

TIMELINE 2.1

The end of empire (dates when former British colonies became independent)

1947 India, Pakistan

1948 Burma (Myanmar), Ceylon (Sri Lanka)

1957 Malaysia

1960 Cyprus, Nigeria, Ghana, Lesotho

1961 Sierra Leone, Tanzania

1962 Jamaica, Uganda

1963 Kenya

1964 Malta, Malawi, Tanzania, Zambia

1965 Singapore, Gambia

1966 Guyana, Barbados

1967 Aden and Yemen

1970 Fiji

1971 Gulf states

1980 Zimbabwe*

1997 Hong Kong (transferred to China after lease expired)

* Date when independence was recognized. The white settler government of Ian Smith had earlier made a unilateral declaration of independence in 1965.