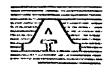# UNITED NATIONS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Distr.
LIMITED

A/C.4/L.274
6 October 1953

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH/
SPANISH

Eighth session
FOURTH COMMITTEE
Agenda item 33

FACTORS WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN DECIDING WHETHER A TERRITORY IS OR IS NOT A TERRITORY WHOSE PEOPLE HAVE NOT YET ATTAINED A FULL MEASURE OF SELF-GOVERNMENT

Bolivia, Egypt, Guatemala, Indonesia, Iraq, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia: proposed amendments to the list of Factors as contained in document A/2428

First part

Factors indicative of the attainment of independence.

- Replace Factor A 4 by the following:

"National defense. Sovereign right to provide for its national defense."

Second part

1. Replace the present heading by the following: "Factors indicative of the attainment of other separate systems of self-government".

2. Factor A 1 should become Factor A 6.

3. Factor A 2 should become Factor A 1.

4. The following text should become A 2:

"Freedom of choice - Freedom of choosing on the basis of the right of self-determination of peoples between several possibilities, including independence".

5. The following wording should be given to the Factor A 3:

"Voluntary limitation of sovereignty. Degree of evidence that the attribute or attributes of sovereignty which are not individually exercised will be collectively exercised by the larger entity thus associated and the freedom of the population of a territory which has associated itself with the metropolitan country to modify at any time this status through the expression of their will by democratic means".

53-27572

6.   As a new Factor A 4 insert the following text:

"Geographical considerations. Extent to which the relations of the Non-Self-Governing Territory with the capital of the metropolitan government may be affected by circumstances arising out of their respective geographical positions, such as separation by land, sea or other natural obstacles; and extent to which the interests of boundary States may be affected, bearing in mind the general principle of good-neighbourliness referred to in Article 74 of the Charter".

7.   As Factor A 5 insert the following text:

"Ethnic and cultural considerations. Extent to which the populations are of different race, language or religion or have a distinct cultural heritage, interests or aspirations, distinguishing them from the peoples of the country with which they freely associate themselves".

8.   As a new Factor B 2 insert the following text:

"Change of political status. The right of the metropolitan country or the Territory to change the political status of that Territory in the light of the consideration whether that Territory is or is not subject to any claim or litigation on the part of another State."

9.   The existing Factor B 2 will become B 3.

Third part

Factors indicative of the free association of a Territory with the metropolitan or other country as an integral part of that country.

1.   Between the words "territory" and "with" in the heading of this part insert the following words: "on equal basis".

2.   At the end of the heading add the following: "or in any other form".

3.   Factor A 1 should become Factor A 5.

4.   Factor A 2 should become Factor A 1.

5.   As Factor A 2 insert the following text: "The freedom of the population of a Non-Self-Governing Territory which has associated itself with the metropolitan country as an integral part of that country or in any other form to modify this status through the expression of their will by democratic means".

6. Add the following text to the existing Factor A 3:

"The right of the metropolitan country or the Territory to change the political status of that Territory in the light of the consideration whether that Territory is or is not subject to any claim or litigation on the part of another State".

7. Delete in Factor A 5, now becoming A 6, the following sentence:

.... (a) by virtue of the constitution of the metropolitan country, or (b).

8. As Factor B 2 insert the text of the Factor C 2 from the second part of the list of factors. Factors B 2 and 3 should become 3 and 4.

9. As Factor C 5 insert the text of Factor C 3 from the second part of the list of factors.