

Committee Overview:

General Assembly 4, known as the Special Political and Decolonization Committee, deals with a variety of matters not dealt with by the other committees, including those having to do with decolonization, the peaceful use of space, public information, and other pressing issues. The Special Political and Decolonization Committee traces its origins to the Special Political Committee and the Fourth Committee. In its resolution 47/233 in August of 1993, the United Nations reorganized its main bodies to, among other things include a fourth committee to promote the UN's goal of ending colonialism.

The original Special Committee was formed to take over political matters that the first committee (originally the Political and Security Committee) didn't address. The Fourth Committee was in charge of addressing Trusteeship and Decolonization matters. Merging them into one committee adapted the UN to a world where decolonization was less of a problem, and created a committee equipped to deal with more modern problems. In general, today SPECPOL deals with situations that threaten to destabilize countries from within, while also continuing to bridge the gap formed when nations were colonized so they can more fully participate in today's international society.