

Unity at its eighteenth ordinary session to organize throughout the Territory of Western Sahara a general and free referendum of the people of Western Sahara on self-determination;

4. *Welcomes* the steps taken by the Implementation Committee with a view to organizing and conducting the referendum;

5. *Appeals* to the two parties to the conflict, Morocco and the Frente Popular para la Liberación de Saguia el-Hamra y de Río de Oro, to observe a cease-fire in accordance with the decisions of the Organization of African Unity and its Implementation Committee;

6. *Urges*, to that end, Morocco and the Frente Popular para la Liberación de Saguia el-Hamra y de Río de Oro to enter into negotiations with a view to establishing an immediate cease-fire and concluding a peace agreement permitting the fair conduct of a general and free referendum on self-determination in Western Sahara;

7. *Reaffirms* the determination of the United Nations to co-operate fully with the Organization of African Unity in the fair and impartial organization of the referendum;

8. *Requests* to that end the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to ensure that the United Nations participates 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;

9. *Urgently requests* 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 decisions of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity and of its Implementation Committee, and of the present resolution;

10. *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-seventh session.

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### 36/47. Question of the United States Virgin Islands

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the question of the United States Virgin Islands,

*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>6</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 the United States Virgin Islands,

*Noting* the active co-operation given by the administering Power, both through its participation in the work of the Special Committee and through its willingness to receive visiting missions to small Territories under its administration,

*Having heard* the statement of the administering Power,<sup>7</sup>

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 United States Virgin Islands;<sup>8</sup>

2. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of the United States Virgin Islands to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

3. *Reaffirms* its conviction that questions of territorial size, geographical location, size of population and limited natural resources should in no way delay the speedy implementation of the Declaration with regard to the Territory;

4. *Requests* the Government of the United States of America, as the administering Power, to take all necessary measures, in consultation with the freely elected representatives of the people of the United States Virgin Islands, to expedite the process of the decolonization of the Territory in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

5. *Reaffirms* that it is the obligation of the administering Power, in consultation with the freely elected representatives of the people of the Territory, to inform the local people of the possibilities open to them in the exercise of their inalienable right to self-determination and independence and to enable them to exercise that right freely and without interference in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

6. *Reaffirms* that the administering Power has the responsibility for taking such measures as will ensure the preservation of the identity and cultural heritage of the people of the Territory;

7. *Urges* the administering Power, in consultation with the freely elected representatives of the people of the United States Virgin Islands, to safeguard the inalienable right of the people of the Territory to the enjoyment of their natural resources by taking effective measures which guarantee the right of the people to own and dispose of those resources and to establish and maintain control over their future development;

8. *Reaffirms* the responsibility of the administering Power, under the Charter, for the economic and social development of the United States Virgin Islands and in this regard notes that, although steady economic progress has continued in the Territory, especially in the area of service industries, there are still problems which need to be resolved, including those relating to unemployment and the infrastructure;

9. *Notes* the sustained efforts undertaken by the territorial Government to diversify the economy and urges the administering Power, acting in co-operation with the Government of the United States Virgin Islands, to strengthen the economy of the Territory by, wherever possible, taking additional measures of diversification in all fields;

10. *Requests* the administering Power to continue to enlist the assistance of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system in the development and strengthening of the economy of the United States Virgin Islands;

11. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue the examination of this question at its next session, including the possible dispatch of a further visiting mission to the United States Virgin Islands at an appropriate time and in

<sup>6</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/36/23/Rev.1), chaps. III, IV and XXIII.*

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirty-sixth Session, Fourth Committee, 14th meeting, paras. 1-8.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/36/23/Rev.1), chap. XXIII.

consultation with the administering Power, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session.

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### 36/48. 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>9</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 administering Power relating to developments in American Samoa,<sup>10</sup>*

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

*Welcoming the active participation of the administering Power in the related work of the Special Committee and expressing the hope that this co-operation will be strengthened further so as to accelerate progress towards the full implementation of the Declaration with regard to American Samoa,*

*Having examined the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission dispatched to the Territory in July 1981,<sup>11</sup>*

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

*1. Approves the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission to American Samoa and endorses the observations, conclusions and recommendations contained therein;<sup>12</sup>*

*2. Also 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>13</sup>*

*3. 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;*

*4. 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 implementation of the Declaration, which fully applies to the Territory;*

*5. Expresses its appreciation to the members of the Visiting Mission for the constructive work accomplished and to the administering Power and the Government and people of American Samoa for the co-operation and assistance extended to the Mission;*

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, chaps. III and XXVIII.

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirty-sixth Session, Fourth Committee, 14th meeting, paras. 1-8.

<sup>11</sup> A/AC.109/679 and Add.1.

<sup>12</sup> A/AC.109/679, paras. 344-370.

<sup>13</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/36/23/Rev.1), chap. XXVIII.*

*6. 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;*

*7. 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 the Declaration contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);*

*8. Reaffirms also the responsibility of the administering Power for the economic and social development of the Territory;*

*9. Calls upon the administering Power to take all possible steps to strengthen and diversify the economy of American Samoa and to work out concrete programmes of assistance and economic development for the Territory;*

*10. Urges the administering Power to continue to foster close relations and co-operation between the people of the Territory and the neighbouring island communities;*

*11. 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 which guarantee the right of the people to own and dispose of those resources and to establish and maintain control over their future development;*

*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 to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution.*

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### 36/49. 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 35/26 of 11 November 1980, 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 and the action taken by the Committee in respect of that information,<sup>14</sup>*

*Having also examined the report of the Secretary-General on the question,<sup>15</sup>*

<sup>14</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. VII.

<sup>15</sup> A/36/563.