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TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

Chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with
regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of
Independence to Colonial Countries and peoples relating to specific
Territories not covered by other agenda items

Report of the Fourth Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. An account of the Fourth Committee's consideration of Gibraltar, the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Western Sahara and Belize, under agenda item 18, and the related recommendations of the Committee to the General Assembly are included in part I of the present report (A/35/596).
2. The Fourth Committee further considered item 18 at its 25th to 27th meetings, on 6 and 7 November 1980.

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

3. The Fourth Committee adopted five draft resolutions and two draft consensuses relating to the following 10 Territories considered under agenda item 18:

- A. Tokelau
- B. St. Helena
- C. Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands and Montserrat
- D. Guam
- E. American Samoa
- F. United States Virgin Islands
- G. Turks and Caicos Islands

An account of the Committee's consideration of the draft resolutions and the draft consensuses is given in subsections A to G below.

4. At the 25th meeting, on 6 November, the Chairman drew attention to a statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.4/35/L.18), in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, concerning the administrative and financial implications relating, inter alia, to the draft proposals referred to in paragraph 3 A to G above.

5. At its 26th meeting, on 7 November, the Fourth Committee took decisions concerning the questions of Brunei, Pitcairn and the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (see para. 24, draft decisions I-III).

6. At the same meeting, the Fourth Committee also took a decision concerning the question of Antigua and St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla (see para. 24, draft decision IV). In taking this decision, the Fourth Committee noted that, subject to any directives which the General Assembly might give in that connexion, the Special Committee had decided to give consideration to the question at its next session.

A. Tokelau

7. At the 22nd meeting, on 31 October, the Chairman drew attention to a draft consensus concerning Tokelau (A/C.4/35/L.11).

8. At its 25th meeting, on 6 November, the Fourth Committee adopted draft consensus A/C.4/35/L.11 without objection (see para. 23, draft consensus I).

B. St. Helena

9. At the 22nd meeting, on 31 October, the Chairman drew attention to a draft consensus concerning St. Helena (A/C.4/35/L.12).

10. At its 25th meeting, on 6 November, the Fourth Committee adopted draft consensus A/C.4/35/L.12 without objection (see para. 23, draft consensus II).

C. Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands and Montserrat

11. At the 22nd meeting, on 31 October, the Chairman drew attention to a draft resolution concerning the Territories listed above (A/C.4/35/L.13), which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Australia, Barbados, Denmark, Fiji, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sweden and Trinidad and Tobago.

12. At its 25th meeting, on 6 November, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/35/L.13 without objection (see para. 22, draft resolution I).

D. Guam

13. At the 23rd meeting, on 3 November, the Chairman drew attention to a draft resolution concerning Guam (A/C.4/35/L.14), which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Australia, Denmark, Fiji, Japan, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa and Sierra Leone.

14. At its 25th meeting, on 6 November, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/35/L.14 without objection (see para. 22, draft resolution II). 1/

E. American Samoa

15. At the 23rd meeting, on 3 November, the Chairman drew attention to a draft resolution concerning American Samoa (A/C.4/35/L.15), which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Australia, Denmark, Fiji, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Sierra Leone, Singapore and Sweden.

16. At its 25th meeting, on 6 November, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/35/L.15 without objection (see para. 22, draft resolution III).

F. United States Virgin Islands

17. At the 23rd meeting, on 3 November, the Chairman drew attention to a draft resolution concerning the United States Virgin Islands (A/C.4/35/L.16), which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Australia, Bahamas, Denmark, Fiji, Haiti, Japan, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Sierra Leone and Trinidad and Tobago.

18. At its 25th meeting, on 6 November, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/35/L.16 without objection (see para. 22, draft resolution IV).

G. Turks and Caicos Islands

19. At the 17th meeting, on 28 October, the Chairman drew attention to a draft resolution concerning the Turks and Caicos Islands (A/35/23 (Part VI), chap. XXVIII, para. 19).

20. At the 27th meeting, on 7 November, the representative of Australia introduced an amendment (A/C.4/35/L.19), by which operative paragraph 4, which read:

1/ Statements in that connexion were made by the following Member States: Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Poland, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Viet Nam.

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"4. Recognizes that the presence of military bases and other installations constitutes an impediment to the implementation of the Declaration, and reaffirms its conviction that the presence of foreign military bases and installations should not prevent the peoples of colonial and dependent Territories from exercising their right to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration and the purposes and principles of the Charter."

was replaced by:

"4. Recognizes that the presence of military bases and other installations could constitute an impediment to the implementation of the Declaration, and reaffirms its conviction that the presence of foreign military bases and installations should not prevent the peoples of colonial and dependent Territories from exercising their right to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration and the purposes and principles of the Charter."

21. At the same meeting, the Fourth Committee took action on the draft resolution (A/35/23 (Part VI), chap. XXVIII, para. 19) and the Australian amendment thereto (A/C.4/35/L.19) as follows: 2/

(a) The Fourth Committee adopted the amendment submitted by Australia by a recorded vote of 70 to 40, with 17 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, Colombia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Honduras, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Lebanon, Liberia, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zaire.

2/ Statements in explanation of vote were made by the following Member States: Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, India, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Sri Lanka, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Viet Nam.

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Against: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Congo, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Ethiopia, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, India, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Mali, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Panama, Poland, Romania, Sao Tome and Principe, Syrian Arab Republic, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Abstaining: Bhutan, Cape Verde, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Kenya, Kuwait, Maldives, Mexico, Nepal, Rwanda, Senegal, Somalia.

(b) The Fourth Committee adopted the draft resolution, as amended, without objection (see para. 22, draft resolution V).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

22. The Fourth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Question of Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands and Montserrat

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands and Montserrat,

Having examined the relevant chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, 3/

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and all other resolutions and decisions of the United Nations relating to the Territories listed above, in particular General Assembly resolution 34/34 of 21 November 1979,

3/ A/35/23 (Part II), chaps. III and IV; A/35/23 (Part III), chap. V; and A/35/23 (Part V), chaps. XIX-XXII.

Taking into account the statement of the administering Power relating to the Territories listed above, 4/

Noting the continued readiness of the administering Power to grant independence to the peoples of the Territories under its administration, on the basis of their express wishes and aspirations in that regard, and its declared policy of fostering the growth of free and democratic political institutions in those Territories,

Conscious of the need to accelerate progress towards the full implementation of the Declaration with respect to the Territories concerned,

Bearing in mind the constructive results that can be achieved as a consequence of United Nations visiting missions to colonial Territories, which provide an effective means of ascertaining the situation in the Territories visited, and reiterating its conviction that the dispatch of such missions is essential for securing adequate and first-hand information in regard to the political, economic and social conditions in those Territories and to the views, wishes and aspirations of the peoples therein,

Mindful that those Territories require the continued attention and assistance of the United Nations in the achievement by their peoples of the objectives embodied in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Declaration,

Aware of the special circumstances of the geographical location and economic conditions of the Territories concerned and stressing the necessity of diversifying and strengthening further their economies as a matter of priority in order to promote economic stability and reduce their dependence on fluctuating economic activities,

1. Approves the chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands and Montserrat; 5/

2. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the peoples of those Territories to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

3. Reaffirms its conviction that questions of territorial size, geographical location and limited resources should in no way delay the implementation of the Declaration with respect to the Territories concerned;

4. Calls upon the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the administering Power, in consultation with the freely

4/ A/C.4/34/SR.11, paras. 40-42.

5/ A/35/23 (Part V), chaps. XIX-XXII.

elected authorities and representatives of the peoples of the Territories concerned, to continue to take all the necessary steps to ensure the full and speedy attainment of the goals set forth in the Declaration with respect to the Territories;

5. Calls upon the administering Power, in consultation, as appropriate, with the freely elected authorities and representatives of the peoples of the Territories concerned, to take all possible steps to diversify and strengthen further the economies of the Territories listed above and to work out concrete programmes of assistance and economic development for those Territories;

6. Urges the administering Power, with the co-operation of the freely elected authorities and representatives of the peoples of the Territories concerned, to safeguard the inalienable right of the peoples of those Territories to the enjoyment of their natural resources by taking effective measures which guarantee the right of the peoples to own and dispose of those natural resources and to establish and maintain control of their future development;

7. Requests the administering Power, in consultation with the freely elected authorities and representatives of the peoples of the Territories concerned, to pay particular attention to the training of qualified local personnel;

8. Welcomes the positive attitude of the administering Power with respect to the receiving of United Nations visiting missions in the Territories under its administration and requests the Chairman of the Special Committee to continue his consultations with a view to dispatching such missions, as appropriate;

9. Requests the administering Power to continue to enlist the assistance of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system in accelerating progress in all sectors of the national life of those Territories;

10. Requests the Special Committee to continue to examine this question at its next session, including the possible dispatch of visiting missions in consultation with the administering Power, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Question of Guam

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Guam,

Having examined the relevant chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, 6/

6/ A/35/23 (Part II), chaps. III and IV, and A/35/23 (Part V), chap. XVII.

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and all other resolutions and decisions of the United Nations relating to Guam,

Noting that the administering Power continues to maintain military installations in the Territory,

Considering that the policy of maintaining military bases and installations in Non-Self-Governing Territories which inhibit the right of self-determination of peoples is incompatible with the relevant resolutions of the United Nations,

Having heard the statement of the administering Power, 7/

Welcoming the active participation of the administering Power in the work of the Special Committee and expressing the hope that this co-operation will be strengthened further so as to accelerate progress towards the full implementation of the Declaration with respect to Guam,

Aware of the special circumstances of the geographical location and economic conditions of Guam and stressing the necessity of diversifying the Territory's economy as a matter of priority in order to reduce its dependence on fluctuating economic activities,

1. Approves the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to Guam; 8/
2. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of Guam to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;
3. Reaffirms its conviction that questions of territorial size, geographical location and limited resources should in no way delay the implementation of the Declaration with respect to the Territory;
4. Recalls that the United States of America, as the administering Power, has the responsibility to ensure that the people of the Territory are kept fully informed of their inalienable right to self-determination and independence, in accordance with the Declaration;
5. Calls upon the administering Power to take all necessary steps, taking into account the freely expressed wishes of the people of Guam, to expedite the process of decolonization of the Territory in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration;

7/ A/C.4/35/SR.13, paras. 57-63.

8/ A/35/23 (Part IV), chap. XVII.

6. Recalls its relevant resolutions concerning military bases in colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories, recognizes that the presence of military bases could constitute a factor impeding the implementation of the Declaration and reaffirms its strong conviction that the presence of military bases in Guam should not prevent the people of the Territory from exercising their inalienable right to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration and the purposes and principles of the Charter;

7. Reaffirms the responsibility of the administering Power for the economic and social development of the Territory;

8. Calls upon the administering Power to take all possible steps to strengthen and diversify the economy of Guam and to work out concrete programmes of assistance and economic development for the Territory;

9. Further calls upon the administering Power, in co-operation with the territorial Government, to work towards removing constraints which limit growth in various economic areas;

10. Urges the administering Power, in co-operation with the territorial Government, to continue to take effective measures to safeguard and guarantee the right of the people of Guam to own and dispose of their natural resources and to establish and maintain control over their future development, and notes the decision of the administering Power concerning transfer to the Government of Guam of all mineral rights in submerged lands off the territorial coastline;

11. Requests the administering Power to take all necessary steps to protect the property rights of the people of the Territory;

12. Calls upon the administering Power to take the necessary action to enable the inhabitants of Guam to regain possession of unutilized land held at present by the federal authorities and by the military;

13. Calls upon the administering Power to develop and promote the language and culture of the Chamorro people;

14. Requests the Special Committee to continue the examination of this question at its next session, including the possible dispatch of a further visiting mission to Guam at an appropriate time and in consultation with the administering Power, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Question of American Samoa

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of American Samoa,

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Having examined the relevant chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, 9/

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and all other resolutions and decisions of the United Nations relating to American Samoa,

Taking into account the statement of the administering Power 10/ relating to developments in American Samoa,

Conscious of the need to promote progress towards the full implementation of the Declaration with respect to American Samoa,

Bearing in mind the constructive results achieved as a consequence of previous visiting missions to Non-Self-Governing Territories and reiterating its conviction that the dispatch of such missions is essential for securing adequate and first-hand information in regard to the conditions prevailing in those Territories and to the views, wishes and aspirations of the peoples therein with respect to their future status,

Aware of the special circumstances of the geographical location and economic conditions of American Samoa and stressing the necessity of diversifying the Territory's economy as a matter of priority in order to reduce its dependence on fluctuating economic activities,

1. Approves the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to American Samoa; 11/

2. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of American Samoa to self-determination and independence in conformity with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

3. Reiterates the view that such factors as size, geographical location, size of population and limited natural resources should in no way delay the speedy implementation of the Declaration, which fully applies to the Territory;

4. Calls upon the Government of the United States of America, as the administering Power, to take all necessary steps, taking into account the freely

9/ A/35/23 (Part II), chap. III and A/35/23 (Part V), chap. XVI.

10/ A/C.4/35/SR.13, paras. 57-63.

11/ A/35/23 (Part V), chap. XVI.

expressed wishes of the people of American Samoa, to expedite the process of decolonization in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration;

5. Welcomes the invitation extended by the Government of the United States to the Special Committee to send a visiting mission to American Samoa in 1981;

6. Reaffirms the responsibility of the administering Power for the economic and social development of the Territory;

7. Calls upon the administering Power to take all possible steps to strengthen and diversify the economy of American Samoa and to work out concrete programmes of assistance and economic development for the Territory;

8. Urges the administering Power to continue to foster close relations and co-operation between the people of the Territory and the neighbouring island communities;

9. Urges the administering Power, in co-operation with the freely elected representatives of American Samoa, to safeguard the inalienable right of the people of the Territory to the enjoyment of their natural resources by taking effective measures which guarantee the right of the people to own and dispose of those natural resources and to establish and maintain control of their future development and, in this connexion, notes the decision of the administering Power concerning the transfer to the Government of American Samoa of all mineral rights in submerged lands off the territorial coastline;

10. Requests the Special Committee to continue the examination of this question at its next session, including the dispatch of a visiting mission to the Territory, in consultation with the administering Power, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Question of the United States Virgin Islands

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the United States Virgin Islands,

Having examined the relevant chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, 12/

12/ A/35/23 (Part II), chaps. III and IV and A/35/23 (Part V), chap. XXIII.

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and all other resolutions and decisions of the United Nations relating to the United States Virgin Islands,

Noting the active co-operation given by the administering Power, both through its participation in the work of the Special Committee and through its willingness to receive visiting missions to small Territories under its administration,

Having heard the statement of the administering Power, 13/

1. Approves the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the United States Virgin Islands; 14/
2. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of the United States Virgin Islands to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;
3. Reaffirms its conviction that questions of territorial size, geographical location, size of population and limited resources should in no way delay the implementation of the Declaration with respect to the Territory;
4. Requests the Government of the United States of America, as the administering Power, to continue to take all necessary measures, in consultation with the freely elected representatives of the people of the United States Virgin Islands, to enable the people of the Territory to exercise fully their right to self-determination and independence in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration;
5. Notes the recent political and constitutional developments in the Territory, in particular the approval on 31 July 1980 by the Fourth Constitutional Convention of the United States Virgin Islands of a draft constitution for the Territory;
6. Requests the administering Power to take such measures as would ensure the preservation of the identity and cultural heritage of the people of the United States Virgin Islands;
7. Urges the administering Power, in consultation with the freely elected authorities and representatives of the people of the United States Virgin Islands, to safeguard the inalienable right of the people of the Territory to the enjoyment

13/ A/C.4/35/SR.13, paras. 57-63.

14/ A/35/23 (Part V), chap. XXIII.

of their natural resources by taking effective measures which guarantee the right of the people to own and dispose of those natural resources and to establish and maintain control of their future development and, in this connexion, notes the decision of the administering Power concerning the transfer to the Government of the United States Virgin Islands of all mineral rights in submerged lands off the territorial coastline;

8. Reaffirms the responsibility of the administering Power for the economic and social development of the Territory and, in this respect, calls upon it to work out concrete programmes of assistance and economic development;

9. Requests the administering Power to continue to enlist the assistance of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system in the development and strengthening of the economy of the United States Virgin Islands;

10. Requests the Special Committee to continue the examination of this question at its next session, including the possible dispatch of a further visiting mission to the United States Virgin Islands at an appropriate time and in consultation with the administering Power, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Question of the Turks and Caicos Islands

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the Turks and Caicos Islands,

Having examined the relevant chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, 15/ as well as the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission dispatched to the Territory by the Special Committee in April 1980 16/ at the invitation of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the administering Power,

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Recalling also its resolution 34/34 of 21 November 1979 on the question of five Territories, including the Turks and Caicos Islands,

Having heard the statements of the representative of the administering Power, 17/

15/ A/35/23 (Part II), chaps. III and IV; A/35/23 (Part III), chap. V; and A/35/23 (Part VI), chap. XXVIII.

16/ A/AC.109/636 and Corr.1, 636/Add.1, 636/Add.2 and Corr.1 and 636/Add.3.

17/ A/C.4/35/SR.11, paras. 40-42 and A/C.4/35/SR.27.

Mindful of the responsibility of the United Nations to help the people of the Turks and Caicos Islands to realize their aspirations in accordance with the objectives set forth in the Declaration,

Recalling that the administering Power has the responsibility to ensure that the people of the Turks and Caicos Islands are kept fully informed of their inalienable right to self-determination and independence, in accordance with the Declaration,

Aware of the special problems facing the Territory by virtue of its isolation, small size, limited resources and lack of infrastructure,

1. Approves the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the Turks and Caicos Islands 18/ and takes note of the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Turks and Caicos Islands, 1980; 19/
2. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of the Turks and Caicos Islands to self-determination and independence in conformity with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;
3. Reiterates the view that such factors as size, geographical location, population and limited natural resources should in no way delay the speedy implementation of the process of self-determination in accordance with the Declaration contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV), which fully applies to the Territory;
4. Recognizes that the presence of military bases and other installations could constitute an impediment to the implementation of the Declaration, and reaffirms its conviction that the presence of foreign military bases and installations should not prevent the peoples of colonial and dependent Territories from exercising their right to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration and the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;
5. Commends, for appropriate action, the conclusions and recommendations of the Visiting Mission 20/ to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the administering Power, and to the Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands;

18/ A/35/23 (Part VI), chap. XXVIII.

19/ A/AC.109/636 and Corr.1, 636/Add.1, 636/Add.2 and Corr.1 and 636/Add.3.

20/ A/AC.109/636/Add.2 and Corr.1, paras. 416-440.

6. Expresses its appreciation of the constructive work accomplished by the Visiting Mission and of the close co-operation and assistance extended to the Mission by the administering Power, the territorial Government, the Legislative Council and the people of the Territory;

7. Calls upon the administering Power to take the necessary measures to promote the economic development of the Turks and Caicos Islands in accordance with the Declaration as an important element in the process of self-determination and independence, and urges the administering Power to continue to intensify and expand its programme of aid in order to accelerate the development of the economic and social infrastructure of the Territory;

8. Requests the administering Power, in the light of the conclusions and recommendations of the Visiting Mission, to continue to enlist the assistance of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, as well as other regional and international bodies, in the strengthening, development and diversification of the economy of the Territory;

9. Welcomes the invitation of the Government of the United Kingdom to the Special Committee to dispatch a further visiting mission to observe the general elections to be held in the Territory on 4 November 1980;

10. Requests the Special Committee to continue its consideration of the item at its next session in the light of the findings of the visiting missions, including the possible dispatch of a further visiting mission to the Turks and Caicos Islands, as appropriate and in consultation with the administering Power, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session.

23. The Fourth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft consensuses:

DRAFT CONSENSUS I

Question of Tokelau

The General Assembly, having heard the statement of the representative of New Zealand as the administering Power, 21/ having examined the relevant chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, 22/ and endorsing the conclusions and recommendations contained therein, 23/ reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of Tokelau to self-determination and independence in conformity with the Declaration on the

21/ A/C.4/35/SR.10, paras. 14-24.

22/ A/35/23 (Part II), chap. III and A/35/23 (Part V), chap. XIII.

23/ A/35/23 (Part V), chap. XIII, para. 11.

Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960. Recalling the administering Power's assurances that it will be guided by the wishes of the people of Tokelau concerning their future relationship with New Zealand, in full compliance with resolution 1514 (XV), the General Assembly commends the administering Power for its efforts to foster an increased awareness of the avenues of constitutional development open to the people of Tokelau through a programme of political education. The General Assembly, taking into account the joint efforts of the administering Power and the Tokelau leaders to promote greater responsibility of the people of the Territory for their own affairs, notes with interest the recent measures to delineate the responsibilities of the Tokelau Public Service and those of the Tokelau political leadership, as well as the decision of the general Fono to establish a Budget Advisory Committee. The General Assembly notes with satisfaction that the administering Power has assured the people of Tokelau of its continuing assistance in the event that they should desire to change their status. The General Assembly further notes the continuing efforts of the administering Power to promote the economic development of the Territory and the measures it has taken to safeguard and guarantee the rights of the people of Tokelau to all their natural resources and the benefits derived therefrom. In this regard, the General Assembly notes that, in accordance with the wishes of the people of Tokelau, legislation came into force on 1 April 1980 establishing a 200-mile exclusive economic zone for the Territory. The General Assembly expresses its appreciation to the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, and to the regional organizations, for the assistance which they have rendered to Tokelau and expresses the hope that it will continue. The General Assembly requests the Special Committee, in co-operation with the administering Power, to continue to examine the question of the implementation of the Declaration with respect to Tokelau. The General Assembly particularly welcomes the invitation of the administering Power to the Special Committee to dispatch a second visiting mission to Tokelau, in 1981. The General Assembly requests the Special Committee to report to the Assembly at its thirty-sixth session on the implementation of the present consensus.

DRAFT CONSENSUS II

Question of St. Helena

The General Assembly, having heard the statement of the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the administering Power, 24/ and having examined the relevant chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, 25/ reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of St. Helena to self-determination and independence

24/ A/C.4/35/SR.11, paras. 40-42.

25/ A/35/23 (Part II), chap. III and A/35/23 (Part V), chap. XV.

in conformity with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960. Noting the commitment of the Government of the United Kingdom to respect the wishes of the people of the Territory in relation to their advance towards self-determination and noting with interest the holding of a general election on the island of Tristan da Cunha in May 1979, the General Assembly urges the administering Power, in consultation with the freely elected representatives of the people of St. Helena, to continue to take all necessary steps to ensure the speedy and free attainment of the goals set forth in the Declaration. The General Assembly, noting the commitment of the Government of the United Kingdom to carry out a policy aimed at implementing Assembly decision 34/411 of 21 November 1979 on St. Helena, reaffirms the responsibility of the administering Power for the social and economic development of the Territory through continued programmes of development assistance. In this connexion, the General Assembly notes with interest that, as a result of increased industrial activity, the economic situation in St. Helena has improved. The General Assembly urges the administering Power to ensure the continuation of such activity. The General Assembly also notes the positive attitude of the administering Power with respect to the question of receiving visiting missions and requests the Chairman of the Special Committee to continue his consultations in that regard with a view to dispatching such a mission to St. Helena, as appropriate. The General Assembly requests the Special Committee, in continued co-operation with the administering Power, to examine this question at its next session and to report thereon to the Assembly at its thirty-sixth session.

24. The Fourth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Question of Brunei

The General Assembly decides to defer until its thirty-sixth session consideration of the question of Brunei and requests the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to continue to keep the situation in the Territory under review and to report thereon to the Assembly.

DRAFT DECISION II

Question of Pitcairn

The General Assembly decides to defer until its thirty-sixth session consideration of the question of Pitcairn and requests the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to continue to keep the situation in the Territory under review and to report thereon to the Assembly.

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DRAFT DECISION III

Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)

The General Assembly decides to defer until its thirty-sixth session consideration of the question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) and requests the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to continue to keep the situation in the Territory under review and to report thereon to the Assembly.

DRAFT DECISION IV

Question of Antigua and St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla

The General Assembly decides to defer until its thirty-sixth session consideration of the question of Antigua and St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla.
