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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. Daniel DE LA PEDRAJA (Mexico)

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 22 September 1978, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its thirty-third session an item entitled:

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

"(a) Report of the Secretary-General;

"(b) 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".

At its 5th plenary meeting, on the same day, the General Assembly decided to
allocate the item to the Fourth Committee.

2. At its 3rd meeting, on 16 October, the Fourth Committee decided to hold a
general debate covering agenda items 24, 92, 94, 96 and 12, 97 and 98, on the
understanding that individual draft resolutions on matters covered by those items
would be considered separately.

3. The Fourth Committee considered item 92 at its 20th to 33rd meetings, between
16 November and 5 December.

4. At the 20th meeting, 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 introduced chapter XXXIII of the report of that
Committee relating to the item (A/33/23/Add.9).

5. The Fourth Committee also had before it the report of the Secretary-General relating to the item (A/33/341 and Add.1).

6. In addition, the Fourth Committee had before it a note verbale dated 4 April 1978 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/33/75).

7. The general debate covering the items referred to in paragraph 2 above took place at the 21st to 32nd meetings, between 20 November and 5 December.

8. On 22 November, a draft resolution (A/C.4/33/L.9) was circulated, which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Congo, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, India, Madagascar, Mexico, Mozambique, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Syrian Arab Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam and Yugoslavia.

9. At its 33rd meeting, on 5 December, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/33/L.9 by a recorded vote of 128 to none, with 4 abstentions (see para. 10 below). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Empire, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, 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 Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: None.

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

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RECOMMENDATION OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

10. 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,

Recalling its resolution 1970 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963, in which it requested 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 study the information transmitted to the Secretary-General under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations and to take such information fully into account in examining the situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration.

Recalling also its resolution 32/33 of 28 November 1977, in which it requested the Special Committee to continue to discharge the functions entrusted to it under resolution 1970 (XVIII),

Having examined the chapter of the report of the Special Committee dealing with the transmittal of information under Article 73 e of the Charter 1/ and the action taken by the Committee in respect of that information,

Having also examined the report of the Secretary-General on the item, 2/

Deploring that some Member States having responsibilities for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories have ceased to transmit 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, the administering Power concerned should continue to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter with respect to that Territory;

1/ A/33/23/Add.9, chap. XXXVIII.

2/ A/33/341 and Add.1.

3. Requests the administering Powers concerned to transmit, or 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 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 thirty-fourth session.
