

their aspirations in accordance with the objectives set forth in the Declaration,

Aware of the special problems facing the Territory by virtue of its isolation, small size and meagre resources,

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 Tokelau Islands;²⁴

2. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of the Tokelau Islands to self-determination in conformity with the Declaration;

3. *Commends* the conclusions and recommendations of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Tokelau Islands, 1976²⁵ to the Government of New Zealand, as the administering Power, and to the people of the Tokelau Islands for their consideration;

4. *Expresses its appreciation* to the members of the Visiting Mission for the constructive work which they accomplished, and to the administering Power, the *fonos* (councils) and the people of the Tokelau Islands for the close co-operation and assistance extended to the Mission;

5. *Decides* that, in accordance with the wishes of the people of the Tokelau Islands, as expressed through their representatives, and in conformity with the recommendation of the Visiting Mission, the Territory shall henceforth be known as "Tokelau";

6. *Expresses* the view that measures to promote the economic development of Tokelau are an important element in the process of self-determination, and the hope that the administering Power will continue to intensify and expand its programme of budgetary support and development aid to the Territory;

7. *Requests* the administering Power, in the light of the conclusions and recommendations of the Visiting Mission, to continue to enlist the assistance of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, as well as other regional and international bodies, in the strengthening and development of the economy of the Territory;

8. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations to consider the methods and scale of their operations, in order to ensure that they are able to respond appropriately to the requirements of such small and isolated Territories as Tokelau;

9. *Requests* the administering Power to take the necessary measures to intensify programmes of political education, as well as to ensure the preservation of the identity and the cultural heritage of the people of Tokelau;

10. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to examine this question at its next session in the light of the findings of the Visiting Mission, including the possible dispatch of a second visiting mission to Tokelau, as appropriate and in consultation with the administering Power, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session.

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²⁴ *Ibid.*, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/31/23/Rev.1), chap. XVII.

²⁵ *Ibid.*, chap. XVII, annex, paras. 381-421.

31/49. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas),

Recalling its resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, 2065 (XX) of 16 December 1965 and 3160 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973,

Bearing in mind the paragraphs related to this question contained in the Political Declaration adopted by the Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Lima from 25 to 30 August 1975,²⁶ and in the Political Declaration adopted by the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Colombo from 16 to 19 August 1976,²⁷

Having regard to 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 Falkland Islands (Malvinas)²⁸ and, in particular, the conclusions and recommendations of the Special Committee concerning the Territory,²⁹

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 Falkland Islands (Malvinas) and, in particular, the conclusions and recommendations of the Special Committee concerning the Territory;

2. *Expresses its gratitude* for the continuous efforts made by the Government of Argentina, in accordance with the relevant decisions of the General Assembly, to facilitate the process of decolonization and to promote the well-being of the population of the islands;

3. *Requests* the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to expedite the negotiations concerning the dispute over sovereignty, as requested in General Assembly resolutions 2065 (XX) and 3160 (XXVIII);

4. *Calls upon* the two parties to refrain from taking decisions that would imply introducing unilateral modifications in the situation while the islands are going through the process recommended in the above-mentioned resolutions;

5. *Requests* both Governments to report to the Secretary-General and to the General Assembly as soon as possible on the results of the negotiations.

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31/50. Question of Belize

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Belize,

Having examined the relevant chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard

²⁶ A/10217 and Corr.1, annex, para. 87.

²⁷ A/31/197, annex I, para. 119.

²⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/31/23/Rev.1), chap. XXX.*

²⁹ *Ibid.*, chap. XXX, para. 8.