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Summary record of the 11th meeting

Held at Headquarters, New York, on Friday, 28 June 2019, at 10 a.m.

Chair: Ms. McGuire (Grenada)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.20 a.m.

Question of the British Virgin Islands (continued)
(A/AC.109/2019/L.14)

Draft resolution A/AC.109/2019/L.14: Question of the British Virgin Islands

1. *Draft resolution A/AC.109/2019/L.14 was adopted.*

Question of Guam (continued) (A/AC.109/2019/L.16)

Draft resolution A/AC.109/2019/L.16: Question of Guam

2. **The Chair** said that it had been agreed that the word “continuing” would be deleted from the twenty-fourth preambular paragraph. In addition, the twenty-seventh preambular paragraph would be revised to reflect the fact that the invitation for a visiting mission had been extended by the Lieutenant Governor of Guam in his statement at the 9th meeting, held the previous day. That invitation was in addition to an earlier request made at the 2019 Caribbean regional seminar. Therefore, that paragraph would be revised to read: “*Noting* the expressed desire of the territorial Government for a visiting mission by the Special Committee, as extended during the 2019 session of the Special Committee”.

3. *Draft resolution A/AC.109/2019/L.16, as orally revised, was adopted.*

Question of the Turks and Caicos Islands (continued) (A/AC.109/2019/L.20)

Draft resolution A/AC.109/2019/L.20: Question of the Turks and Caicos Islands

4. *Draft resolution A/AC.109/2019/L.20 was adopted.*

Question of French Polynesia (continued)
(A/AC.109/2019/L.24)

Draft resolution A/AC.109/2019/L.24: Question of French Polynesia

5. **The Chair** said that it had been agreed that the draft resolution would be amended to reflect the fact that an invitation had been extended to the Committee to send a visiting mission to the Territory. Accordingly, an additional preambular paragraph would be inserted, which read: “*Noting* the invitation extended by the President of French Polynesia to the Special Committee to send a visiting mission to the Territory, as reiterated by his representative at the 2019 session of the Special Committee”. Furthermore, an additional corresponding paragraph would be inserted, which read: “*Also calls upon* the administering Power to facilitate a visiting mission to the Territory, and requests the Chair of the

Special Committee to take all the steps necessary to that end”.

6. **Mr. Moriko** (Côte d’Ivoire) said that his delegation wished to express its solidarity with the people of French Polynesia. The effects of nuclear testing were worthy of the attention and support of the international community and initiatives by France aimed at reducing or eliminating those effects should be encouraged. With regard to the draft resolution, his delegation had a number of reservations, including with respect to paragraph 9.

7. **Mr. Naouali** (Tunisia) said that the statement of the delegation of Côte d’Ivoire merited consideration. As it was important to preserve broad consensus among the members of the Committee with respect to the issue under consideration, a compromise should be sought. A committee had been established in 2010 to compensate victims of the nuclear tests and a new commission regarding compensation had been established in 2017. The Committee should defer a decision on the paragraph in question until additional information was received. Such a course of action would reinforce consensus in the Committee.

The meeting was suspended at 10.35 a.m. and resumed at 11.35 a.m.

8. **The Chair** said that action on draft resolution A/AC.109/2019/L.24 would be postponed until the afternoon meeting.

Question of New Caledonia (continued)
(A/AC.109/2019/L.22)

Draft resolution A/AC.109/2019/L.22: Question of New Caledonia

9. *Draft resolution A/AC.109/2019/L.22 was adopted.*

Other matters

10. **The Chair** suggested that the Committee should authorize the Rapporteur to prepare the report of the Special Committee to the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly. Once the report was completed and approved by the Bureau, the Committee should authorize the Rapporteur to submit it directly to the Assembly in accordance with established practice.

11. *It was so decided.*

The meeting rose at 11.45 a.m.