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

Letter dated 24 October 1979 from the Permanent Representatives of
France and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

By a letter of 26 February 1979 (A/34/103), we informed you of the formation of a Government of National Unity in the condominium of the New Hebrides.

In conformity with its mandate, this Government drafted a constitution, the terms of which were agreed on 19 September. The same day it was decided to set the date of 14 November for elections to a new representative assembly which on Independence Day in 1980 will become the Parliament of the New Hebrides.

Our two Governments wish to associate the United Nations with this decisive step towards the independence of the New Hebrides and have the honour to invite you to send a mission to observe the election process on 14 November.

We should be grateful if you would circulate this letter as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 18.

(Signed) Jacques LEPRETTE
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Ambassador
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