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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH
REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF
INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES
AND PEOPLES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION OF 28 AUGUST 1972
CONCERNING PUERTO RICO

Resolution adopted by the Special Committee at
its 948th meeting on 30 August 1973

The Special Committee,

Having considered the question relating to its resolution of 28 August 1972
concerning Puerto Rico, 1/

Having heard the statements of representatives of the Puerto Rican Socialist
Party and the Puerto Rican Independence Party, 2/

Reaffirming that, in conformity with the Declaration on the Granting of
Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples contained in General Assembly
resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, all peoples have the right to
self-determination and by virtue of that right they freely determine their political
status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development,

Reaffirming also that all peoples have an inalienable right to complete
freedom, the exercise of their sovereignty and the integrity of their national
territory,

Considering the necessity of furthering the study of all pertinent aspects of
the situation with respect to the procedure for the implementation of resolution
1514 (XV) regarding Puerto Rico,

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session,
Supplement No. 23 (A/8723/Rev.1), chap. I, para. 85.

2/ A/AC.109/PV.943 and 944.

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Recalling its resolution of 28 August 1972 concerning Puerto Rico,

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of Puerto Rico to self-determination and independence in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960;
 2. Requests the Government of the United States of America to refrain from taking any measures which might obstruct the full and free exercise by the people of their inalienable right to self-determination and independence, as well as of their economic, social and other rights, and in particular to prevent any violation of these rights by bodies corporate under its jurisdiction;
 3. Requests its Rapporteur, with the assistance of the Secretariat, to collect all pertinent information on the question, including the views of all the parties concerned, for the purpose of facilitating its consideration of the question in 1974;
 4. Decides to keep the question under continuous review.
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