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

QUESTION OF TOKELAU

Draft consensus

The General Assembly, having heard the statement of the representative of New Zealand, as the administering Power, 1/ and 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 2/ and endorsing the conclusions and recommendations contained therein, 3/ reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of Tokelau to self-determination and independence in conformity with 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 notes that the policy of the administering Power will be guided by the wishes of the people of Tokelau concerning their future relationship with New Zealand in full compliance with resolution 1514 (XV), and commends the administering Power for its continued co-operation and particularly for its efforts to foster an increased awareness of the avenues of constitutional development open to the Tokelauans through the process of political education. The General Assembly notes the various steps taken in the economic and administrative fields to assist the development of the Territory and to provide an administrative instrument responsible to the wishes and needs of the people. The General Assembly notes that the administering Power has assured the people of Tokelau of its continuing assistance, in the event that they desire to change their status. The General Assembly further notes the continuing efforts of the administering Power in taking effective measures to safeguard and guarantee the rights of the people of Tokelau to all their natural resources, and, in this regard, notes the recent legislative steps taken by the administering Power to protect the

1/ A/C.4/34/ST.

2/ A/34/23 (Part II), chap. IV and A/34/23/Add.4, chap. XVI.

3/ A/34/23/Add.4, chap. XVI, para. 6.

marine resources of the Territory, as well as the affirmation of the administering Power that the benefits therefrom will accrue to the people of the Territory. The General Assembly again expresses its appreciation to the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system and in particular to the United Nations Development Programme, as well as to regional organizations, for the assistance which they have rendered to Tokelau and expresses the hope that it will continue. In this connexion, the General Assembly draws the attention of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to the provision of Assembly resolution 31/48 of 1 December 1976 requesting them to consider the methods and scale of their operations and to ensure that they are able to respond appropriately to the requirements of such small and isolated Territories as Tokelau. The General Assembly requests the Special Committee to continue to seek the best ways and means, in co-operation with the administering Power, of implementing the Declaration with respect to Tokelau, including the possible dispatch of a further visiting mission to the Territory at an appropriate stage, and to report to the Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on the implementation of the present consensus.
