14 obligations,  
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16 *Noting with regret* that many items were stolen by colonial forces during their rules of the  
17 colonies and are now located in foreign museums,  
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19 *Emphasising* the achieved and still existing wealth of the countries that colonised others,  
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21 *Realizing* the development delay to the suppression of the imperial powers and its long-term  
22 effects on the functionality of the governments,  
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24 *Deeply disturbed by* the African continent's continuing experience of intense agricultural,  
25 mineral, and maritime exploitation by the former imperial countries,  
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27 *Further recalling* the impact of the ongoing climate crisis that is mostly caused by former  
28 imperial and rich countries but affects former colonised and poor countries the most,  
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30 *Welcoming* current steps in the form of Resolution 73/295 and Article 73 of the UN Charta and  
31 Article 5 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial  
32 Discrimination,  
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34 *Appreciating* all steps that were already taken,  
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36 *Aware of the need to take further such steps to create a just, balanced, and stable partnership*  
37 *and world order,*

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39 1. **Accepts** the obligations to fight inequality and injustice resulting from the actions in the  
40 past regarding colonialism as well as the need for social healing in the former colonies;

41 2. **Urges** more countries to officially apologize for these actions;

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43 3. **Calls for** the restitution of stolen artefacts to the country of their origin;

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45 4. **Strongly urges** to counter injustice in the form of racism and social problems through  
46 reforming the current system and amendment of racist laws to create structures where  
47 all are treated equally;

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49 5. **Supports** the political dialogue between former imperial countries and their former  
50 colonies about reparations for colonial era wrongs and the damage resulting from these  
51 actions to create a form of social healing;

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53 6. **Endorses** the fight against corruption in every country as well clear rules where the  
54 money from the reparations may be used;

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56 7. **Recommends** all nations to support the creation of an Independent Commission on  
57 Colonial Exploitation in Africa (ICCEA) which:

58 a. consists of experts from African states and former imperial countries,

59 b. assesses the economic, cultural, social and developmental consequences of  
60 colonialism in Africa in the past and today,

61 c. identifies and documents specific cases of human right abuses committed during  
62 the colonial era,

63 d. examines the role and responsibility of former countries in the process of  
64 colonisation and their obligations towards reparations and restorative justice,

65 e. supervise the return of looted art,

66 f. is authorised to impose and enforce the return of stolen art from foreign  
67 museums or galleries, if necessary;

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69 8. **Suggests** education about colonialism through anti-racist and anti-colonialism  
70 initiatives in the areas of school education, media and politics;

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72 9. **Encourages** to improve education in the former colonies by funding und supporting the  
73 educational system to ensure the development of the future youth of the former colonies;

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75 10. **Demands** former imperial countries to help with already happening crises caused by  
76 global warming and take action fighting climate change to prevent more crises and  
77 damage of agriculture and infrastructure;

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79 11. **Asks** the former imperial countries to:

80 a. acknowledge the murder of the native people a genocide,

81 b. end the today happening exploitation of the African continent;

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83 **12. Calls** for further negotiations which:

84 a. foremost claim for reparations,

85 b. should target restorative justice,

86 c. could create a new relationship of African countries with the world,

87 d. have the potential to implement international, national and regional dialogues  
88 about the history of colonialism,

89 e. discuss individual aids for affected countries to solve country-specific problems.

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92 **Voting Results**

93 In favour: 24

94 Against: 12

95 Abstentions: 0