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

QUESTION OF THE COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS

Draft consensus

The General Assembly, having examined the relevant chapters of the report 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 1/ and having heard the statements of the representative of Australia with regard to the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, 2/ notes with appreciation the continuing co-operation of the Government of Australia, as the administering Power, in reporting on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960. The General Assembly particularly welcomes the invitation of the Government of Australia to the Special Committee to send a visiting mission to the Cocos (Keeling) Islands in the second half of 1980 to obtain first-hand information on the situation in the Territory and the progress being made there. The General Assembly notes with appreciation the commitment of the administering Power to the political, social, economic and educational advancement of the people of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands and further notes that its overriding objective is to bring about as speedily as possible conditions which will enable those people to exercise freely their right to self-determination. In this regard, the General Assembly endorses the approach that it must be for the people of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands to determine freely their own future political status in conformity with resolution 1514 (XV). The General Assembly notes also that during the period under review significant developments have occurred

1/ A/34/23/Add.4, chap. XIV and A/34/23 (Part II), chap. IV.

2/ A/C.4/34/SR. \_\_\_\_\_.

in the Territory, in particular the measures taken to establish the Cocos (Keeling) Islands Council and the Cocos Islands Co-operative Society. The General Assembly expresses the hope that these developments will lead to the implementation of the Declaration contained in resolution 1514 (XV). The General Assembly requests the Special Committee, in continued co-operation with the administering Power, to seek the best ways and means of implementing the Declaration with respect to the Territory, in the light of the information to be provided by the administering Power in 1980, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its thirty-fourth session.

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