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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 1471st MEETING

Held at Headquarters, New York,
on Monday, 9 June 1997, at 10 a.m.

Chairman:

Mr. SAMANA

(Papua New Guinea)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.25 a.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. The agenda was adopted.

CONSIDERATION OF THE QUESTIONS OF ANGUILLA, BERMUDA, THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, THE CAYMAN ISLANDS, GUAM, MONTSERRAT, PITCAIRN, ST. HELENA AND THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

2. The CHAIRMAN said that, as decided at the Committee's organizational meeting, the Non-Self-Governing Territories of Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena and the United States Virgin Islands, would be discussed as a single item. Since the Committee was under considerable pressure from certain quarters of the international community, he encouraged members to be prepared to speak on the item in question. The questions of American Samoa, Tokelau and the Turks and Caicos Islands would be taken up later in the session.

3. Mr. ARAIM (Secretary of the Committee) noted that 10 meetings had been allocated to the Committee, but that the secretariat would recommend that some meetings be cancelled if there were no speakers, or else that the time be used for informal meetings to discuss other matters relating to the Territories in question. The Committee did not wish to waste conference servicing resources or to be charged for time that it did not use. It was therefore important that delegations indicate as soon as possible whether they wished to speak.

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4. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to an omnibus draft resolution on the questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands, which had been circulated.

The meeting rose at 10.35 a.m.