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## Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

**Draft resolution submitted by the Chair**

### Question of French Polynesia

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the question of French Polynesia,

*Having examined* 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 for 2025,<sup>1</sup>

*Taking note* of the working paper prepared by the Secretariat on French Polynesia,<sup>2</sup> which contained available updates requested by the General Assembly in its resolution [79/104](#) of 4 December 2024, and other relevant information,

*Reaffirming* the right of peoples to self-determination, as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and in accordance with all relevant resolutions, including General Assembly resolutions [1514 \(XV\)](#) of 14 December 1960 and [1541 \(XV\)](#) of 15 December 1960,

*Recalling* its resolution [67/265](#) of 17 May 2013, entitled “Self-determination of French Polynesia”, in which it affirmed the inalienable right of the people of French Polynesia to self-determination and independence in accordance with Chapter XI of the Charter and its resolution [1514 \(XV\)](#), recognized that French Polynesia remains a Non-Self-Governing Territory within the meaning of the Charter and declared that an obligation exists under Article 73 *e* of the Charter on the part of the Government of France, as the administering Power of the Territory, to transmit information on French Polynesia,

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<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eightieth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/80/23).*

<sup>2</sup> [A/AC.109/2025/7](#).



*Taking note* of the section related to French Polynesia of the Final Document of the Nineteenth Summit of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held in Kampala on 19 and 20 January 2024,<sup>3</sup>

*Expressing concern* that, more than 60 years after the adoption of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,<sup>4</sup> there still remain 17 Non-Self-Governing Territories, including French Polynesia,

*Recognizing* that all available options for self-determination of the Territories are valid as long as they are in accordance with the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned, on a case-by-case basis and in conformity with the clearly defined principles contained in General Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV), 1541 (XV) and other relevant resolutions of the Assembly,

*Recognizing also* that the specific characteristics and the aspirations of the people of French Polynesia require flexible, practical and innovative approaches to the options for self-determination, without any prejudice to territorial size, geographical location, size of population or natural resources,

*Reaffirming* the inalienable rights of the people of French Polynesia to the ownership, control and disposal of their natural resources, including marine resources and undersea minerals,

*Conscious* of the responsibility of the administering Power to ensure the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration in respect of French Polynesia,

*Mindful* that, in order for the Special Committee to enhance its understanding of the political status of the people of the Territories and to fulfil its mandate effectively, on a case-by-case basis, it is important for it to be apprised by the administering Powers and to receive information from other appropriate sources, including the representatives of the Territories, concerning the wishes and aspirations of the people of the Territories,

*Recognizing* the significant health and environmental impacts of nuclear testing conducted by the administering Power in the Territory over a 30-year period, and recognizing also the concerns in the Territory related to the consequences of those activities for the lives and health of the people, especially children and vulnerable groups, as well as the environment of the region, and bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 79/85 of 4 December 2024, entitled “Effects of atomic radiation”,

*Recalling* the report of the Secretary-General on the environmental, ecological, health and other impacts of the 30-year period of nuclear testing in French Polynesia,<sup>5</sup> prepared pursuant to paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 71/120 of 6 December 2016,

*Recalling also* that, in February 2017, the administering Power amended the Act concerning the recognition and compensating of victims of nuclear tests<sup>6</sup> in order to allow for the compensation of a larger number of victims, and that further amendments have been adopted,

*Recognizing* the need for the Special Committee to ensure that the appropriate bodies of the United Nations actively pursue a public awareness campaign aimed at

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<sup>3</sup> See <https://nam.go.ug/sites/default/files/2024-02/Kampala%20Final%20Outcome%20Document.pdf>.

<sup>4</sup> Resolution 1514 (XV).

<sup>5</sup> A/72/74.

<sup>6</sup> Act No. 2010-2 of 5 January 2010 concerning the recognition and compensating of victims of nuclear tests.

assisting the people of the Territories in gaining a better understanding of the options for self-determination,

*Recalling* the admission of French Polynesia as a full member of the Pacific Islands Forum at the forty-seventh Pacific Islands Forum, convened in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, from 8 to 10 September 2016,

*Taking note* of the statement made by the President of French Polynesia in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), at the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly, in October 2024,<sup>7</sup> and of the statement made by the representative of the President of French Polynesia in the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in June 2025,

*Recalling* the invitation extended by the President of French Polynesia to the Special Committee to send a visiting mission to the Territory, as reiterated in the Fourth Committee at the seventy-ninth session of the General Assembly,<sup>8</sup>

*Stressing* the importance of regional ties for the development of a small island Territory,

*Noting* the legislative elections held in June and July 2024, and recalling the establishment of the Special Commission on Decolonization by the Assembly of French Polynesia on 26 October 2023,

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of French Polynesia to self-determination, in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and with General Assembly resolution [1514 \(XV\)](#), containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

2. *Also reaffirms* that it is ultimately for the people of French Polynesia to determine freely their future political status in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter, the Declaration and the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, and in that connection calls upon the administering Power, in cooperation with the territorial Government and appropriate bodies of the United Nations system, to develop political education programmes for the Territory in order to foster an awareness among the people of French Polynesia of their right to self-determination in conformity with the legitimate political status options, based on the principles clearly defined in Assembly resolution [1541 \(XV\)](#) and other relevant resolutions and decisions;

3. *Takes note* of the statement made by the President of the Territory in October 2024 that the territorial Government fully supports a comprehensive, transparent and peaceful decolonization process under the scrutiny of the United Nations;

4. *Reaffirms*, in this regard, General Assembly resolution [67/265](#), which provided for the reinscription of French Polynesia on the list of Non-Self-Governing Territories, and takes careful note of an independent self-governance assessment of the Territory, presented to the Fourth Committee on 4 October 2016,<sup>9</sup> that the Territory did not meet the full measure of self-government;

5. *Calls upon* the administering Power to participate in and cooperate fully with the work 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 in order to implement the provisions of Article 73 *e* of the Charter and the Declaration and in order to advise the Special Committee on the

<sup>7</sup> [A/C.4/79/SR.3](#), paras. 8–13.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 11.

<sup>9</sup> [A/C.4/71/SR.3](#), paras. 71 and 72.

implementation of the provisions under Article 73 *b* of the Charter on efforts to promote self-government in French Polynesia, and encourages the administering Power to facilitate visiting and special missions to the Territory;

6. *Notes* the multiple requests of representatives of the Territory for the dispatch of a visiting mission to the Territory as part of efforts to assess the overall situation of the people of French Polynesia, and in this regard reiterates its request to 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;

7. *Regrets* that the administering Power has not responded to the request to submit information on French Polynesia under Article 73 *e* of the Charter since the reinscription of the Territory by the General Assembly in 2013;

8. *Reaffirms* that an obligation exists on the part of the administering Power to transmit information under Chapter XI of the Charter, and requests the administering Power to transmit to the Secretary-General such information on French Polynesia as called for under the Charter;

9. *Urges* the administering Power to ensure the permanent sovereignty of the people of French Polynesia over their natural resources, including marine resources and undersea minerals, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

10. *Takes note* of the efforts made by the administering Power concerning the recognition and compensation of victims of nuclear tests, and in that regard encourages the administering Power to take steps to this effect;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide an update to the report submitted to the General Assembly at its seventy-second session on the environmental, ecological, health and other impacts of the 30-year period of nuclear testing in French Polynesia as information becomes available, in follow-up to the report of the Secretary-General on the matter prepared pursuant to paragraph 7 of Assembly resolution [71/120](#);

12. *Calls upon* the administering Power to initiate a dialogue with the Government of French Polynesia in order to facilitate rapid progress towards a fair and effective self-determination process, under which the terms and timelines for an act of self-determination would be agreed, and to consider developing, in close cooperation, a constructive programme of work for the Territory, in line with the provisions of paragraph 8 (d) of General Assembly resolution [79/114](#) of 4 December 2024;

13. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to examine the question of the Non-Self-Governing Territory of French Polynesia and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its eighty-first session.