

## Background Reading List

### Special Political and Decolonisation Committee

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This reading list provides a cursory insight into the Special Political and Decolonisation Committee of the UN General Assembly, as well as into the Sino-Tibetan conflict - including its history, the arguments on both sides, as well as the situation as it exists today. Since the issue is a highly contentious one with multiple stories, stands and perspectives, this list does not provide an absolute account of the same - only the (arguably) “least biased” versions. Delegates are, however, encouraged to research these various accounts in order to understand the conflict at hand better. Further, this list serves only as an introduction to the issue, and is by no means a comprehensive account of the same.

• **Preliminary reading on the United Nations’ role in decolonisation, as well as an understanding of the nature and mandate of the Special Political and Decolonisation Committee:**

1. <https://www.un.org/en/ga/fourth/>
2. <http://legal.un.org/repertory/art73.shtml>
3. <https://www.un.org/en/decolonization/>
4. <https://undocs.org/en/A/RES/65/119>
5. Durch, William J., et al. *The Brahimi Report and the Future of UN Peace Operations*. Stimson Center, 2003, [www.jstor.org/stable/resrep10898](http://www.jstor.org/stable/resrep10898).

• **History and understanding of the Tibet conflict:**

1. <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-pacific-17046222>
2. <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-pacific-16689779>
3. <https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2014>
4. <https://www.britannica.com/place/Tibet>
5. <https://www.cfr.org/background/question-tibet>
6. <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-pacific-16759913>
7. <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-pacific-16747814>
8. <https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/1999/02/tibet-through-chinese-eyes/306395/>

9. <https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/tibetan-conflict-opportunity-china/https://www.nytimes.com/2009/03/05/world/asia/05tibet.html>
10. <https://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/insidestory/2019/03/tibetans-homeland-190311185918425.html>  
(various opinion and analyses done by centres of policy and international law exist. Delegates are encouraged to research the same).

**Existing legislation and UN activities:**

1. United Nations General Assembly Resolution 1353, (XIV) 1959. <http://www.un-documents.net/a20-6014.pdf>
2. United Nations General Assembly Resolution 1723, (XVI), 1961, Ibid.
3. United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2079 (XX), 1965. <https://www.un.org/documents/ga/res/20/ares20.htm>
4. <https://www.tibetpolicy.eu/category/policy-center/united-nations/>