

: THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION/COLONY.

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The right of self-determination is an international legal principle, embodied in the United Nations Charter. The original intent of the right was decolonization. However, there are those who have deviated from the concept. For example, the application of the right of self-determination to separate some territories from a state. This concept has made many states nervous and has pressured the United Nations General Assembly to issue many resolutions. These resolutions illustrate that the content of the right does not cover deviations of the concept.

In the present day, although decolonization has eliminated colonies, the right of self-determination can also be applied to territories under colonial-like situations. This is so because the administering states which govern such colonies and territories under colonial-like situations illegally obtained their sovereignty over such territories.