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INFORMATION FROM NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES  
TRANSMITTED UNDER ARTICLE 73 e OF THE CHARTER  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Report of the Secretary-General

1. Under the terms of Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations, Member States which have or assume responsibilities for the administration of Territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government undertake to transmit regularly to the Secretary-General information relating to economic, social and educational conditions in the Territories for which they are responsible, other than those Territories to which the International Trusteeship System applies. In addition, the General Assembly in several resolutions, the most recent of which was resolution 33/37 of 13 December 1978, requested the administering Powers concerned "to transmit, or continue to transmit, to the Secretary-General the information prescribed in Article 73 e of the Charter, as well as the fullest possible information on political and constitutional developments in the Territories concerned".
2. The table annexed to the present report shows the dates on which information called for under Article 73 e of the Charter was transmitted to the Secretary-General in respect of the years 1977 and 1978 up to 9 October 1979.
3. The information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter followed in general the standard form approved by the General Assembly and includes information on the geography, history, population, economic, social and educational conditions. In the case of Territories under the administration of Australia, France, New Zealand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, the annual reports on the Territories also include information on constitutional matters. Additional information on political and constitutional developments in Territories under their administration is given by

the representatives of Australia, France, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States during meetings 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. Supplementary information is also made available by the United Kingdom and the United States concerning Territories under their administration.

4. In compliance with the provisions of paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 1970 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963, and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, including in particular resolution 33/37, the Secretariat has continued to use the information transmitted in the preparation of working papers on each Territory, for the Special Committee. This information is reflected in the chapters of the Special Committee's report to the General Assembly at its current session dealing with each of these Territories (A/34/23 and Add.1-9). The report also contains an account of the action taken by the Special Committee in implementation of resolution 1970 (XVIII) (A/34/23/Add.9, chap. XXXIII).

ANNEX

Dates of transmission of information under Article 73 e of the  
 Charter of the United Nations for 1977 and 1978 a/

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
AUSTRALIA		
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	30 May 1978 <u>b/</u>	13 June 1979 <u>c/</u>
FRANCE (calendar year)		
New Hebrides (condominium with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)	7 November 1978	30 July 1979
NEW ZEALAND (1 April-31 March) <u>d/</u>		
Tokelau	25 July 1978	30 July 1979
PORTUGAL		
East Timor <u>e/</u>		
SPAIN (calendar year)		
Western Sahara <u>f/</u>		
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND (calendar year)		
Antigua <u>g/</u>	-	-
Belize	26 September 1978	23 July 1979
Bermuda	7 August 1978	23 July 1979
British Virgin Islands	7 August 1978	23 July 1979
Brunei <u>h/</u>	-	-
Cayman Islands	14 June 1978	23 July 1979
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	7 August 1978	23 July 1979

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND (calendar year) (continued)		
Gibraltar	7 August 1978	23 July 1979
Montserrat	7 August 1978	23 July 1979
New Hebrides (condominium with France)	28 August 1978	23 July 1979
Pitcairn	7 August 1978	23 July 1979
St. Helena <u>d/</u>	7 August 1978 <u>i/</u>	23 July 1979
St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla <u>g/</u>	-	-
St. Vincent <u>g/</u>	-	-
Southern Rhodesia	24 October 1978	4 September 1979
Turks and Caicos Islands	7 August 1978	4 September 1979
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (1 July-30 June) <u>j/</u>		
American Samoa <u>k/</u>	14 April 1978	1 March 1979
Guam	7 April 1978	30 April 1979
United States Virgin Islands	11 April 1978	7 February 1979

a/ For a preliminary list of Territories to which the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV)) applies, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighteenth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/5514), part one, annex II.

b/ Information covers the period 1 January 1977 to 30 April 1978.

c/ Information covers the period 1 July 1978 to 31 May 1979.

d/ Period extends from 1 April of the year listed to 31 March of the following year.

e/ On 6 April 1979, the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations informed the Secretary-General that the conditions still prevailing in East Timor and which Portugal had brought to the attention of the Secretary-General (A/33/75) and a number of organs of the United Nations, had prevented the

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Portuguese Government from assuming its responsibilities for the administration of that Territory. Under such circumstances the Portuguese Government was unable to supply any information relating to economic, social and educational conditions in that Territory, as required by Article 73 e/ of the Charter (A/34/311).

f/ On 26 February 1976, the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations informed the Secretary-General that "The Spanish Government as of today definitively terminates its presence in the Territory of the Sahara and deems it necessary to place the following on record: ... (a) Spain considers itself henceforth exempt from any responsibility of an international nature in connexion with the administration of the said Territory in view of the cessation of its participation in the temporary administration established for the Territory ..." (A/31/56-S/11997). For the printed text, see Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-first Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1976).

g/ At previous sessions of the General Assembly, the United Kingdom had declared that, having achieved the status of Associated State, this Territory had attained "a full measure of self-government" and, consequently, the transmission of information thereon was, in its view, no longer appropriate (see also documents A/AC.109/341, A/C.4/725, A/AC.109/PV.762 and Corr.1, Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-second Session, Fourth Committee, 1752nd meeting and ibid., Twenty-fourth Session, Fourth Committee, 1867th meeting).

h/ On 18 September 1972, the Government of the United Kingdom notified the Secretary-General that this Territory had attained full internal self-government and, consequently, the transmission of information thereon was, in its view, no longer appropriate.

i/ Information was also transmitted on 10 October 1978 concerning Tristan da Cunha for the year ending 30 June 1978.

j/ Period extends from 1 July of the previous year to 30 June of the year listed.

k/ The territorial Government has changed its fiscal year from 1 July-30 June to 1 October-30 September.

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