

"*Reaffirming* its previous resolutions and decisions on the question of Western Sahara, and in particular AHG/Res.103 (XVIII) of 27 June 1981.

"1. *Takes note* of the report of the Implementation Committee of Heads of State on Western Sahara;

"2. *Urges* the parties to the conflict, the Kingdom of Morocco and the POLISARIO Front, to undertake direct negotiations with a view to bringing about a cease-fire to create the necessary conditions for a peaceful and fair referendum for self-determination of the people of Western Sahara, a referendum without any administrative or military constraints, under the auspices of the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations, and calls on the Implementation Committee to ensure the observance of the cease-fire;

"3. *Directs* the Implementation Committee to meet as soon as possible and, in collaboration with the parties to the conflict, to continue to work out the modalities and all other details relevant to the implementation of the cease-fire and the conduct of the referendum in December 1983;

"4. *Requests* the United Nations, in conjunction with the Organization of African Unity, to provide a peace-keeping force to be stationed in Western Sahara to ensure peace and security during the organization and conduct of the referendum;

"5. *Mandates* the Implementation Committee, with the participation of the United Nations, to take all necessary measures to ensure the proper implementation of this resolution;

"6. *Requests* the Implementation Committee to report to the Assembly of Heads of State and Government at its twentieth session on the result of the referendum with a view to enabling the Assembly at that session to reach a final decision on all aspects of the question of Western Sahara;

"7. *Decides* to remain seized with the question of Western Sahara;

"8. *Requests* the Implementation Committee in the discharge of its mandate to take account of the proceedings of the eighteenth and nineteenth ordinary sessions on the question of Western Sahara and to this end invites the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to make available the full records of the said proceedings to the Committee;

"9. *Welcomes* the constructive attitude of the Sahrawi leaders in making it possible for the nineteenth ordinary session to meet by withdrawing from it voluntarily and temporarily."

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to ensure that the United Nations participates effectively in the organization and conduct of the referendum and to report to the General Assembly and the Security Council on this subject and on the measures requiring a decision by the Council;

3. *Urges* the Secretary-General to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity with a view to the implementation of the pertinent decisions of the Organization of African Unity and of the present resolution;

4. *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 consider the situation in Western

Sahara as a matter of priority and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

86th plenary meeting  
7 December 1983

### 38/41. Question of American Samoa

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the question of American Samoa,

*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,<sup>4</sup>

*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 representative of the administering Power relating to developments in American Samoa,<sup>5</sup>

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

*Noting with appreciation* the continued participation of the administering Power in the work of the Special Committee in regard to American Samoa, thereby enabling it to conduct a more informed and meaningful examination of the situation in the Territory,

*Reiterating* the view that it remains the obligation of the administering Power to carry out a thorough programme of political education so as to ensure that the people of American Samoa are made fully aware of their inalienable right to self-determination and independence in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV),

*Noting* that the Office of Economic Development and Planning of the Government of American Samoa is implementing a five-year economic development plan, focusing on economic diversification, land use, housing, banking and tourism, for the benefit of the people of the Territory,

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

*Mindful* that United Nations visiting missions provide an effective means of ascertaining the situation in the small Territories and expressing its satisfaction at the willingness of the administering Power to receive visiting missions in the Territories under its administration,

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;<sup>6</sup>

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 territorial size, geographical location, size of population and limited natural resources should in no way delay the speedy imple-

<sup>4</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/38/23), chaps. III and XVI.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid., Thirty-eighth Session, Fourth Committee, 15th meeting, paras. 29-32.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid., Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/38/23), chap. XVI.

mentation of the Declaration contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV), which fully applies to American Samoa;

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 expressed wishes of the people of American Samoa, 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;

5. *Reaffirms* that it is the responsibility of the administering Power to ensure that the people of American Samoa are kept fully informed of their inalienable right to self-determination and independence, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

6. *Reiterates its recommendation* that, in accordance with the expressed wishes of the people of American Samoa, as reflected in the report of the second Political Status Commission, the Chief Justice and Associate Justices be appointed by the Governor and approved by the Legislature, a procedure which could be facilitated by the fact that a growing number of American Samoans are qualified lawyers;

7. *Reaffirms* the responsibility of the administering Power, under the Charter, for the economic and social development of the Territory;

8. *Calls upon* the administering Power, in co-operation with the territorial Government and within the framework of the five-year economic development plan covering the period 1979-1984, to continue to help to strengthen and diversify the economy of American Samoa in the interests of the people of the Territory;

9. *Urges* the administering Power to continue to facilitate close relations and co-operation between the people of the Territory and their neighbours and between the territorial Government and the regional institutions to enhance further the economic welfare of the people of American Samoa;

10. *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 to ensure their right to own and dispose of those resources and to establish and maintain control of their future development;

11. *Considers* that the possibility of sending a further visiting mission to American Samoa at an appropriate time should be kept under review;

12. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue the consideration of this question at its next session, including the possible dispatch of a further visiting mission to American Samoa at an appropriate time and in consultation with the administering Power, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

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### 38/42. 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,<sup>7</sup>

*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,

*Having heard* the statement of the representative of the administering Power,<sup>5</sup>

*Noting with appreciation* the continued active participation of the administering Power in the work of the Special Committee in regard to Guam, thereby enabling it to conduct a more informed and meaningful examination of the situation in the Territory with a view to accelerating the process of decolonization towards the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration,

*Noting* that a referendum on political status was organized in the Territory, the final phase of which was held on 4 September 1982,

*Recalling* all relevant resolutions of the United Nations relating to military bases and installations in colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories,

*Noting* the great potential for diversifying and developing the economy of Guam offered by commercial fishing, agriculture and the development of the transportation industry,

*Bearing in mind* that an obstacle to the economic development of the Territory has been the uncertainty concerning land held by the federal authorities,

*Aware* of the special circumstances of the geographical location and economic conditions of Guam and the necessity of diversifying the economy of the Territory as a matter of priority and noting the great potential for diversification offered by commercial fishing, agriculture and the development of the transportation industry,

*Mindful* that United Nations visiting missions provide an effective means of ascertaining the situation in the small Territories and expressing its satisfaction at the willingness of the administering Power to receive visiting missions in the Territories under its administration,

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;<sup>8</sup>

2. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of Guam 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. *Reaffirms its conviction* that such factors as territorial size, geographical location, size of population and limited natural resources should in no way delay the implementation of the Declaration contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV), which fully applies to Guam;

4. *Takes note* of the fact that in the referendum on political status, held on 4 September 1982, 75 per cent of the voters voted in favour of Commonwealth status in association with the United States of America and, in that connection, mindful of the principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Declaration, calls upon the administering Power, in co-operation with the territorial Government, to expedite the process of decolonization in accordance with the expressed wishes of the people of the Territory;

5. *Reaffirms its strong conviction* that the administering Power must ensure that military bases and installations do not hinder the population of the Territory from exercise

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, chaps. III, IV and XVII.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. XVII.