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### INFORMATION FROM NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES TRANSMITTED UNDER ARTICLE 73 e OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS

#### Report of the Fourth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Alvaro CARNEVALI-VILLEGAS (Venezuela)

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1987, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-second session the item entitled:

"Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations:

"(a) 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;

"(b) Report of the Secretary-General."

At the same meeting, the Assembly decided to allocate the item to the Fourth Committee.

2. At its 2nd meeting, on 23 September, the Fourth Committee decided to hold a general debate covering agenda items 18, 108, 110 and 12, 111 and 112, on the understanding that individual proposals on matters covered by those items would be considered separately. The Committee held the general debate on these items at its 10th and 12th to 21st meetings, between 9 and 23 October.

3. The Fourth Committee considered item 108 at its 10th and 12th to 23rd meetings, between 9 and 28 October (see A/C.4/42/SR.10 and 12-23).

4. At the 10th meeting, on 9 October, the Rapporteur 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 made a statement in which he gave an account of the relevant activities of the Special Committee during 1987 and drew attention to chapter VII of the report of that Committee relating to item 108 (A/42/23 (Part IV)) 1/ containing, inter alia, the related draft resolution submitted by that Committee for consideration by the Fourth Committee.

5. The Fourth Committee also had before it the report of the Secretary-General relating to the item (A/42/577/Rev.1).

6. At its 22nd meeting, on 28 October, the Fourth Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in paragraph 9 of chapter VII of the report of the Special Committee (A/42/23 (Part IV)) by a recorded vote of 134 to none, with 4 abstentions (see para. 7). 2/ The voting was as follows: 3/

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland,

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1/ To be incorporated in Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/42/23).

2/ The representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland made a statement in explanation of vote.

3/ Subsequent to the voting, the delegations of Zaire and Zimbabwe indicated that they had intended to vote in favour of the draft resolution. The delegations of Botswana, Egypt and Sierra Leone indicated that, had they been present at the time of the voting, they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Chad, France, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

#### RECOMMENDATION OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

7. The Fourth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

#### Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations

##### The General Assembly,

Having examined 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 information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations 4/ and the action taken by the Committee in respect of that information;

Having also examined the report of the Secretary-General on this item, 5/

Recalling its resolution 1970 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963, in which it requested the Special Committee to study the information transmitted to the Secretary-General in accordance with Article 73 e of the Charter and to take such information fully into account in examining the situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Recalling also its resolution 41/13 of 31 October 1986, in which it requested the Special Committee to continue to discharge the functions entrusted to it under resolution 1970 (XVIII),

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4/ A/42/23 (Part IV), chap. VII.

5/ A/42/577/Rev.1.

Noting with concern that the working papers on Territories prepared for the Special Committee by the Secretariat do not, in some instances, contain adequate, timely information, due in large measure to the late transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter,

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 information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations;

2. Reaffirms that, in the absence of a decision by the General Assembly itself that a Non-Self-Governing Territory has attained a full measure of self-government in terms of Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations, the administering Power concerned should continue to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter with respect to that Territory;

3. Requests the administering Powers concerned to continue to transmit to the Secretary-General the information prescribed in Article 73 e of the Charter, as well as the fullest possible information on political and constitutional developments in the Territories concerned, within a maximum period of six months following the expiration of the administrative year in those Territories;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that adequate information is drawn from all available published sources in connection with the preparation by the Secretariat of the working papers relating to the Territories concerned, for the Special Committee;

5. Requests the Special Committee to continue to discharge the functions entrusted to it under General Assembly resolution 1970 (XVIII), in accordance with established procedures, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its forty-third session.

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