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Territories to which Chapter XI of the Charter Applies

Factors which should be taken into account in deciding whether a Territory is or is not a Territory whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government

Text of Introduction approved in first reading

1. The Territories which are covered by Chapter XI of the Charter are those Territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government.
2. The task of the General Assembly is to suggest the considerations which should be taken into account in determining whether the result of the advancement of the peoples of any given Territory is such that that Territory has reached a stage of self-government where it falls outside the scope of Article 73 e of the Charter.
3. The basic objective, according to Chapter XI of the Charter, is that the inhabitants of the Territory should through political advancement attain full self-government. The attainment of this objective may be achieved by various means, involving in all cases the expression of the free will of the people. The two principal means are: (a) the attainment of independence, and (b) the union of the Territory on a footing of equality of status with the metropolitan country or with any other country or its association on the same conditions with the metropolitan or other country.
4. These two principal forms of political advancement call for the consideration of different factors in determining whether a Territory has or has not reached a stage of self-government where it falls outside the scope of Article 73 e of the Charter.
5. Accordingly, the General Assembly lists under two separate headings in the following part of the report the factors to be taken into account, stressing that

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the list cannot be regarded as exhaustive or definitive, and that a single factor or particular combination of factors cannot be regarded as decisive in every case. The determination whether, in the light of the conditions reached under either of the two headings, the peoples of a particular Territory should be regarded as having reached a stage of self-government where the Territory falls outside the scope of Article 73 e of the Charter, should be solved according to the circumstances of each particular case, which will have to be studied separately.

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