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INFORMATION FROM NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES TRANSMITTED
UNDER ARTICLE 73 e OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS

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Report of the Fourth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Rudolph G. Yossiphov (Bulgaria)

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 23 September 1983, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its thirty-eighth session the item entitled:

"Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations:

"(a) Report of the Secretary-General;

"(b) 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."

At its 4th plenary meeting, on the same day, the General Assembly decided to allocate the item to the Fourth Committee.

2. At its 2nd meeting, on 29 September, the Fourth Committee decided to hold a general debate covering agenda items 18, 102, 104 and 12, 105 and 106, on the understanding that individual draft proposals on matters covered by those items would be considered separately. The Committee held the general debate on these items at its 10th to 18th meetings, between 3 and 17 November.

3. The Fourth Committee considered item 102 at its 8th to 10th to 19th meetings, between 1 and 17 November (see A/C.4/38/SR.8 and 10-19).

4. At the 8th meeting, on 1 November, the Rapporteur 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 made a statement in which he gave an account of the relevant activities of the Special Committee during 1983 and drew attention to chapter VII of the report of that Committee relating to item 102 (A/38/23 (Part IV)) 1/ containing, inter alia, the related draft resolution submitted by that Committee for consideration by the Fourth Committee.

5. The Fourth Committee also had before it the report of the Secretary-General relating to the item (A/38/477).

6. In addition, the Fourth Committee had before it a note verbale dated 24 March 1983 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/38/125).

7. At its 19th meeting, on 17 November, the Fourth Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in paragraph 10 of chapter VII of the report of the Special Committee (A/38/23 (Part IV)) by a recorded vote of 121 to none, with 6 abstentions (see para. 8). 2/ The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Dominican Republic, France, Lesotho, Paraguay, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

8. The Fourth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under
Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having examined 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 information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations 3/ and the action taken by the Committee in respect of that information,

Having also examined the report of the Secretary-General on the question, 4/

Recalling its resolution 1970 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963, in which it requested the Special Committee to study the information transmitted to the Secretary-General in accordance with Article 73 e of the Charter and to take such information fully into account in examining the situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration,

Recalling also its resolution 37/29 of 23 November 1982, in which it requested the Special Committee to continue to discharge the functions entrusted to it under resolution 1970 (XVIII),

Noting the decision of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to resume transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter relating to Anguilla, 5/

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 information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations;

2. Reaffirms that, in the absence of a decision by the General Assembly itself that a Non-Self-Governing Territory has attained a full measure of self-government in terms of Chapter XI of the Charter, the administering Power concerned should continue to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter with respect to that Territory;

3. Requests the administering Powers concerned to transmit, or continue to transmit, to the Secretary-General the information prescribed in Article 73 e of the Charter, as well as the fullest possible information on

political and constitutional developments in the Territories concerned, within a maximum period of six months following the expiration of the administrative year in those Territories;

4. Requests the Special Committee to continue to discharge the functions entrusted to it under General Assembly resolution 1970 (XVIII), in accordance with established procedures, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its thirty-eighth session.

Notes

1/ To be incorporated in Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/38/23).

2/ Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Malawi and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

3/ A/38/23 (Part IV), chap. VII.

4/ A/38/477.

5/ See A/AC.109/PV.1246.
