

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 visiting 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,

Mindful that American Samoa requires the continued attention and assistance of the United Nations in the achievement by its people 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 American Samoa, and stressing the necessity of diversifying its 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;¹⁰

2. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of American Samoa 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 American Samoa;

4. *Calls upon* the Government of the United States of America, as the administering Power, in consultation with the freely elected representatives of the people, 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 Territory;

5. *Urges* the administering Power to continue its efforts to ensure that the culture and identity of the people of the Territory continue to be reflected in the Government and administration of the Territory and preserved to the fullest extent;

6. *Urges* the administering Power to continue to foster close relations and co-operation with neighbouring island communities;

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

8. *Welcomes* the positive attitude of the administering Power with respect to the receiving of United Nations visiting missions and requests the Chairman of the Special Committee to continue his consultations with a view to the dispatch of such a mission to the Territory;

9. *Urges* the administering Power, with the co-operation of the Government 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;

10. *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 in American Samoa;

11. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to seek the best ways and means for the implementation of the Declaration with respect to American Samoa, including the possible dispatch of a visiting mission in consultation with the administering Power and in accordance with the wishes of the people of the Territory, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.

83rd plenary meeting
28 November 1977

32/25. Question of the Solomon Islands

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the Solomon Islands,

Having examined the relevant 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,¹¹

Having heard the statement of the administering Power,¹²

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 Territory,

Recalling also its resolution 31/46 of 1 December 1976 on the question of the Solomon Islands,

Noting with satisfaction that an agreement was reached at a constitutional conference, held in London from 6 to 16 September 1977, between the administering Power and the Solomon Islands delegation, led by its Chief Minister, whereby the Territory will achieve independence in July 1978,

Noting with satisfaction that the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland will continue to provide assistance to the Territory after independence,

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 Solomon Islands;

2. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of the Solomon Islands to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/32/23/Rev.1), vol. III, chap. XXI.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, chap. XVI.

¹² *Ibid.*, Thirty-second Session, Fourth Committee, 12th meeting, paras. 12-21.

3. *Welcomes* the comprehensive way in which the Government of the Solomon Islands has approached the preparation of a sound political and economic foundation for independence, which is to be achieved in July 1978;

4. *Requests* that further steps be taken towards diversifying the economy of the Solomon Islands and that the administering Power continue to enlist the assistance of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, as well as of regional bodies, in the development and strengthening of the economy of the Territory;

5. *Requests* the Special Committee to keep the situation in the Solomon Islands under review.

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32/26. Question of the New Hebrides

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the New Hebrides,

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,¹³

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 Territory, including General Assembly resolutions 3290 (XXIX) of 13 December 1974, 3433 (XXX) of 8 December 1975 and 31/51 of 1 December 1976,

Welcoming the participation of France, as an administering Power, in the work of the Special Committee relating to the Territory,

Noting the joint statement of the administering Powers issued on 21 July 1977,¹⁴ as well as their joint statement of 26 March 1977,¹⁵

Having heard the statement of the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland relating to developments in the New Hebrides,¹⁶

Conscious of the need to accelerate progress towards the full implementation of the Declaration with respect to the New Hebrides,

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

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 Inde-

pendence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the New Hebrides;¹⁷

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

3. *Reaffirms* the territorial integrity and national unity of the New Hebrides;

4. *Welcomes* the joint commitment of the two administering Powers to independence for the New Hebrides and urges them to continue their efforts towards the early independence of the Territory, in full consultation with the people of the Territory;

5. *Requests* the administering Powers to take all appropriate steps to strengthen the economy of the New Hebrides, to continue taking steps on a priority basis to unify the administration of the Territory and to work out concrete programmes of assistance and economic development so as to ensure that economic and social development keeps abreast of political development;

6. *Requests* the administering Powers 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 the Territory;

7. *Urges* the Governments of France and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to continue to co-operate with the Special Committee and to consider permitting access by a United Nations visiting mission to the New Hebrides, and to report on this aspect to the Special Committee when it next considers the question of the New Hebrides;

8. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to seek the best ways and means for the implementation of the Declaration with respect to the New Hebrides, including the possible dispatch of a visiting mission in consultation with the administering Powers, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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32/27. Question of Brunei

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Brunei,

Having examined the relevant 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,¹⁸

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, as well as other relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations relating to the Territory, including in particular the consensus on the question adopted by the General Assembly on 13 December 1974,¹⁹

¹³ *Ibid.*, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/32/23/Rev.1), vol. I, chap. III, and vol. III, chap. XIII.

¹⁴ A/32/172, annex.

¹⁵ A/32/99, annex.

¹⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Fourth Committee*, 12th meeting, paras. 12-21.

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/32/23/Rev.1), vol. III, chap. XIII.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, chap. XV.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/9631), p. 117, item 23.