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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

QUESTION OF GIBRALTAR

Draft text of consensus

The General Assembly, recalling its decision 42/418 of 4 December 1987, and recalling at the same time that the Brussels declaration, 1/ agreed to on 27 November 1984 by the Governments of Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, states the following:

"The establishment of a negotiating process aimed at overcoming all the differences between them over Gibraltar and at promoting co-operation on a mutually beneficial basis on economic, cultural, touristic, aviation, military and environmental matters.

"Both sides accept that the issues of sovereignty will be discussed in that process. The British Government will fully maintain its commitment to honour the wishes of the people of Gibraltar as set out in the preamble of the 1969 Constitution;"

takes note that, as part of this process, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs met in Madrid on 5 and 6 December 1985, in London on 13 and 14 January 1987, in Madrid on 27 and 28 November 1987 and in London on 2 December 1987, on the last of which occasions they reached agreement on arrangements for co-operation over the use of Gibraltar airport, resumption of the ferry service between Gibraltar and Algeciras and improving the flow of surface traffic between Spain and Gibraltar;

1/ A/39/732, annex.

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regrets that these measures have not yet been brought into effect and urges both Governments to continue their negotiations with the object of reaching a definitive solution to the problem of Gibraltar in the light of relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations.
