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

QUESTION OF THE NEW HEBRIDES

Denmark, Fiji, Japan, Malaysia, Mali, New Zealand, Nigeria,
 Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Singapore, Sierra Leone, Sweden
 and United Republic of Tanzania: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the New Hebrides,

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/

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and all other resolutions and decisions of the United Nations relating to the Territory, including General Assembly resolutions 31/51 of 1 December 1976, 32/26 of 28 November 1977 and 33/30 of 13 December 1978,

Noting with appreciation the invitation extended by the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and France to the Secretary-General to dispatch a mission to observe the elections in the Territory, scheduled to be held on 14 November 1979, 2/

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

2/ A/34/616.

Taking note of the joint commitment of the two administering Powers to bring the Territory to independence by 1980 and, in this regard, welcoming recent positive developments in the Territory,

1. Approves the chapter 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 relating to the New Hebrides; 3/

2. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of the Territory to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

3. Reaffirms the territorial integrity and national unity of the New Hebrides;

4. Requests the administering Powers to continue to take all appropriate measures to strengthen the economy of the New Hebrides and implement concrete programmes of assistance and economic development in the critical period leading to independence, and expresses the hope that such assistance will be continued after independence;

5. Requests the administering Powers to continue to enlist the assistance of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system in accelerating progress in all sectors of the national life of the Territory;

6. Urges the administering Powers, in co-operation with the Government of the New Hebrides, to safeguard the inalienable right of the people of the Territory to the enjoyment of their natural resources by taking effective measures which guarantee the rights of the people to own and dispose of those natural resources and to establish and maintain control of their future development;

7. Welcomes the joint commitment of the two administering Powers to the independence of the New Hebrides and notes their invitation to the Secretary-General to dispatch a mission to observe the forthcoming elections in the Territory; 2/

8. Requests the Secretary-General, after consultation with the Chairman of the Fourth Committee, to appoint a mission to observe the forthcoming elections in the Territory and to report thereon,

9. Expresses the hope that the New Hebrides will move towards independence in a smooth and speedy fashion.
