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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF
INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: amendments to the draft resolution on the questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, Tokelau, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands, contained in document A/51/23 (Part VI), chapter X, paragraph 17

Draft resolution A - General

1. Third preambular paragraph

Delete and all resolutions and decisions of the United Nations relating to those Territories, including,

2. Seventh preambular paragraph

Delete the paragraph

3. Eleventh preambular paragraph

For Noting read Welcoming

4. Nineteenth preambular paragraph

Delete the paragraph

5. Operative paragraph 1

For Approves read Takes note of

6. Operative paragraph 3

For of the legitimate political status options open to them in the exercise of their right to self-determination read of their right to self-determination in conformity with legitimate political status options, including those defined in resolution 1541 (XV)

7. Operative paragraph 4

For the existing text substitute:

4. Requests the administering Powers to report to the Secretary-General on the wishes and aspirations of the people of the Territories regarding their political status as expressed in any referendums and other forms of popular consultation, including free and fair elections conducted by the Governments of the Territories;

4 bis. Requests the administering Powers to report to the Secretary-General the results of any informed and democratic processes conducted by the Governments of the Territories which indicate the clear and freely expressed wish of the people to change the existing status of the Territory;

8. Operative paragraph 5

Delete the paragraph

9. Operative paragraph 6

For the existing text substitute

6. Reaffirms that visiting United Nations missions to the Territories at an appropriate time and in consultation with the administering Power are one effective means of ascertaining the situation in the Territories, and requests the administering Powers to keep the possibility of such missions under review;

10. Operative paragraph 10

Delete the paragraph

11. Operative paragraph 13

For the existing text substitute

13. Requests the Special Committee to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session on all relevant information received pursuant to the present resolution.

Draft resolution B

Draft resolution B.II - Anguilla

Delete the second preambular paragraph

Draft resolution B.III - Bermuda

Delete the fifth preambular paragraph

Draft resolution B.V - Cayman Islands

Delete the second preambular paragraph

Draft resolution B.VI - Guam

1. Second preambular paragraph

Delete increased measure of

2. Third preambular paragraph

For pending the exercise of self-determination by the Chamorro people read pending the expression of the will of the Chamorro people

3. Operative paragraph 1

For facilitate the exercise of self-determination by the Chamorro people of Guam for the Territory, as endorsed by the people of Guam in the draft Guam Commonwealth Act, read receive an expression of the will of the Chamorro people

4. Operative paragraph 3

Insert orderly before transfer

5. Operative paragraph 4

Insert the people of Guam, including before the Chamorro people

6. Operative paragraph 5

(a) For implement read cooperate in establishing

(b) For enterprises by the Chamorro people read enterprises by the people of Guam, including the Chamorro people

Draft resolution B.IX - St. Helena

Operative paragraph 1

For the existing text substitute

1. Notes that the administering Power has noted various statements made by members of the Legislative Council about the Constitution and is prepared to discuss these further with the people of St. Helena, and further notes that the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association recently sent a delegation to study the Constitution and its application with the Legislative Council;
