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OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

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 relating to specific Territories
not covered by other agenda items

Report of the Fourth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 22 September 1978, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its thirty-third session an item entitled:

"Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples:

"(a) 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;

"(b) Report of the Secretary-General".

At its 5th plenary meeting, on the same day, the Assembly decided to allocate to the Fourth Committee those chapters of the report of the Special Committee relating to specific Territories.

2. The chapters of the Special Committee's report concerning the Territories which were not covered by other agenda items related to the following specific Territories:

<u>Territory</u>	<u>Relevant chapter of the report of the Special Committee</u>
Western Sahara	A/33/23/Add.3 and Corr.1, chap. IX
Gibraltar	A/33/23/Add.3, chap. XI
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	A/33/23/Add.4, chap. XII
New Hebrides	A/33/23/Add.4, chap. XIII
Tokelau	A/33/23/Add.4, chap. XIV
Brunei	A/33/23/Add.4, chap. XV
Pitcairn	A/33/23/Add.4, chap. XVI
Gilbert Islands	A/33/23/Add.4, chap. XVII
St. Helena	A/33/23/Add.4, chap. XVIII
American Samoa	A/33/23/Add.4, chap. XIX
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands	A/33/23/Add.4, chap. XX
Bermuda	A/33/23/Add.5, chap. XXI
British Virgin Islands	A/33/23/Add.5, chap. XXII
Montserrat	A/33/23/Add.5, chap. XXIII
Turks and Caicos Islands	A/33/23/Add.5, chap. XXIV
Cayman Islands	A/33/23/Add.5, chap. XXV
United States Virgin Islands	A/33/23/Add.5, chap. XXVI
Guam	A/33/23/Add.6, chap. XXVII
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	A/33/23/Add.7, chap. XXVIII
Belize	A/33/23/Add.7, chap. XXIX
Antigua, Dominica, <u>1/</u> St. Kitts-Nevis- Anguilla, St. Lucia and St. Vincent	A/33/23/Add.8, chap. XXX
Solomon Islands <u>2/</u>	A/33/23/Add.8, chap. XXXI
Tuvalu <u>3/</u>	A/33/23/Add.8, chap. XXXII

3. At its 3rd meeting, on 16 October, the Fourth Committee decided to hold a general debate covering agenda items 24, 92, 94, 96 and 12, 97 and 98, on the understanding that individual draft resolutions on matters covered by those items would be considered separately.

1/ Dominica acceded to independence on 3 November 1978.

2/ Solomon Islands acceded to independence on 7 July 1978.

3/ Tuvalu acceded to independence on 1 October 1978.

4. The Fourth Committee considered item 24 at its 20th to 33rd meetings, between 16 November and 5 December.

5. At the 20th meeting, on 16 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 introduced the chapters of the report of that Committee referred to in paragraph 2 above. The Fourth Committee also had before it the following communications addressed to the Secretary-General:

(a) Letters from Argentina dated 30 January and 21 August 1978 (A/33/57 and A/33/210);

(b) Letter from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland dated 30 January 1978 (A/33/58);

(c) Letters from the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics dated 17 February, 24 May, 26 June and 14 August 1978 (A/33/59-S/12569, A/33/108, A/33/156 and A/33/205-S/12811);

(d) Letter from France and the United Kingdom dated 11 April 1978 (A/33/80);

(e) Note verbale from Cuba dated 2 June 1978 (A/33/118);

(f) Letter from Senegal dated 14 June 1978 (A/33/151);

(g) Letter from Yugoslavia dated 6 September 1978 (A/33/206);

(h) Note verbale from Jamaica dated 29 September 1978 (A/33/278);

(i) Letters from Sri Lanka dated 2 October and 2 and 24 November 1978 (A/33/279-S/12875, A/33/355-S/12914 and A/33/390-S/12936);

(j) Letters from Algeria dated 5 October and 28 November 1978 (A/33/289, A/33/297);

(k) Letter from the Sudan dated 7 November 1978 (A/33/364).

In addition, the Fourth Committee had before it a communication dated 21 November 1978 from Cuba, addressed to its Chairman (A/C.4/33/14).

6. Further, the Fourth Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/33/337) submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/22 of 28 November 1977 on the question of Western Sahara.

7. At its 22nd meeting, on 21 November, the Fourth Committee heard a statement by Mr. George Kalsakau, Chief Minister of the New Hebrides.

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8. At its 29th meeting, on 30 November, the Fourth Committee heard a statement by Mr. C. L. B. Rogers, Deputy Premier of Belize.

9. The Fourth Committee granted the following requests for hearing in connexion with its consideration of the item:

<u>Petitioner</u>	<u>Meeting at which request for hearing was granted</u>
Mr. Hakim Adel, Mr. Madjid Abdullah, Mr. Yacoub Salem and Mr. Tinguiri Mansour Omar, Frente Popular para la Liberación de Saguia el Hamra y Río de Oro (Frente POLISARIO) (A/C.4/33/5)	8th
Mr. A. M. Azahari Al-Haj, President, Mr. Yasin Affandy, Secretary-General, and Mr. Mahmud Saedon A. Othman, Head, Foreign Affairs Bureau, Partai Rakyat Brunei (PRB) (People's Party of Brunei) (A/C.4/33/8)	8th
Mr. Alexander Vernon, Secretary-General, Mr. Anthony Martínez, Chairman, Toledo Progressive Party of Belize, Mr. Manuel Cirilo Caliz, Vice-President, Belize Maya-Kekchi Committee (A/C.4/33/12)	21st
Mr. A. G. Kalkoa, Vice-Chairman, Executive Committee, Vanuaaku Pati (A/C.4/33/13)	22nd

10. Mr. Omar made statements at the 22nd meeting, on 21 November, and, with the Committee's consent, at the 30th meeting, on 1 December. Mr. Martínez, Mr. Vernon and Mr. Cirilo Caliz made statements at the 23rd meeting, on 22 November. Mr. Kalkoa made a statement at the 23rd meeting. Representatives of the Partai Rakyat Brunei did not appear before the Committee.

11. At the 22nd meeting, on the proposal of the representatives of Benin and Madagascar and following a statement by the Secretary of the Committee concerning the related administrative and financial implications, as well as statements by the representatives of Saudi Arabia, New Zealand and Oman, the Fourth Committee decided that the statement made at that meeting by Mr. Omar concerning the question of Western Sahara, should be reproduced as a Committee document (A/C.4/33/L.22). At its 24th meeting, on 22 November, on the proposal of the representatives of Guyana and Cape Verde and following a statement by the Chairman concerning the related administrative and financial implications, the Committee decided without objection that the statement made at that meeting by the representative of Algeria should be reproduced as a Committee document (A/C.4/33/L.29). At its 29th meeting,

on the proposal of the representatives of Egypt and Senegal and following statements by the representatives of Guinea-Bissau and Morocco, as well as by the Chairman concerning the related administrative and financial implications, the Committee decided that the statement made at that meeting by the representative of Morocco should be reproduced as a Committee document (A/C.4/33/L.30). At its 30th meeting, on the proposal of the representatives of Benin and Democratic Yemen and following statements by the representative of the United States of America as well as by the Chairman concerning the related administrative and financial implications, the Committee decided that the statement made at that meeting by Mr. Omar, concerning the question of Western Sahara, should be reproduced as a Committee document (A/C.4/33/L.31). At its 31st meeting, on 4 December, on the proposal of the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar and Equatorial Guinea and following a statement by the Chairman concerning the related administrative and financial implications, the Committee decided without objection that the statement made at that meeting by the representative of Algeria should be reproduced as a Committee document (A/C.4/33/L.33). At its 32nd meeting, on 5 December, on the proposal of the representative of Zaire and following a statement by the Chairman concerning the related administrative and financial implications, the Committee decided without objection that the statement made at that meeting by the representative of Morocco should be reproduced as a Committee document (A/C.4/33/L.34).

12. At its 23rd meeting, on 22 November, on the proposal of the representatives of El Salvador and Costa Rica and following a statement by the Chairman concerning the related administrative and financial implications, the Fourth Committee decided without objection that the statements made at that meeting by Mr. Martínez, Mr. Vernon and Mr. Cirilo Caliz concerning Belize should be reproduced as Committee documents (A/C.4/33/L.26, L.27 and L.28).

13. At its 25th meeting, on 24 November, on the proposal of the representative of Australia and following a statement by the Chairman concerning the related administrative and financial implications, the Fourth Committee decided without objection that the statement made during the meeting by the Legal Counsel of the United Nations (see para. 15 below) should be reproduced as a Committee document (A/C.4/33/15).

14. The general debate covering the items referred to in paragraph 3 above took place at the 21st to 32nd meetings, between 20 November and 5 December.

15. At its 25th meeting, on 24 November, the Fourth Committee decided, by 89 votes to 26, with 7 abstentions, to secure the advice of the Office of Legal Affairs in connexion with document A/C.4/33/14, referred to in paragraph 5 above. At the same meeting, the Legal Counsel of the United Nations made a statement (A/C.4/33/15).

16. At its 26th meeting, on 27 November, the Committee agreed that the Chairman be authorized to bring to the attention of the President of the General Assembly document A/C.4/33/14 for such treatment as he might deem appropriate.

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II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

17. In connexion with item 24, the Fourth Committee adopted eight draft resolutions and four draft consensuses concerning the following Territories:

- A. Gibraltar
- B. Tokelau
- C. St. Helena
- D. Cocos (Keeling) Islands
- E. New Hebrides
- F. Western Sahara
- G. American Samoa
- H. Guam
- I. United States Virgin Islands
- J. Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Montserrat, Turks and Caicos Islands and Cayman Islands.
- K. Belize

An account of the Committee's consideration of the draft resolutions and the draft consensuses is given in subsections A to K below.

18. At its 33rd meeting, on 5 December, the Fourth Committee took decisions concerning the questions of Brunei, of Pitcairn, of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) and of the Gilbert Islands (see para. 55 below, draft decision I).

19. At the same meeting, the Fourth Committee also took a decision concerning the question of Antigua, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia and St. Vincent (see para. 55 below, draft decision II). In taking this decision, the Fourth Committee noted that, subject to any directives which the General Assembly might give in that connexion, the Special Committee had decided to give consideration to the question at its next session.

A. Gibraltar

20. On 24 November, a draft consensus concerning Gibraltar (A/C.4/33/L.12) was circulated.

21. At its 30th meeting, on 1 December, the Fourth Committee adopted draft consensus A/C.4/33/L.12 without objection (see para. 54 below, draft consensus I).

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B. Tokelau

22. On 24 November, a draft consensus concerning Tokelau (A/C.4/33/L.13) was circulated.

23. At its 30th meeting, on 1 December, following a statement by the Secretary of the Committee under rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly concerning the related administrative and financial implications, the Fourth Committee adopted draft consensus A/C.4/33/L.13 without objection (see para. 54 below, draft consensus II).

C. St. Helena

24. On 24 November, a draft consensus concerning St. Helena (A/C.4/33/L.14) was circulated.

25. At its 30th meeting, on 1 December, following a statement by the Secretary of the Committee under rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly concerning the related administrative and financial implications, the Fourth Committee adopted draft consensus A/C.4/33/L.14 without objection (see para. 54 below, draft consensus III).

D. Cocos (Keeling) Islands

26. At the 26th meeting, on 27 November, the Chairman drew attention to a draft consensus concerning the Cocos (Keeling) Islands (A/C.4/33/L.18).

27. At its 30th meeting, on 1 December, following a statement by the Secretary of the Committee under the terms of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly concerning the related administrative and financial implications, the Fourth Committee adopted draft consensus A/C.4/33/L.18 without objection (see para. 54 below, draft consensus IV).

E. New Hebrides

28. On 22 November, a draft resolution concerning the New Hebrides (A/C.4/33/L.11) was circulated, which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Australia, Canada, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sweden and United Republic of Tanzania.

29. At its 32nd meeting, on 5 December, following a statement by the Secretary of the Committee under rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly concerning the related administrative and financial implications, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/33/L.11 without objection (see para. 53 below, draft resolution I).

F. Western Sahara

30. On 21 November, a draft resolution concerning Western Sahara (A/C.4/33/L.7) was circulated, which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burundi, Cape Verde, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic Yemen, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Panama, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Togo, United Republic of Tanzania and Viet Nam.

31. On the same day, a draft resolution concerning Western Sahara (A/C.4/33/L.8) was circulated, which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Egypt, Gabon, Gambia, Guatemala, Jordan, Mauritius, Oman, Qatar, Senegal and Zaire.

32. On 24 November, the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.4/33/L.8, now joined by Mauritania and Morocco, submitted a revised text (A/C.4/33/L.8/Rev.1). The revised draft resolution contained the following changes:

(a) The following new paragraph was added as the first preambular paragraph:

"Recalling its resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and 1541 (XV) of 15 December 1960,"

(b) Operative paragraph 2 of draft resolution A/C.4/33/L.8, which read:

"2. Trusts in the ad hoc Committee to consider all the data on the question of Western Sahara;"

was replaced by:

"2. Expresses its confidence that the ad hoc Committee will consider all the data on the question of Western Sahara with a view to convening an extraordinary summit meeting of the Organization of African Unity;"

(c) The following new paragraph was added as operative paragraph 3:

"3. Invites the Organization of African Unity to take prompt action to find a just and equitable settlement of the question of Western Sahara;"

33. On the same day, the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.4/33/L.7, who were subsequently joined by Barbados, Kenya, Lesotho, the Syrian Arab Republic and Trinidad and Tobago, submitted a revised text (A/C.4/33/L.7/Rev.1), by which the following new paragraph was added as the penultimate preambular paragraph:

"Reiterating its fervent hope that, by the time of the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly, the Organization of African Unity will have found, pursuant to the resolutions which it adopted at its thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth ordinary sessions on the question of Western Sahara, a solution to this problem in accordance with the right of peoples to self-determination set forth in resolution 1514 (XV),"

34. At the 30th meeting, on 1 December, the representative of Guyana introduced the revised draft resolution (A/C.4/33/L.7/Rev.1) referred to in paragraph 33 above.

35. At the 32nd meeting, on 5 December, the representative of Gabon introduced the revised draft resolution (A/C.4/33/L.8/Rev.1) referred to in paragraph 32 above.

36. At the same meeting, the Fourth Committee adopted revised draft resolution A/C.4/33/L.7/Rev.1 by a recorded vote of 86 to 11, with 39 abstentions (see para. 53 below, draft resolution II A). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape Verde, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Against: Central African Empire, Comoros, Egypt, Gabon, Guatemala, Indonesia, Israel, Mauritania, Morocco, Nicaragua, Zaire.

Abstaining: Bahrain, Belgium, Burma, Canada, Chad, Chile, Denmark, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, France, Gambia, Germany, Federal Republic of, Grenada, Honduras, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Nepal, Netherlands, Oman, Portugal, Qatar, Senegal, Sudan, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United States of America, Upper Volta, Uruguay.

37. At the same meeting, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/33/L.8/Rev.1 by a recorded vote of 61 to 25, with 45 abstentions (see para. 53 below, draft resolution II B). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Central African Empire, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran,

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Israel, Jordan, Lesotho, Liberia, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Zaire.

Against: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Barbados, Benin, Burundi, Cape Verde, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic Yemen, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Jamaica, Kenya, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Syrian Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Yugoslavia.

Abstaining: Bahamas, Belgium, Bhutan, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Chad, Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Djibouti, El Salvador, Fiji, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Mexico, Mongolia, Netherlands, Nigeria, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Portugal, Samoa, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, Venezuela, Zambia.

G. American Samoa

38. At the 26th meeting, on 27 November, the Chairman drew attention to a draft resolution concerning American Samoa (A/C.4/33/L.15) which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Australia, Dominican Republic, Fiji, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Sierra Leone, Singapore and United Republic of Tanzania.

39. At the 29th meeting, on 30 November, the representative of Australia, on behalf of the sponsors, introduced a revised text of the draft resolution (A/C.4/33/L.15/Rev.1), by which:

(a) Operative paragraph 7 of draft resolution A/C.4/33/L.15, which read:

"7. Calls upon the administering Power to take all possible steps to diversify the economy of American Samoa and in order to work out concrete programmes of assistance and economic development for the Territory;"

was replaced by:

"7. Calls upon the administering Power to take all possible steps to strengthen and diversify the economy of American Samoa in order to work out concrete programmes of assistance and economic development for the Territory;"

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(b) Operative paragraph 9 of draft resolution A/C.4/33/L.15, which read:

"9. Urges the administering Power, with the co-operation of the Government of American Samoa, 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 right of the people to own and dispose of those natural resources and to establish and maintain control of their future development;"

was replaced by:

"9. Urges the administering Power, with the co-operation of the freely elected authorities and representatives of the people of American Samoa, 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 right of the people to own and dispose of those natural resources and to establish and maintain control of their future development;"

40. At its 33rd meeting, on 5 December, following a statement by the Secretary of the Committee under rule 153 of the rule of procedure of the General Assembly concerning the related administrative and financial implications, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/33/L.15/Rev.1 without objection (see para. 53 below, draft resolution III).

H. Guam

41. At the 26th meeting, on 27 November, the Chairman drew attention to a draft resolution concerning Guam (A/C.4/33/L.16) which was sponsored by the following Member States: Australia, Dominican Republic, Japan, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa and Sierra Leone.

42. At the 29th meeting, on 30 November, the representative of Australia, on behalf of the sponsors, who were subsequently joined by Costa Rica, introduced a revised text of the draft resolution (A/C.4/33/L.16/Rev.1), by which:

(a) Operative paragraph 6 of draft resolution A/C.4/33/L.16, which read:

"6. Calls upon the administering Power to take all possible steps to diversify the economy of the Territory and to work out concrete programmes of assistance and economic development for Guam;"

was replaced by:

"6. Calls upon the administering Power to take all possible steps to strengthen and diversify the economy of Guam and to work out concrete programmes of assistance and economic development for the Territory;"

(b) Operative paragraph 7 of draft resolution A/C.4/33/L.16, which read:

"7. Reaffirms its strong conviction that the presence of United States bases on Guam should not prevent the people of the Territory from freely exercising their right to self-determination in accordance with the Declaration and with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;"

was replaced by:

"7. Recalls its relevant resolutions concerning military bases in colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories, recognizes that the presence of military bases could constitute a factor impeding the implementation of the Declaration and reaffirms its strong conviction that the presence of military bases in Guam should not prevent the people of the Territory from exercising their inalienable right to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration and the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;"

(c) Operative paragraph 8 of draft resolution A/C.4/33/L.16, which read:

"8. Urges the administering Power, in co-operation with the Government of Guam, to safeguard the inalienable right of the people of the Territory to the enjoyment of its natural resources, by taking effective measures which guarantee the right of the people to own and dispose of those natural resources and to establish and maintain control of their future development;"

was replaced by:

"8. Urges the administering Power, in co-operation with the freely elected authorities and representatives of the people of Guam, to safeguard the inalienable right of the people of the Territory to the enjoyment of its natural resources, by taking effective measures which guarantee the right of the people to own and dispose of those natural resources and to establish and maintain control of their future development;"

(d) Operative paragraph 10 of draft resolution A/C.4/33/L.16, which read:

"10. Requests the Special Committee to continue to seek the best ways and means for the implementation of the Declaration with respect to Guam, including the dispatch of a visiting mission in consultation with the administering Power, to observe the constitutional referendum and conditions in Guam, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution."

was replaced by:

"10. Requests the Special Committee to continue to seek the best ways and means for the implementation of the Declaration with respect to Guam, including the dispatch of a visiting mission in consultation with the administering Power, to observe the constitutional referendum, to acquire first-hand information on the situation in the Territory and to ascertain the views of the people of Guam concerning their future political status, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution."

43. At its 33rd meeting, on 5 December, following a statement by the Secretary of the Committee under rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly concerning the related administrative and financial implications, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/33/L.16/Rev.1 without objection (see para. 53 below, draft resolution IV).

I. United States Virgin Islands

44. At the 26th meeting, on 27 November, the Chairman drew attention to a draft resolution concerning the United States Virgin Islands (A/C.4/33/L.17) which was sponsored by the following Member States: Australia, Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Fiji, Haiti, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand and Trinidad and Tobago.

45. At the 29th meeting, on 30 November, the representative of Australia, on behalf of the sponsors, now joined by Mali and Tunisia, introduced a revised text of the draft resolution (A/C.4/33/L.17/Rev.1), by which:

(a) Operative paragraph 4 of draft resolution A/C.4/33/L.17, which read:

"4. Requests the Government of the United States of America, as the administering Power, to continue to take all necessary measures, in consultation with the Government of the United States Virgin Islands, to enable the people of the Territory to exercise fully their right to self-determination in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration;"

was replaced by:

"4. Requests the Government of the United States of America, as the administering Power, to continue to take all necessary measures, in consultation with the freely elected authorities and representatives of the people of the United States Virgin Islands, to enable the people of the Territory to exercise fully their right to self-determination in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration;"

(b) Operative paragraph 6 of draft resolution A/C.4/33/L.17, which read:

"6. Urges the administering Power, with the co-operation of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands, to safeguard the inalienable right of the people of the Territory to the enjoyment of its natural resources by taking effective measures which guarantee the right of the people to own and dispose of those natural resources and to establish, maintain control of their future development;"

was replaced by:

"6. Urges the administering Power, in consultation with the fr

elected authorities and representatives of the people of the United States Virgin Islands, to safeguard the inalienable right of the people of the Territory to the enjoyment of its natural resources by taking effective measures which guarantee the right of the people to own and dispose of those natural resources and to establish and maintain control of their future development;"

(c) Operative paragraph 7 of draft resolution A/C.4/33/L.17, which read:

"7. Expresses the view that measures to promote the economic development of the United States Virgin Islands are an important element in the process of self-determination and, to this end, calls upon the administering Power, together with the Government of the United States Virgin Islands, to take all measures necessary to achieve a viable and stable economy in the Territory;"

was replaced by:

"7. Expresses the view that measures to promote the economic development of the United States Virgin Islands are an important element in the process of self-determination and, to this end, calls upon the administering Power, together with the freely elected authorities and representatives of the people of the United States Virgin Islands, to take all measures necessary to achieve a viable and stable economy in the Territory;"

46. At its 33rd meeting, on 5 December, following a statement by the Secretary of the Committee under rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly concerning the related administrative and financial implications, the Fourth Committee adopted revised draft resolution A/C.4/33/L.17/Rev.1 without objection (see para. 53 below, draft resolution V).

J. Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Montserrat, Turks and Caicos Islands and Cayman Islands

On 28 November, a draft resolution concerning the Territories listed above (A/C.4/33/L.21 and Corr.1) was circulated, which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Canada, India, Jamaica, Singapore, Trinidad and Tobago and United Republic of Tanzania.

At its 33rd meeting, on 5 December, following a statement by the Secretary of the Committee under rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly concerning the related administrative and financial implications, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/33/L.21 and Corr.1 without objection (see para. 53 below, draft resolution VI).

K. Belize

49. At the 30th meeting, on 1 December, the representative of Trinidad and Tobago introduced a draft resolution concerning Belize (A/C.4/33/L.19) which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Algeria, Angola, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Botswana, Canada, Congo, Denmark, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Kuwait, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mozambique, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Panama, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Yugoslavia and Zambia.

50. At the 31st meeting, on 4 December, the representative of Guatemala introduced a draft resolution concerning Belize (A/C.4/33/L.24), which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Bolivia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Morocco, Nicaragua and Paraguay. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Having considered the question of Belize,

"Having examined the relevant 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, 4/

"Having heard the statements by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland 5/ and of Guatemala, 6/ as well as the statements by the representatives of and petitioners from Belize, 7/

"Reaffirming the principles established in the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples set out in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, in particular that "all peoples have the right to self-determination, by virtue of which they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development",

"Bearing in mind that the Governments of Guatemala and the United

4/ A/33/23/Add.7, chap. XXIX.

5/ A/C.4/33/SR.27, paras. 13-22, and A/C.4/33/SR.30.

6/ A/C.4/33/SR.26, paras. 45-48, and A/C.4/33/SR.30.

7/ A/C.4/33/SR.23 and 29.

Kingdom have for many years been involved in a dispute concerning the Territory of Belize, which is the subject of direct negotiations between the parties,

"Considering that the Governments of Guatemala and the United Kingdom have reiterated their intention to achieve, through the negotiations, a speedy and satisfactory settlement of the dispute, paying particular attention to the rights and interests of the parties involved in the question,

"1. Urges the Governments of Guatemala and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to accelerate the negotiations in which they are engaged in order to achieve a speedy settlement of the dispute;

"2. Recommends to both Governments that in the negotiations account should be taken primarily of the rights of the parties and the vital interests of the people of Belize, in accordance with the principle of self-determination of peoples set out in the Declaration contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

"3. Requests both Governments to report to the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session, on the results achieved in the aforementioned negotiations."

51. At its 33rd meeting, on 5 December, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/33/L.19 by a recorded vote of 116 to 5, with 12 abstentions (see para. 53 below, draft resolution VII). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Empire, Chad, China, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, 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 Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Saudi Arabia.

Abstaining: Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Israel, Japan, Mauritania, Morocco, Spain, United States of America, Uruguay.

52. At the same meeting, the Fourth Committee rejected draft resolution A/C.4/33/L.24 by a recorded vote of 82 to 15, with 33 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Morocco, Nicaragua, Peru, Philippines, Spain, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Against: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bulgaria, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Empire, Chad, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mongolia, Mozambique, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Poland, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Abstaining: Botswana, Brazil, Burma, Colombia, France, Gabon, Germany, Federal Republic of, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Mauritania, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Yemen, Zaire.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

53. The Fourth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Question of the New Hebrides

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, 8/

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 3290 (XXIX) of 13 December 1974, 3433 (XXX) of 8 December 1975, 31/51 of 1 December 1976 and 32/26 of 28 November 1977,

Having heard the statements of the representatives of the Governments of France 9/ and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 10/ as the administering Powers, relating to developments in the New Hebrides,

Conscious of the need to accelerate progress towards the full implementation of the Declaration with respect to the New Hebrides,

Bearing in mind the constructive results achieved as a consequence of previous visiting missions to colonial Territories and reiterating its conviction that the dispatch of such a mission to the New Hebrides is essential for securing adequate and first-hand information in regard to the conditions prevailing in the Territory and to the views, wishes and aspirations of the people therein with respect to their future status,

Taking note of the joint commitment of the two administering Powers to bring the Territory to independence by 1980, 11/

8/ A/33/23 (Part II), chap. III, and A/33/23/Add.4, chap. XIII.

9/ See A/C.4/33/SR.32.

10/ A/C.4/33/SR.24, paras. 23-30, and A/C.4/33/SR.32.

11/ A/33/80.

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; 12/
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. Welcomes the joint commitment of the two administering Powers to independence for the New Hebrides as reiterated in their letter dated 11 April 1978 to the Secretary-General 13/ and urges them to continue their efforts towards the early independence of the Territory, in consultation with all the people of the Territory;
5. Requests the administering Powers to take all appropriate measures to strengthen the economy of the New Hebrides, to continue taking steps to unify the administration of the Territory and to work out concrete programmes of assistance and economic development;
6. Urges the administering Powers to continue their efforts, in co-operation with the people of the Territory, to promote a unitary system of education;
7. 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;
8. 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;
9. Requests the administering Powers in particular to take all necessary measures to safeguard the full enjoyment by the people of the Territory of their marine resources, through such measures as guarding against over-exploitation and contamination, and to ensure that the rights of the people with regard to ownership of land are fully safeguarded and respected;
10. Requests the Governments of France and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to facilitate the early dispatch of a United Nations visiting mission to the New Hebrides;
11. Requests the Special Committee to continue to seek the best ways and means for the implementation of the Declaration with respect to the New Hebrides, including the early dispatch of a visiting mission to the Territory, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

12/ A/33/23/Add.4, chap. XIII.

13/ A/33/80.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Question of Western Sahara

A

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Western Sahara,

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Having considered 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, 14/

Having heard the statements on the subject of Western Sahara, including the statements by the representative of the Frente Popular para la Liberación de Saguia el-Hamra y Río de Oro, 15/

Recalling the conclusions of the 1975 United Nations Visiting Mission to Western Sahara, 16/

Recalling the advisory opinion delivered by the International Court of Justice on 16 October 1975 17/ on the question of Western Sahara, particularly in relation to the principle of the right of the people of Western Sahara to self-determination,

Bearing in mind the profound concern of the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity and the non-aligned countries regarding the decolonization of Western Sahara and the right of the people of that Territory to self-determination,

Recalling its resolution 32/19 of 11 November 1977 regarding co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity,

Recalling the decision of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its thirteenth ordinary session, held at Port Louis from 2 to 6 July 1976, to hold an extraordinary session devoted to the question of Western Sahara, 18/

14/ A/33/23/Add.3.

15/ A/C.4/33/SR.22, paras. 78-93, and A/C.4/33/SR.30. See also A/C.4/33/L.22 and L.31.

16/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/10023/Rev.1), vol. III, chap. XIII, para. 11.

17/ Western Sahara, Advisory Opinion, I.C.J. Reports 1975, p. 12. For the note of transmittal to the members of the General Assembly, see A/10300.

18/ See A/31/136-S/12141, annex II, resolution AHG/Res.81 (XIII). For the printed text, see Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-first Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1976.

Taking note of the decision of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its fifteenth ordinary session, held at Khartoum from 18 to 22 July 1978, to establish an ad hoc committee of Heads of State to consider all the data on the question of Western Sahara, including the exercise of the right of the people of that Territory to self-determination, 19/

Reiterating its fervent hope that, by the time of the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly, the Organization of African Unity will have found, pursuant to the resolutions and decisions which it adopted at its thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth ordinary sessions on the question of Western Sahara, 20/ a solution to this problem in accordance with the right of peoples to self-determination set forth in resolution 1514 (XV),

Welcoming the unilateral cease-fire decision taken on 12 July 1978 by the Frente Popular para la Liberación de Saguia el-Hamra y Río de Oro, with a view to promoting a drive towards peace in Western Sahara,

1. Reaffirms its commitment to the principle of self-determination of peoples in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;
2. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of Western Sahara to self-determination and independence;
3. Reaffirms the responsibility of the United Nations with regard to the decolonization of Western Sahara, in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Declaration;
4. Requests the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to continue to keep developments in this matter under active review with a view to the full and speedy implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and to report to the Assembly at its thirty-fourth session;
5. Requests the Administrative Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to keep the Secretary-General of the United Nations informed of the progress achieved with regard to the implementation of the decisions of the Organization of African Unity concerning Western Sahara;
6. Invites the Secretary-General to submit a report on the question of Western Sahara to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session.

19/ A/33/235 and Corr.1, annex II, resolution AHG/Res.92 (XV).

20/ A/31/136-S/12141, annex II, resolution AHG/Res.8 (XIII); A/32/310, annex II, AHG/Dec.110 (XIV); and A/33/235 and Corr.1, annex II, resolution AHG/Res.92 (XV).

B

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and 1541 (XV) of 15 December 1960,

Recalling its relevant resolutions and those of the Organization of African Unity concerning the question of Western Sahara,

Considering the decision of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its fifteenth ordinary session, held at Port Louis from 2 to 6 July 1976, to hold an extraordinary session devoted to the question of Western Sahara, 21/

Considering also the decision of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its fifteenth ordinary session, held at Khartoum from 18 to 22 July 1978, to establish an ad hoc committee of Heads of State to consider the data on the question of Western Sahara, 22/

Recalling the part of the Political Declaration adopted by the Fifth Conference of Heads of State and Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Colombo from 16 to 19 August 1976, relating to Western Sahara, 23/

Taking note of the appeal addressed to States Members of the United Nations by the current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity, contained in document A/33/364,

Recalling its resolution 32/19 of 11 November 1977, regarding co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity,

1. Takes note of the decision of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its fifteenth ordinary session, held at Khartoum from 18 to 22 July 1978, to establish an ad hoc committee of Heads of State;
2. Expresses its confidence that the ad hoc committee will consider all the data on the question of Western Sahara with a view to convening an extraordinary summit meeting of the Organization of African Unity;
3. Invites the Organization of African Unity to take prompt action to find a just and equitable settlement of the question of Western Sahara;

21/ See A/31/136-S/12141, annex II, resolution AHG/Res.81 (XIII). For the printed text, see Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-first Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1976.

22/ A/33/235 and Corr.1, annex II, resolution AHG/Res.92 (XV).

23/ A/31/197, annex I, para. 35.

4. Appeals to all States in the region to refrain from any action that might impede the efforts of the Organization of African Unity to arrive at a just and peaceful solution of the problem;

5. Requests the Administrative Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to inform the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the results achieved by the ad hoc committee and invites the Secretary-General of the United Nations to report thereon to the General Assembly.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Question of American Samoa

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of American Samoa,

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, 24/

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 American Samoa,

Taking into account the statement of the administering Power relating to developments in American Samoa, 25/

Conscious of the need to promote progress towards the full implementation of the Declaration with respect to American Samoa,

Bearing in mind the constructive results achieved as a consequence of previous visiting missions to Non-Self-Governing Territories and reiterating its conviction that the dispatch of such missions is essential for securing adequate and first-hand information in regard to the conditions prevailing in those Territories and to the views, wishes and aspirations of the peoples therein with respect to their future status,

Welcoming the positive attitude of the administering Power with respect to the receiving of United Nations visiting missions,

Aware of the special circumstances of the geographical location and economic conditions of American Samoa, and stressing the necessity of diversifying the Territory's economy as a matter of priority, in order to reduce its dependence on fluctuating economic activities,

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 American Samoa; 26/
2. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of American Samoa to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

24/ A/33/23 (Part II), chap. III and A/33/23/Add.4, chap. XIX.

25/ A/C.4/33/SR.26, paras. 1-9.

26/ A/33/23/Add.4, chap. XIX.

3. Reaffirms its conviction that questions of territorial size, geographical location and limited resources should in no way delay the implementation of the Declaration with respect to American Samoa;

4. Calls upon the Government of the United States of America, as the administering Power, in consultation with the freely elected representatives of the people, to continue to take all the necessary steps to ensure the full and speedy attainment of the goals set forth in the Declaration with respect to the Territory;

5. Urges the administering Power to continue its efforts to ensure that the culture and identity of the people of the Territory continue to be reflected in the Government and administration of the Territory and preserved to the fullest extent;

6. Welcomes the holding of the first gubernatorial elections in the Territory on 8 November 1977, whereby the people of the Territory elected two American Samoans as Governor and Lieutenant Governor respectively;

7. Calls upon the administering Power to take all possible steps to strengthen and diversify the economy of American Samoa in order to work out concrete programmes of assistance and economic development for the Territory;

8. Requests the administering Power 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 American Samoa;

9. Urges the administering Power, with the co-operation of the freely elected authorities and representatives of the people of American Samoa, 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 right of the people to own and dispose of those natural resources and to establish and maintain control of their future development;

10. Urges the administering Power to continue to foster close relations and co-operation with neighbouring island communities;

11. Requests the Special Committee to continue to seek the best ways and means for the implementation of the Declaration with respect to American Samoa, including the dispatch of a visiting mission in consultation with the administering Power, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Question of Guam

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Guam,

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, 27/

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 Guam,

Conscious of the need to accelerate progress towards the full implementation of the Declaration with respect to Guam,

Having heard the statement of the administering Power, 28/

Noting that the administering Power continues to maintain military installations in the Territory,

Considering that the policy of maintaining military bases and installations in Non-Self-Governing Territories which inhibit the right of self-determination of peoples is incompatible with the relevant resolutions of the United Nations,

Noting that a constitutional referendum is proposed to be held in the Territory in May/June 1979,

Mindful that Guam requires the continued attention and assistance of the United Nations in the achievement by its people of the objectives embodied in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Declaration,

Aware of the special circumstances of the geographical location and economic conditions of Guam, and stressing the necessity of diversifying its economy as a matter of priority in order to reduce its dependence on fluctuating economic activities,

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 Guam; 29/

27/ A/33/23 (Part II), chap. III, A/33/23 (Part IV), chap. V, and A/33/23/Add.6, chap. XXVII.

28/ A/C.4/33/SR.26, paras. 1-9.

29/ A/33/23/Add.6, chap. XXVII.

2. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of Guam to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;
3. Reaffirms its conviction that questions of territorial size, geographical location and limited resources should in no way delay the implementation of the Declaration with respect to the Territory;
4. Calls upon the Government of the United States of America, as the administering Power, in consultation with the freely elected representatives of the people, to continue to take all the necessary steps to ensure the full and speedy attainment of the goals set forth in the Declaration with respect to Guam;
5. Welcomes the invitation extended by the Government of the United States to the Special Committee to send a visiting mission to Guam to observe the forthcoming referendum on a draft constitution and to observe conditions in the Territory; 30/
6. Calls upon the administering Power to take all possible steps to strengthen and diversify the economy of Guam and to work out concrete programmes of assistance and economic development for the Territory;
7. Recalls its relevant resolutions concerning military bases in colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories, recognizes that the presence of military bases could constitute a factor impeding the implementation of the Declaration and reaffirms its strong conviction that the presence of military bases in Guam should not prevent the people of the Territory from exercising their inalienable right to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration and the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;
8. Urges the administering Power, in co-operation with the freely elected authorities and representatives of the people of Guam, to safeguard the inalienable right of the people of the Territory to the enjoyment of its natural resources by taking effective measures which guarantee the right of the people to own and dispose of those natural resources and to establish and maintain control of their future development;
9. Requests the administering Power 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 Guam;
10. Requests the Special Committee to continue to seek the best ways and means for the implementation of the Declaration with respect to Guam, including the dispatch of a visiting mission in consultation with the administering Power, to observe the constitutional referendum, to acquire first-hand information on the situation in the Territory and to ascertain the views of the people of Guam concerning their future political status, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Question of the United States Virgin Islands

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the United States Virgin Islands,

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, 31/

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,

Noting the active co-operation given by the administering Power, both through its active participation in the work of the Special Committee and through its willingness to receive visiting missions to small Territories under its administration,

Recalling the report of the 1977 United Nations Visiting Mission to the United State Virgin Islands, 32/

Having heard the statement of the administering Power, 33/

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 United States Virgin Islands; 34/

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

3. Reaffirms its conviction that questions of territorial size, geographical location and limited resources should in no way delay the implementation of the Declaration with respect to the Territory;

31/ A/33/23 (Part II), chap. II; A/33/23 (Part IV), chap. V; and A/33/24/Add.5, chap. XXVI.

32/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/32/23/Rev.1), vol. IV, chap. XXVII, annex.

33/ A/C.4/33/SR.26, paras. 1-9.

34/ A/33/23/Add.5, chap. XXVI.

4. Requests the Government of the United States of America, as the administering Power, to continue to take all necessary measures, in consultation with the freely elected authorities and representatives of the people of the United States Virgin Islands, to enable the people of the Territory to exercise fully their right to self-determination in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration;

5. Requests the administering Power to encourage further and meaningful discussion regarding the political and constitutional status of the Territory and to take such additional measures as would ensure preservation of the identity and cultural heritage of the people of the United States Virgin Islands;

6. Urges the administering Power, in consultation with the freely elected authorities and representatives of the people of the United States Virgin Islands, to safeguard the inalienable right of the people of the Territory to the enjoyment of its natural resources by taking effective measures which guarantee the right of the people to own and dispose of those natural resources and to establish and maintain control of their future development;

7. Expresses the view that measures to promote the economic development of the United States Virgin Islands are an important element in the process of self-determination and, to this end, calls upon the administering Power, together with the freely elected authorities and representatives of the people of the United States Virgin Islands, to take all measures necessary to achieve a viable and stable economy in the Territory;

8. Requests the administering Power to continue to enlist the assistance of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system in the development and strengthening of the economy of the United States Virgin Islands;

9. Requests the Special Committee to continue the examination of this question at its next session, including the possible dispatch of a further visiting mission to the United States Virgin Islands at an appropriate time and in consultation with the administering Power, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VI

Question of Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Montserrat,
Turks and Caicos Islands and Cayman Islands

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Montserrat, Turks and Caicos Islands and Cayman Islands,

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, 35/

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 Territories listed above, in particular General Assembly resolutions 32/29 and 32/30 of 28 November 1977,

Taking into account the statement of the administering Power relating to the Territories listed above, 36/

Noting the continued readiness of the administering Power to grant independence to the peoples of the Territories under its administration on the basis of their express wishes and aspirations in that regard, and its declared policy of fostering the growth of free and democratic political institutions in those Territories,

Conscious of the need to accelerate progress towards the full implementation of the Declaration with respect to the Territories concerned,

Bearing in mind the constructive results that can be achieved as a consequence of United Nations visiting missions to colonial Territories, which provide an effective means of ascertaining the situation in the Territories visited, and reiterating its conviction that the dispatch of such missions is essential for securing adequate and first-hand information in regard to the political, economic and social conditions in those Territories and to the views, wishes and aspirations of the peoples therein,

Mindful that those Territories require the continued attention and assistance of the United Nations in the achievement by their peoples of the objectives embodied in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Declaration,

35/ A/33/23 (Part II), chap. II; A/33/23 (Part III), chap. IV; A/33/23 (Part IV), chap. V; and A/33/23/Add.5, chaps. XXI-XXV.

36/ A/C.4/33/SR.24, paras. 23-30.

Aware of the special circumstances of the geographical location and economic conditions of the Territories concerned, and stressing the necessity of diversifying and strengthening further their economies as a matter of priority in order to promote economic stability and reduce their dependence on fluctuating economic activities,

1. Approves the 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 relating to Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Montserrat, Turks and Caicos Islands and Cayman Islands; 37/
2. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the peoples of those Territories to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;
3. Reaffirms its conviction that questions of territorial size, geographical isolation and limited resources should in no way delay the implementation of the Declaration with respect to the Territories concerned;
4. Calls upon the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the administering Power, in consultation with the freely elected representatives of the peoples, to continue to take all the necessary steps to ensure the full and speedy attainment of the goals set forth in the Declaration with respect to the Territories;
5. Calls upon the administering Power to expand its programme of budgetary aid and to take all possible steps, in consultation with the local authorities, as appropriate, to diversify and strengthen further the economies of the Territories listed above and to work out concrete programmes of assistance and economic development for those Territories;
6. Urges the administering Power, with the co-operation of the freely elected authorities and representatives of the peoples of the Territories concerned, to safeguard the inalienable right of the peoples of those Territories to the enjoyment of their natural resources by taking effective measures which guarantee the rights of the peoples to own and dispose of those natural resources and to establish and maintain control of their future development;
7. Requests the administering Power, in consultation with the freely elected authorities and representatives of the peoples of the Territories concerned, to pay particular attention to the training of qualified local personnel;
8. Welcomes the positive attitude of the administering Power with respect to the receiving of United Nations visiting missions in the Territories under its administration and requests the Chairman of the Special Committee to continue his consultations with a view to the dispatch of such missions, as appropriate;

9. Requests the administering Power 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 those Territories;

10. Requests the Special Committee to continue to seek the best ways and means for the implementation of the Declaration with respect to Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Montserrat, Turks and Caicos Islands and Cayman Islands, including the possible dispatch of visiting missions in consultation with the administering Power, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VII

Question of Belize

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Belize,

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, 38/

Recalling its resolutions 3432 (XXX) of 8 December 1975, 31/50 of 1 December 1976 and 32/32 of 28 November 1977,

Having heard the statements of the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland 39/ and of Guatemala, 40/

Having heard the statement of the representative of Belize, 41/

Having also heard the statements of the petitioners, 42/

Reaffirming the principles established in the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, set out in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, in particular that all peoples have the right to self-determination, by virtue of which right they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development,

Recalling that, in the Bogotá Declaration of 6 August 1977, it was agreed that "a solution of the Belize question should be found by the peaceful methods consecrated in the charters of the Organization of American States and the United Nations, and in accordance with respect for its territorial integrity and with the principle of the free self-determination of peoples",

Bearing in mind the relevant sections of the Declaration of the Conference of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Belgrade from 25 to 30 July 1978, 43/

38/ A/33/23 (Part IV), chap. V; and A/33/23/Add.7, chap. XXIX.

39/ A/C.4/33/SR.27, paras. 13-22, and A/C.4/33/SR.30.

40/ A/C.4/33/SR.26, paras. 45-48, and A/C.4/33/SR.30.

41/ A/C.4/33/SR.29, paras. 42-57.

42/ A/C.4/33/SR.23, paras. 46-52, 56-60 and 62-68. See also A/C.4/33/L.26-28.

43/ A/33/206, annex I, paras. 122 and 123.

Reiterating its conviction that the people of Belize should be assisted in a practical manner to exercise freely and without fear their inalienable right to self-determination, independence and territorial integrity,

Deeply regretting the continued failure of the parties concerned to conclude an agreement in conformity with the principles established in General Assembly resolutions 3432 (XXX), 31/50 and 32/32, and the resultant delay in the speedy achievement of the secure independence of Belize,

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of Belize to self-determination and independence;
2. Reaffirms that the inviolability and territorial integrity of Belize must be preserved;
3. Urges the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, acting in close consultation with the Government of Belize, and the Government of Guatemala to pursue vigorously their negotiations with a view to settling their differences over Belize, without prejudice to the right of the people of Belize to self-determination, independence and territorial integrity, and furthering the peace and stability of the region, and in this connexion to consult as appropriate with other especially interested States in the area;
4. Requests the Governments concerned to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session on the outcome of the negotiations referred to above;
5. Calls upon the parties involved to refrain from any threats or use of force against the people of Belize or their territory;
6. Recognizes that it is the responsibility of the United Kingdom, as the administering Power, to take all necessary steps to enable the people of Belize to exercise freely and without fear their right to self-determination and to a firm and early independence;
7. Urges all States to respect the right of the people of Belize to self-determination, independence and territorial integrity, and to render all practical assistance necessary for the secure and early exercise of that right;
8. Requests the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to remain seized of the question and to assist the people of Belize in the exercise of their inalienable rights.

54. The Fourth Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft consensuses:

DRAFT CONSENSUS I

Question of Gibraltar

The General Assembly, noting that, since the adoption of its resolution 3286 (XXIX) of 13 December 1974, talks have been held between the Governments of Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the question of Gibraltar, and also noting that, in the course of the current year, joint working parties have been established to study a number of fields and agreement has been reached to discuss the future evolution of relations between Spain and the United Kingdom with regard to Gibraltar, urges both Governments to make possible without delay, taking due account of current circumstances, the initiation of the negotiations envisaged in the consensus approved by the Assembly on 14 December 1973, 44/ with the object of reaching a lasting solution to the problem of Gibraltar, in the light of the relevant resolutions of the Assembly and in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations.

DRAFT CONSENSUS II

Question of Tokelau

The General Assembly, having heard the statement of the representative of New Zealand, as the administering Power, 45/ 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 46/ and endorsing the conclusions and recommendations contained therein, 47/ reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of Tokelau to self-determination in conformity with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960. The General Assembly notes that it is the stated policy of the administering Power that it 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). The General Assembly commends the administering Power for its continued co-operation and particularly for its efforts to foster an increased awareness of all the possibilities open to the Tokelauans through the process of political education. The General Assembly notes the various

44/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 30 (A/9030), p. 111, item 23.

45/ A/C.4/33/SR.25, paras. 23-33.

46/ A/33/23 (Part II), chap. III; and A/33/23/Add.4, chap. XIV.

47/ A/33/23/Add.4, chap. XIV, para. 10.

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 urges the administering Power to continue to explore various avenues for diversifying the sources of revenue 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. 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-fourth session on the implementation of the present consensus.

DRAFT CONSENSUS III

Question of St. Helena

The General Assembly, having heard the statement of the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the administering Power, 48/ 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, 49/ reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of St. Helena to self-determination in conformity with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples contained in Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960. Noting the commitment of the Government of the United Kingdom to respect the wishes of the people of the Territory in relation to their advance towards self-determination and to carry out a policy aimed at implementing General Assembly decision 32/410 of 28 November 1977 on St. Helena, the Assembly reaffirms that continued development assistance from the administering Power, together with any assistance that the international community may be in a position to provide, constitutes an important means of developing the economic potential of the Territory and of enhancing the capacity of its people to realize fully the goals set forth in the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations. In this connexion, the General Assembly notes the commitment of the administering Power to foster the social and economic development of St. Helena in close co-operation with the elected representatives of the people of the Territory. The General Assembly also

48/ A/C.4/33/SR.24, paras. 23-30.

49/ A/33/23 (Part II), chap. III; and A/33/23/Add.4, chap. XVIII.

notes the positive attitude of the administering Power with respect to the question of receiving visiting missions and requests the Chairman of the Special Committee to continue his consultations in that regard with a view to the dispatch of such a mission to the Territory, as appropriate. 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 St. Helena and to report thereon to the Assembly at its thirty-fourth session.

DRAFT CONSENSUS IV

Question of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands

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 50/ and having heard the statement of the representative of Australia with regard to the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, 51/ 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 Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, with regard to the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, and its continued preparedness to receive a further visiting mission in the Territory at an appropriate time. The General Assembly reaffirms that it is for the people of the Territory themselves to determine fully their future political status in conformity with resolution 1514 (XV) and in this connexion, recalling the responsibility of the administering Power to ensure that the people of the Territory are fully informed of the options available to them in the exercise of their right to self-determination, notes with satisfaction the commitment of the administering Power to continue its policy of assuring the political, social and economic development of the people of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands. In this regard, the General Assembly welcomes the purchase by the Government of Australia from Mr. John Clunies Ross of the whole of his interests in the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, with the exception of his residence and an associated dwelling, and also notes with satisfaction the establishment of the first elected Advisory Council, as well as other measures announced by the Australian Minister for Home Affairs. The General Assembly considers that the fulfilment of these measures would constitute an important step towards 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 1979, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its thirty-fourth session.

50/ A/33/23 (Part II), chap. III; and A/33/23/Add.4, chap. XII.

51/ A/C.4/33/SR.26, paras. 10-14.

55. Finally, the Fourth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Questions of Brunei, of Pitcairn, of the Falkland
Islands (Malvinas) and of the Gilbert Islands

The General Assembly decides to defer until its thirty-fourth session consideration of the questions of Brunei, of Pitcairn, of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) and of the Gilbert Islands and requests the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to continue to keep the situation in the Territories under review and to report thereon to the Assembly.

DRAFT DECISION II

Question of Antigua, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla,
St. Lucia and St. Vincent

The General Assembly decides to defer until its thirty-fourth session consideration of the question of Antigua, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia and St. Vincent.
