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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING
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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1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 24 September 1976, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its thirty-first session an item entitled:

"Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: 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 the same meeting, the General 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>
Spanish Sahara	A/31/23/Add.5 and Corr.1, chap. XI
Timor	A/31/23/Add.6, chap. XII
Gibraltar	A/31/23/Add.7 (Part I), chap. XIII
French Somaliland ^{1/}	A/31/23/Add.7 (Part II), chap. XIV
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	A/31/23/Add.8 (Part I), chap. XV
New Hebrides	A/31/23/Add.8 (Part I), chap. XVI
Tokelau Islands	A/31/23/Add.8 (Part II), chap. XVII
Brunei	A/31/23/Add.8 (Part III), chap. XVIII
Gilbert Islands, Pitcairn and Tuvalu	A/31/23/Add.8 (Part III), chap. XIX
St. Helena	A/31/23/Add.8 (Part III), chap. XX
Solomon Islands	A/31/23/Add.8 (Part III), chap. XXI
American Samoa	A/31/23/Add.8 (Part III), chap. XXII
Guam	A/31/23/Add.8 (Part III), chap. XXIII
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands	A/31/23/Add.8 (Part III), chap. XXIV
Antigua, Dominica, St. Kitts-Nevis- Anguilla, St. Lucia and St. Vincent	A/31/23/Add.9 (Part I), chap. XXV
Belize	A/31/23/Add.9 (Part I), chap. XXVI
Bermuda	A/31/23/Add.9 (Part I), chap. XXVII
British Virgin Islands	A/31/23/Add.9 (Part II), chap. XXVIII
Cayman Islands, Montserrat and Turks and Caicos Islands	A/31/23/Add.9 (Part III), chap. XXIX
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	A/31/23/Add.9 (Part III), chap. XXX
United States Virgin Islands	A/31/23/Add.9 (Part III), chap. XXXI

^{1/} Note by the Rapporteur: The new designation of the Territory is French Territory of the Afars and the Issas (see Terminology Bulletin No. 240 (ST/CS/SER.F/240) of 15 April 1968).

3. At its 3rd meeting, on 5 October, the Fourth Committee decided to hold a general debate covering agenda items 25, 84, 88 and 12, 89 and 90, on the understanding that individual draft resolutions on matters covered by those items would be considered separately.

4. The Fourth Committee considered item 25 at its 10th to 29th, 31st and 32nd meetings, between 26 October and 25 November.

5. At the 10th meeting, on 26 October, 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 Indonesia dated 22 December 1975 and 15 June 1976 (A/31/42-S/11923 and A/31/109-S/12097);
- (b) Letters from Algeria dated 6 February, 8 March, 17 May, 23 June, 13 July and 26 October 1976 (A/31/48-S/11971, A/31/59-S/12002, A/31/91-S/12076, A/31/112-S/12108, A/31/136-S/12141 and A/31/283);
- (c) Letter from Madagascar dated 13 February 1976 (A/31/52-S/11981);
- (d) Letter from Argentina dated 23 February 1976 (A/31/55);
- (e) Letter from Spain dated 26 February 1976 (A/31/56-S/11997);
- (f) Letters from Mauritania dated 14 and 24 June and 15 July 1976 (A/31/106-S/12095, A/31/114-S/12116 and A/31/138-S/12143);
- (g) Letters from France and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland dated 2 July and 26 October 1976 (A/31/121 and A/31/286).
- (h) Letter from Sri Lanka dated 1 September 1976 (A/31/197);
- (i) Letter from Turkey dated 30 September 1976 (A/31/237);
- (j) Note verbale from Somalia dated 15 October 1976 (A/31/269);
- (k) Letter from Morocco dated 28 October 1976 (A/31/306).

6. At the 15th meeting, on 4 November, during the discussion on Belize, the Fourth Committee heard a statement by Mr. Carl L. B. Rogers, Deputy Premier and Minister for Internal Affairs and Health of Belize.

7. At the 14th meeting, on 3 November, on the proposal of the representative of Democratic Yemen and following a statement by the Secretary of the Committee

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concerning the related administrative and financial implications, the Fourth Committee decided that the statements concerning the question of French Somaliland made during the meeting should be reproduced in extenso in the record of the meeting. Subsequently, at the 17th meeting, on 8 November, on the proposal of the representative of Democratic Yemen and following a statement by the Chairman concerning the related administrative and financial implications, the Fourth Committee decided that all the statements on the question of French Somaliland made by the representative of the administering Power and the representatives of Ethiopia and Somalia, as well as the statements made by the representatives of the national liberation movements and the petitioners concerned, should be reproduced in extenso in the records of the relevant meetings.

8. At the 22nd meeting, on 11 November, on the proposal of the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania and Madagascar and following a statement by the Chairman concerning the related administrative and financial implications, the Fourth Committee decided that the statements relating to the question of Western Sahara made during the meeting should be reproduced in extenso in the record of the meeting. At the 23rd meeting, on 12 November, at the request of the representative of Spain, the Fourth Committee decided that the statement made by that representative on the question of Western Sahara should be reproduced in extenso in the record of the meeting. At the same meeting, the Committee, on the proposal of the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania, decided that the statements made during the meeting by the representatives of Morocco, Mauritania and Algeria on the aforementioned question should also be reproduced in extenso in the record of the meeting.

9. During the Fourth Committee's consideration of that part of the item relating to French Somaliland, Mr. Warsama Assowe Dhabar, representative of the Front de libération de la Côte des Somalis (FLCS), and Mr. Ahmed Bourhan Omar, representative of the Mouvement de libération de Djibouti (MLD), participated in an observer capacity in the proceedings of the Committee, in accordance with the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 3412 (XXX) of 28 November 1975.

10. Mr. Warsama Assowe Dhabar made statements at the 14th, 17th and 21st meetings, on 3, 8 and 11 November 1976. Mr. Ahmed Bourhan Omar made a statement at the 17th meeting.

11. 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. Mahmud Saedon A. Othman, Head of the Foreign Affairs Bureau, Partai Rakyat Brunei (PRB) (People's Party of Brunei) (A/C.4/31/3)	10th

- Mr. Mohamed Abdelaziz, Secretary-General,
Frente Popular para la Liberación de Saguia
el Hamra y Río de Oro (Frente POLISARIO)
(A/C.4/31/4) 10th
- Mr. José Ramos Horta, member of the Central
Committee, Executive Committee and Political-
Military Committee, Frente Revolucionária de
Timor Leste Independente (FRETILIN)
(A/C.4/31/7) 10th
- Mr. Hassan Gouled Aptidon, President, Ligue
populaire africaine pour l'indépendance (LPAI)
(A/C.4/31/8) 10th
- Mr. Mohamed Kamil Ali, President, Mouvement
populaire de libération (MPL) (A/C.4/31/8/Add.1) 10th
- Mr. Ahmed Youssouf Houmed, Secretary-General,
Union nationale pour l'indépendance (UNI)
(A/C.4/31/8/Add.2) 10th
- Mr. Abdallah Mohamed Kamil, President of the
Government Council of the French Territory
of the Afars and the Issas (A/C.4/31/8/Add.3) 11th
- Mr. Hassan Youssouf Mahamoud 2/ 20th
12. At the 13th meeting, on 2 November, Mr. Mari Alkatiri of FRETILIN made a statement. At the 14th meeting, on 3 November, Mr. Abdallah Mohamed Kamil, President of the Government Council of the French Territory of the Afars and the Issas, made a statement. At the 17th meeting, on 8 November, statements were made by Mr. Mohamed Kamil Ali, of MPL, and Mr. Ahmed Dini Ahmed of LPAI. At the 20th meeting, on 10 November, Mr. Abdallah Mohamed Kamil replied to a question put to him by a member of the Committee, and Mr. Ahmed Youssouf Houmed of UNI made a statement. At the same meeting, following a procedural discussion, the Committee, by a vote of 20 to 1, with 86 abstentions, decided to hear Mr. Hassan Youssouf Mahamoud at that meeting. Accordingly, Mr. Hassan Youssouf Mahamoud made a statement concerning the question of French Somaliland at the aforementioned meeting. At the 22nd meeting, on 11 November, Mr. Mohamed Abdelaziz of the Frente POLISARIO made a statement. No representatives of PRB appeared before the Committee.

13. The general debate covering the items referred to in paragraph 3 above took place at the 11th to 24th and 27th meetings, between 28 October and 17 November.

2/ See para. 12 below.

14. In connexion with item 25, the Fourth Committee adopted 15 draft resolutions and four draft consensuses concerning the following Territories:

- I. Western Sahara
- II. Solomon Islands
- III. Gilbert Islands
- IV. Tokelau Islands
- V. Falkland Islands (Malvinas)
- VI. Belize
- VII. New Hebrides
- VIII. Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Montserrat and Turks and Caicos Islands
- IX. St. Helena (consensus)
- X. Tuvalu (consensus)
- XI. Timor
- XII. British Virgin Islands
- XIII. American Samoa
- XIV. Gibraltar (consensus)
- XV. Cocos (Keeling) Islands (consensus)
- XVI. Brunei
- XVII. United States Virgin Islands
- XVIII. Guam
- XIX. French Somaliland

An account of the Committee's consideration of the draft resolutions and the draft consensuses is given in sections I to XIX below.

15. At its 28th meeting, on 18 November, the Fourth Committee took decisions concerning the questions of Pitcairn and of Antigua, Dominica, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia and St. Vincent, as reflected in paragraph 73 below. In taking these decisions, 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 latter group of Territories at its next session.

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I. WESTERN SAHARA

16. At the 22nd meeting, on 11 November, the Chairman drew attention to a draft resolution prepared by him concerning Western Sahara (A/C.4/31/L.13).
17. At the 23rd meeting, on 12 November, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/31/L.13 without objection (see para. 71 below, draft resolution I).

II. SOLOMON ISLANDS

18. At the 19th meeting, on 9 November, the Chairman drew attention to a draft resolution concerning the Solomon Islands (A/C.4/31/L.3).
19. At the 21st meeting, on 11 November, the representative of Papua New Guinea introduced draft resolution A/C.4/31/L.3, which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Australia, Austria, Canada, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Japan, Malaysia, Mozambique, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda and United Republic of Tanzania.
20. At the 25th meeting, on 15 November, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/31/L.3 without objection (see para. 71 below, draft resolution II).

III. GILBERT ISLANDS

21. At the 21st meeting, on 11 November, the representative of Sierra Leone introduced a draft resolution concerning the Gilbert Islands (A/C.4/31/L.7), which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Australia, Denmark, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Liberia, Malaysia, Mali, Mozambique, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Syrian Arab Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania and Yugoslavia.
22. At the 25th meeting, on 15 November, 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 resolution A/C.4/31/L.7 without objection (see para. 71 below, draft resolution III).

IV. TOKELAU ISLANDS

23. At the 23rd meeting, on 12 November, the Chairman drew attention to a draft resolution concerning the Tokelau Islands (A/C.4/31/L.14).
24. At the 24th meeting, on the same date, the representative of Iran introduced draft resolution A/C.4/31/L.14, which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Congo, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq,

Ivory Coast, Japan, Malaysia, Mozambique, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sierra Leone, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon and United Republic of Tanzania.

25. At the 25th meeting, on 15 November, 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 resolution A/C.4/31/L.14 without objection (see para. 71 below, draft resolution IV).

V. FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS)

26. At the 22nd meeting, on 11 November, the representative of Iraq introduced a draft resolution concerning the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (A/C.4/31/L.8). The draft resolution in its revised form (A/C.4/31/L.8/Rev.1) was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Benin, Bolivia, Burundi, Colombia, Cuba, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Iraq, Mali, Mexico, Mozambique, Panama, Peru, Senegal, Syrian Arab Republic, Uganda, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

27. At the 25th meeting, on 15 November, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/31/L.8/Rev.1 by a recorded vote of 94 to 1, with 32 abstentions (see para. 71 below, draft resolution V). The voting was as follows.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Bahrain, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Republic, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Surinam, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Against: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Botswana, Canada, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Federal Republic of, Guyana, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Luxembourg, Malawi, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Portugal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, United States of America, Zaire.

VI. BELIZE

28. At the 22nd meeting, on 11 November, the Chairman drew attention to a draft resolution concerning Belize (A/C.4/L.10).

29. At the 26th meeting, on 17 November, the representative of Kuwait introduced draft resolution A/C.4/31/L.10, which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Afghanistan, Algeria, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Burundi, Canada, Chad, Congo, Cuba, Denmark, Equatorial Guinea, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, India, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mozambique, Nepal, New Zealand, Oman, Romania, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Surinam, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Yugoslavia, Zaire and Zambia. In his statement, the representative of Kuwait submitted, on behalf of the sponsors, an oral revision to the text of the draft resolution by which, in the fourth preambular paragraph, the words "in pursuance of paragraph 6 of resolution 3432 (XXX)", were deleted.

30. At the same meeting, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/31/L.10, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 111 to 9, with 15 abstentions (see para. 71 below, draft resolution VI). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, China, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, 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, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Surinam, 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, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Bolivia, Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Uruguay.

Abstaining: Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Israel, Japan, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Peru, Spain, United States of America, Venezuela.

VII. NEW HEBRIDES

31. At the 25th meeting, on 15 November, the Chairman drew attention to a draft resolution concerning the New Hebrides (A/C.4/31/L.19), which was sponsored by the following Member States: Australia, Ghana, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sierra Leone, and United Republic of Tanzania.

32. On 16 November, a revised text of the draft resolution (A/C.4/31/L.19/Rev.1) was circulated by the sponsors, now including the Ivory Coast and Mozambique, by which the fifth preambular paragraph, which read:

"Having heard the statement of the representative of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as an administering Power, relating to developments in the New Hebrides,"

was replaced by:

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

33. At its 27th meeting, on 17 November, 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 revised draft resolution A/C.4/31/L.19/Rev.1 without objection (see para. 71 below, draft resolution VII).

VIII. BERMUDA, CAYMAN ISLANDS, MONTSERRAT,
AND TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

34. At the 25th meeting, on 15 November, the representative of Barbados introduced a draft resolution concerning the Territories listed above (A/C.4/31/L.20), which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Canada, Guyana, India, Trinidad and Tobago and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

35. In his statement, the representative of Barbados submitted, on behalf of the sponsors, now joined by Australia, Benin, Guinea, the Ivory Coast, Jamaica and Mozambique, the following oral revisions to the draft resolution:

(a) The ninth preambular paragraph, which read:

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

was replaced by the following:

"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 to reduce their dependence on fluctuating economic activities,"

(b) In operative paragraph 2, the phrase "should they so wish," was deleted;

(c) Operative paragraph 5, which read:

"5. Calls upon the administering Power to take all possible steps, in consultation with the local authorities as appropriate, to diversify the economies of the Territories listed above and to work out concrete programmes of assistance and economic development for those Territories;"

was replaced by:

"5. Calls upon the administering Power to expand its programme of budgetary and development 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;"

36. At its 27th meeting, on 17 November, 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 resolution A/C.4/31/L.20/Rev.1 without objection (see para. 71 below, draft resolution VIII).

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IX. ST. HELENA

37. At the 25th meeting, on 15 November, the Chairman drew attention to a draft consensus concerning St. Helena (A/C.4/31/L.17).

38. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee made a statement under the terms of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly concerning the administrative and financial implications of the recommendation contained in the draft consensus.

39. At its 27th meeting, on 17 November, the Fourth Committee adopted draft consensus A/C.4/31/L.17 without objection (see para. 72 below, draft consensus I).

X. TUVALU

40. At the 25th meeting, on 15 November, the Chairman drew attention to a draft consensus concerning Tuvalu (A/C.4/31/L.18).

41. At its 27th meeting, on 17 November, the Fourth Committee adopted draft consensus A/C.4/31/L.18 without objection (see para. 72 below, draft consensus II).

XI. TIMOR

42. On 10 November, a draft resolution concerning Timor (A/C.4/31/L.5) was circulated on behalf of the following Member States: Algeria, Benin, Congo, Cuba, Democratic Kampuchea, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau and Mozambique. A statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.4/31/L.9), submitted in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly concerning the related administrative and financial implications, was circulated on the same date. The draft resolution (A/C.4/31/L.5) read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recognizing the inalienable right of all peoples to self-determination and independence in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

"Recalling General Assembly resolution 3485 (XXX) of 12 December 1975 and Security Council resolutions 384 (1975) of 22 December 1975 and 389 (1976) of 22 April 1976,

"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 Territory, 3/

"Bearing in mind the political declaration of the Fifth Conference of the Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries in connexion with the question of East Timor, 4/

"Having heard the statement of the representative of Portugal, 5/

"Having also heard the statement of the representative of the Frente Revolucionária de Timor Leste Independente (FRETILIN), 6/

"Mindful that all States should, in conformity with Article 2, paragraph 4, of the Charter, refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or national independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations,

"Deeply concerned at the critical situation resulting from the military intervention of the armed forces of Indonesia in East Timor,

"1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of East Timor to self-determination and independence and the legitimacy of their struggle to achieve that right;

"2. Condemns the persistent refusal of the Government of Indonesia to comply with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 3485 (XXX) and Security Council resolutions 384 (1975) and 389 (1976);

"3. Rejects the claim that East Timor has been integrated into Indonesia inasmuch as the people of the Territory have not been able to exercise freely their right to self-determination and independence;

"4. Calls upon the Government of Indonesia to cease hostilities against the forces of the Frente Revolucionária de Timor Leste Independente (FRETILIN) and to withdraw all Indonesian forces from the Territory in compliance with the relevant United Nations resolutions;

"5. Draws the attention of the Security Council, in conformity with Article 11, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, to the critical situation in the Territory of East Timor and recommends that it take all effective steps for the immediate implementation of its resolutions 384 (1975) and 389 (1976) with a view to securing the full exercise by the people of East Timor of their right to self-determination and independence;

"6. Calls upon all States to respect the unity and territorial integrity of East Timor;

4/ A/31/197, annex I, para. 36.

5/ A/C.4/31/SR.13.

6/ Ibid.

"7. Decides to invite the representative of FRETILIN to participate as appropriate in its proceedings relating to East Timor, including those 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. Requests the Special Committee to keep the situation in the Territory under active consideration, to follow the implementation of the present resolution, to dispatch to the Territory as soon as possible a visiting mission with a view to the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session;

"9. Decides to include in the agenda of its thirty-second session an item entitled 'Question of East Timor'."

43. At the 21st meeting, on 11 November, the representative of Guinea-Bissau, on behalf of the sponsors, withdrew the draft resolution (A/C.4/31/L.5).

44. At the 25th meeting, on 15 November, the representatives of Guinea-Bissau, the United Republic of Tanzania and Benin introduced a draft resolution concerning Timor (A/C.4/31/L.15), which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Algeria, Benin, Congo, Cuba, Democratic Kampuchea, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mozambique and United Republic of Tanzania.

45. At the same meeting, the Chairman drew attention to a statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.4/31/L.21), submitted in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, concerning the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution (A/C.4/31/L.15).

46. At its 27th meeting, on 17 November, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/31/L.15 by a roll-call vote of 61 to 18, with 49 abstentions (see para. 71 below, draft resolution IX). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Albania, Algeria, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape Verde, Chad, China, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Sweden, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Zambia.

Against: Bangladesh, Chile, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Malaysia, Mauritania, Morocco, Nicaragua, Oman, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Surinam, Thailand, Tunisia, United States of America.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belgium, Bhutan, Bolivia, Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kuwait, Lebanon, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Qatar, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire.

XIII. BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

47. At the 21st meeting, on 11 November, the Chairman drew attention to a draft resolution concerning the British Virgin Islands (A/C.4/31/L.6).

48. At the 22nd meeting, on the same day, the representative of Sierra Leone introduced a revised text (A/C.4/31/L.6/Rev.1) of the draft resolution, which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Australia, Congo, Fiji, Grenada, India, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Kenya, Liberia, Mozambique, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Syrian Arab Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Republic of Cameroon, and United Republic of Tanzania.

49. The revised draft resolution (A/C.4/31/L.6/Rev.1) contained the following new paragraph which was added as operative paragraph 2:

"2. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of the British Virgin Islands to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);"

50. At the 25th meeting, on 15 November, the Secretary of the Committee made a statement, under the terms of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, concerning the administrative and financial implications of the recommendation contained in the draft resolution.

51. At the 27th meeting, on 17 November, the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the sponsors, submitted an oral revision to the text of the revised draft resolution by which, in the fourth preambular paragraph, the words "and the expression of his Government's readiness to grant independence to the British Virgin Islands if the majority of its inhabitants so desire" were deleted.

52. At its 28th meeting, on 18 November, the Fourth Committee adopted revised draft resolution A/C.4/31/L.6/Rev.1, as orally revised, without objection (see para. 71 below, draft resolution X).

XIII. AMERICAN SAMOA

53. At the 26th meeting, on 17 November, the Chairman drew attention to a draft resolution concerning American Samoa (A/C.4/31/L.22), which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Australia, Grenada, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sierra Leone and United Republic of Tanzania.

54. At the 28th meeting, on 18 November, the representative of Australia, on behalf of the sponsors, submitted the following oral revisions to the text of the draft resolution:

(a) The fourth preambular paragraph was deleted;

(b) At the end of operative paragraph 2, the following words were added: "contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV)".

55. At the same meeting, 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 resolution A/C.4/31/L.22, as orally revised, without objection (see para. 71 below, draft resolution XI).

XIV. GIBRALTAR

56. At the 26th meeting, on 17 November, the Chairman drew attention to a draft consensus concerning Gibraltar (A/C.4/31/L.23).

57. At its 28th meeting, on 18 November, the Fourth Committee adopted draft consensus A/C.4/31/L.23 without objection (see para. 72 below, draft consensus III).

XV. COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS

58. At the 26th meeting, on 17 November, the Chairman drew attention to a draft consensus concerning the Cocos (Keeling) Islands (A/C.4/31/L.24).

59. At its 28th meeting, on 18 November, 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.4/31/L.24 without objection (see para. 72 below, draft consensus IV).

XVI. BRUNEI

60. At the 22nd meeting, on 11 November, the Chairman drew attention to a draft resolution concerning Brunei (A/C.4/31/L.12).

61. At the 26th meeting, on 17 November, the representative of Malaysia introduced the draft resolution, which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Egypt, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Libyan Arab Republic, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mozambique, Philippines, Syrian Arab Republic and United Republic of Tanzania.

62. At the 28th meeting, on 18 November, 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 resolution A/C.4/31/L.12 by 107 votes to none, with 15 abstentions (see para. 71 below, draft resolution XII).

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XVII. UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

63. At the 28th meeting, on 18 November, the Chairman drew attention to a draft resolution concerning the United States Virgin Islands (A/C.4/31/L.25), which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Dominican Republic, Ivory Coast and Sierra Leone.

64. At the same meeting, the representative of the Ivory Coast, on behalf of the sponsors, submitted an oral revision to the text of the draft resolution, by which the fourth preambular paragraph was deleted.

65. At its 29th meeting, on 19 November, 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 resolution A/C.4/31/L.25, as orally revised, without objection (see para. 71 below, draft resolution XIII).

XVIII. GUAM

66. At the 31st meeting, on 24 November, the Chairman drew attention to a draft resolution concerning Guam (A/C.4/31/L.26), which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Benin, Comoros, Cuba, Iraq, Lao People's Democratic Republic and Libyan Arab Republic.

67. At its 32nd meeting, on 25 November, 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 resolution A/C.4/31/L.26 by a recorded vote of 60 to 21, with 42 abstentions (see para. 71 below, draft resolution XIV). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Bahrain, Barbados, Benin, Bulgaria, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape Verde, China, Comoros, Congo, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, India, Iraq, Jamaica, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libyan Arab Republic, Madagascar, Mali, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Against: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Dominican Republic, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Grenada, Haiti, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

Abstaining: Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Chad, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Malaysia, Nepal, Norway, Oman, Paraguay, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, Surinam, Sweden, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Upper Volta, Zaire.

XIX. FRENCH SOMALILAND

68. At the 31st meeting, on 24 November, the representative of Egypt introduced a draft resolution concerning French Somaliland (A/C.4/31/L.27), which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Algeria, Benin, Burundi, Cape Verde, Chad, Congo, Democratic Yemen, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Republic, Madagascar, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen and Zambia.

69. At the 32nd meeting, on 25 November, the Chairman drew attention to a statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.4/31/L.28), submitted in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, concerning the related administrative and financial implications of draft resolution A/C.4/31/L.27.

70. At the same meeting, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/31/L.27 by a recorded vote of 111 to none, with 18 abstentions (see para. 71 below, draft resolution XV). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape Verde, Chad, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Republic, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Philippines,

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Poland, Portugal, Romania, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Surinam, 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 Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: None

Abstaining: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Spain, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

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

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Question of Western Sahara

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,

Considering 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, 7/

Taking note of the part regarding Western Sahara of the Political Declaration adopted by the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Colombo from 16 to 19 August 1976, 8/

Recalling its previous resolutions concerning the Territory,

Recalling also its resolution 3412 (XXX) of 28 November 1975 regarding co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity,

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, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);
2. Takes note of the decision taken by the Assembly of Heads of State or Government of the Organization of African Unity to convene an extraordinary session with a view to finding a just and lasting solution to the problem of Western Sahara;
3. Decides to postpone consideration of the question of Western Sahara until its thirty-second session;
4. Requests the Administrative Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to inform the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the progress achieved in the implementation of the decisions of the Organization of African Unity concerning Western Sahara, and invites the Secretary-General of the United Nations to report on that information to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session.

7/ See A/31/136-S/12141, annex II.

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

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Question of the Solomon Islands

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the Solomon Islands,

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, 9/

Having heard the statement of the administering Power, 10/

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,

Recalling also its resolution 3431 (XXX) of 8 December 1975 on the Solomon Islands,

Noting with satisfaction that the Solomon Islands achieved full internal self-government on 2 January 1976 and that the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Solomon Islands agree that the Territory should proceed to early independence,

Noting also with satisfaction the development assistance provided by the United Kingdom, as the administering Power, Australia and New Zealand, as well as the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme in the economic development of the Territory during 1976,

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 Solomon Islands; 11/

2. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of the Solomon Islands to self-determination and independence, in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

3. Requests the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the administering Power, to continue to assist the people of the Solomon Islands towards the achievement of independence;

9/ A/31/23/Add.8 (Part III), chap. XXI.

10/ See A/C.4/31/SR.11.

11/ A/31/23/Add.8 (Part III), chap. XXI.

4. Further requests the administering Power, in consultation with the people of the Solomon Islands, to continue its efforts towards diversification of the economy of the Territory;

5. Stresses the responsibility of the United Nations to render all possible assistance to the people of the Solomon Islands in their efforts to consolidate their national independence and, to that end, invites the specialized agencies and the institutions associated with the United Nations to work out concrete programmes of assistance to the Solomon Islands;

6. Requests the Special Committee to keep the situation in the Territory under review.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Question of the Gilbert Islands

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the Gilbert 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, 12/

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,

Having heard the statement of the administering Power relating to developments in the Territory, 13/

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 Gilbert Islands; 14/

2. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of the Gilbert Islands to self-determination and independence in conformity with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

12/ A/31/23 (Part II), chap. III and A/31/23/Add.8 (Part III), chap. XIX.

13/ See A/C.4/31/SR.11.

14/ A/31/23/Add.8 (Part III), chap. XIX.

3. Requests the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the administering Power, to continue to take measures to expedite the process of decolonization in the Territory in accordance with the relevant recommendations of the Special Committee, including in particular the observations of the United Nations Visiting Mission dispatched to the Territory in 1974; 15/

4. Requests that steps be taken towards diversification of the economy of the Territory, and that the administering Power continue to enlist the assistance of the specialized agencies and the organizations within the United Nations system in the development and strengthening of the economy of the Territory;

5. Requests the Special Committee to continue to seek the best ways and means for the implementation of the Declaration with respect to the Gilbert Islands, including the possible dispatch of a further visiting mission, in consultation with the administering Power, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Question of Tokelau

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the Tokelau 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, 16/ including in particular the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission dispatched to the Territory in June 1976 17/ at the invitation of the Government of New Zealand, as the administering Power, and the people of the Tokelau Islands,

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

Recalling also its resolution 3428 (XXX) of 8 December 1975, concerning the question of the Tokelau Islands,

Having heard the statement of the representative of the administering Power, 18/

15/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/9623/Rev.1), chap. XXI, annex I.

16/ A/31/23 (Part II), chap. III and A/31/23/Add.8 (Part II), chap. XVII.

17/ A/31/23/Add.8 (Part II), chap. XVII, annex.

18/ See A/C.4/31/SR.12.

Having also heard the statement of one of the members of the Visiting Mission, 19/

Mindful of the responsibility of the United Nations to help the people of the Tokelau Islands to realize their aspirations in accordance with the objectives set forth in the Declaration,

Aware of the special problems facing the Territory by virtue of its isolation, small size and meagre resources,

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 Tokelau Islands; 20/

2. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of the Tokelau Islands to self-determination in conformity with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

3. Commends the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Tokelau Islands, 1976, 21/ to the Government of New Zealand, as the administering Power, and to the people of the Tokelau Islands for their consideration;

4. Expresses its appreciation to the members of the Visiting Mission for the constructive work which they accomplished, and to the administering Power, the fonos (councils) and the people of the Tokelau Islands for the close co-operation and assistance extended to the Mission;

5. Decides that, in accordance with the wishes of the people of the Tokelau Islands, as expressed through their representatives, and in conformity with the recommendation of the Visiting Mission, the Territory shall henceforth be known as "Tokelau";

6. Expresses the view that measures to promote the economic development of Tokelau are an important element in the process of self-determination, and the hope that the administering Power will continue to intensify and expand its programme of budgetary support and development aid to the Territory;

7. Requests the administering Power, in the light of the conclusions and recommendations of the Visiting Mission, to continue to enlist the assistance of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, as well as other regional and international bodies, in the strengthening and development of the economy of the Territory;

19/ See A/C.4/31/SR.24.

20/ A/31/23/Add.8 (Part II), chap. XVII.

21/ Ibid., annex, paras. 381-421.

8. Requests the specialized agencies and other organizations to consider the methods and scale of their operations, in order to ensure that they are able to respond appropriately to the requirements of such small and isolated Territories as Tokelau;

9. Requests the administering Power to take the necessary measures to intensify programmes of political education, as well as to ensure the preservation of the identity and the cultural heritage of the people of Tokelau;

10. Requests the Special Committee to continue to examine this question at its next session, in the light of the findings of the Visiting Mission, including the possible dispatch, as appropriate and in consultation with the administering Power, of a second visiting mission to Tokelau, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas),

Recalling its resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, 2065 (XX) of 16 December 1965 and 3160 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973,

Bearing in mind the paragraphs related to this question contained in the Political Declaration adopted by the Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Lima from 25 to 30 August 1975, 22/ and in the Political Declaration adopted by the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Colombo from 16 to 19 August 1976, 23/

Having regard to 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 Falkland Islands (Malvinas) 24/ and, in particular, the conclusions and recommendations adopted by the Committee concerning the Territory, 25/

22/ A/10217 and Corr.1, annex, para. 87.

23/ A/31/197, annex I, para. 119.

24/ A/31/23/Add.9 (Part III), chap. XXX.

25/ Ibid., para. 8.

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 Falkland Islands (Malvinas) and, in particular, the conclusions and recommendations adopted by the Committee concerning the Territory: 26/
2. Expresses its gratitude for the continuous efforts made by the Government of Argentina, in accordance with the relevant decisions of the General Assembly, to facilitate the process of decolonization and to promote the well-being of the population of the islands;
3. Requests the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to expedite the negotiations concerning the dispute over sovereignty as requested in General Assembly resolutions 2065 (XX) and 3160 (XXVIII);
4. Calls upon the two parties to refrain from taking decisions that would imply introducing unilateral modifications in the situation while the islands are going through the process recommended in the above-mentioned resolutions;
5. Requests both Governments to report to the Secretary-General and to the General Assembly as soon as possible on the results of the negotiations.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VI

Question of Belize

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, 27/

Recalling its resolution 3432 (XXX) of 8 December 1975,

Having heard the statements of the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland 28/ and Guatemala, 29/

Having also heard the statement of the representative of Belize, 30/

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,

Noting that negotiations have taken place between the Government of the United Kingdom, as the administering Power, acting in close consultation with the Government of Belize, and the Government of Guatemala, pursuant to the provisions of paragraphs 4 and 5 of resolution 3432 (XXX),

Regretting that these negotiations have not resulted in the removal of such obstacles as have hitherto prevented the people of Belize from exercising freely and without fear their inalienable right to self-determination and independence,

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;

27/ A/31/23/Add.9 (Part I), chap. XXVI.

28/ See A/C.4/31/SR.15.

29/ See A/C.4/31/SR.19 and 26.

30/ See A/C.4/31/SR.15.

3. Calls upon all States to respect the right of the people of Belize to self-determination, independence and territorial integrity, to facilitate the attainment of their goal of a secure and early independence and to refrain from any action that would threaten the territorial integrity of Belize;
4. Calls also upon the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the administering Power, acting in close consultation with the Government of Belize, and the Government of Guatemala to pursue vigorously their negotiations in accordance with the principles of General Assembly resolution 3432 (XXX), in order to reach an early conclusion;
5. Requests the two Governments concerned to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session on such agreements as may have been reached in the negotiations referred to above;
6. 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 its examination of the question.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VII

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, 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, including General Assembly resolutions 3290 (XXIX) of 13 December 1974 and 3433 (XXX) of 8 December 1975,

Aware that France, as an administering Power, has not participated in the discussions of the Special Committee relating to the Territory,

Having heard the statements of the representatives of the Governments of France 32/ and of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 33/ as the administering Powers, relating to developments in the New Hebrides,

Noting the joint communiqué issued by the Governments of France and the United Kingdom on 7 October 1976, 34/ in which the administering Powers state that it is their joint policy to promote the democratic evolution of the New Hebrides in accordance with the principle of self-determination,

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,

Aware of the special circumstances of the geographical location and economic conditions of the New Hebrides, and stressing the necessity of diversifying its economy as a matter of priority,

31/ A/31/23 (Part II), chap. III and A/31/23/Add.8 (Part I), chap. XVI.

32/ See A/C.4/31/SR.27.

33/ See A/C.4/31/SR.11.

34/ A/31/286.

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; 35/
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, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);
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 New Hebrides;
4. Notes with satisfaction the establishment of the Representative Assembly of the New Hebrides and the declared intention of the administering Powers to increase progressively the responsibilities enjoyed by the Assembly, in accordance with the wishes of the people of the Territory;
5. Reiterates its request that the two administering Powers should continue to take measures to expedite the process of decolonization in the New Hebrides;
6. Requests the administering Powers to take all appropriate steps to strengthen the economy of the New Hebrides and to work out concrete programmes of assistance and economic development for the Territory;
7. Requests the administering Powers to continue to enlist the assistance of the specialized agencies and the organizations within the United Nations system in accelerating progress in all sectors of the national life of the Territory;
8. Requests the Governments of France and of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to co-operate with the Special Committee and to consider permitting access by a United Nations visiting mission to the New Hebrides, and to report on this aspect to the Special Committee when the Committee next considers the question of the New Hebrides;
9. 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 possible dispatch of a visiting mission in consultation with the administering Powers, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VIII

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

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Montserrat and Turks and Caicos 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, 36/

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 3425 (XXX) and 3427 (XXX) of 8 December 1975,

Taking into account the statement of the administering Power relating to the Territories listed above, 37/

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 achieved as a consequence of the 1975 United Nations Visiting Mission to Montserrat, 38/ and reiterating its conviction that the dispatch of visiting missions to colonial Territories 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,

36/ A/31/23 (Part II), chap. III, A/31/23/Add.9 (Part I), chap. XXVII and A/31/23/Add.9 (Part III), chap. XXIX.

37/ See A/C.4/31/SR.11.

38/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/10023/Rev.1), chap. XXVIII, annex.

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 to 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, Cayman Islands, Montserrat and Turks and Caicos Islands; 39/

2. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the peoples of those Territories to self-determination and to independence in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

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 and development 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 Governments 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. 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 consultation with a view to the dispatch of such missions, as appropriate;

8. Requests the administering Power to continue to enlist the assistance of the specialized agencies and the organizations within the United Nations system in accelerating progress in all sectors of the national life of those Territories;

39/ A/31/23/Add.9 (Part I), chap. XXVII and A/31/23/Add.9 (Part III), chap. XXIX.

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

DRAFT RESOLUTION IX

Question of Timor

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the inalienable right of all peoples to self-determination and independence in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Recalling its resolution 3485 (XXX) of 12 December 1975 and Security Council resolutions 384 (1975) of 22 December 1975 and 389 (1976) of 22 April 1976,

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 Territory, 40/

Bearing in mind the part regarding the question of East Timor of the Political Declaration adopted by the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Colombo from 16 to 19 August 1976, 41/

Having heard the statement of the representative of Portugal, 42/

Having also heard the statement of the representative of the Frente Revolucionária de Timor Leste Independente, 43/

Mindful that all States should, in conformity with Article 2, paragraph 4, of the Charter of the United Nations, refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or national independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations,

40/ A/31/23/Add.6, chap. XII.

41/ A/31/197, annex I, para. 36.

42/ See A/C.4/31/SR.13.

43/ Ibid.

Deeply concerned at the critical situation resulting from the military intervention of the armed forces of Indonesia in East Timor,

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of East Timor to self-determination and independence and the legitimacy of their struggle to achieve that right;
2. Reaffirms its resolution 3485 (XXX) and Security Council resolutions 384 (1975) and 389 (1976);
3. Affirms the principles stated in the part regarding the question of East Timor of the Political Declaration adopted by the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries;
4. Strongly deplores the persistent refusal of the Government of Indonesia to comply with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 3485 (XXX) and Security Council resolutions 384 (1975) and 389 (1976);
5. Rejects the claim that East Timor has been integrated into Indonesia, inasmuch as the people of the Territory have not been able to exercise freely their right to self-determination and independence;
6. Calls upon the Government of Indonesia to withdraw all its forces from the Territory;
7. Draws the attention of the Security Council, in conformity with Article 11, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, to the critical situation in the Territory of East Timor and recommends that it should take all effective steps for the immediate implementation of its resolutions 384 (1975) and 389 (1976) with a view to securing the full exercise by the people of East Timor of their right to self-determination and independence;
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 keep the situation in the Territory under active consideration, to follow the implementation of the present resolution, to dispatch to the Territory as soon as possible a visiting mission with a view to the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session;
9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-second session an item entitled "Question of East Timor".

DRAFT RESOLUTION X

Question of the British Virgin Islands

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the British Virgin Islands,

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,

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, 44/ including in particular the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission dispatched to the Territory in May 1976, at the invitation of the administering Power, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 45/

Having heard the statement of the representative of the administering Power, 46/

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 British Virgin Islands; 47/

2. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of the British Virgin Islands to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

3. Notes with satisfaction the conclusions and recommendations of the United Nations Visiting Mission dispatched to the Territory in May 1976, 48/ and expresses its appreciation to the members of the Visiting Mission for the constructive work accomplished and to the administering Power and the Government of the British Virgin Islands for the close co-operation and assistance extended to the Mission;

44/ A/31/23 (Part II), chap. III and A/31/23/Add.9 (Part II), chap. XXVIII.

45/ A/31/23/Add.9 (Part II), chap. XXVIII, annex.

46/ See A/C.4/31/SR.11.

47/ A/31/23/Add.9 (Part II), chap. XXVIII.

48/ Ibid., annex, paras. 154-170.

4. Requests the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the administering Power, to continue to take all necessary measures, in consultation with the Government of the British Virgin Islands, to expedite the process of decolonization in the Territory in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration;

5. Endorses the view of the Visiting Mission that measures to promote the economic development of the British Virgin Islands are an important element in the process of self-determination, and expresses the hope that the administering Power will continue to intensify and expand its programme of budgetary and development aid;

6. Requests the administering Power, in the light of the conclusions and recommendations of the Visiting Mission, to continue to enlist the assistance of the specialized agencies and the organizations within the United Nations system in the development and strengthening of the economy of the Territory, and requests those agencies and organizations to respond appropriately to the development needs of the British Virgin Islands;

7. Further requests the administering Power, in consultation with the Government of the British Virgin Islands, to pay particular attention to the training of local qualified personnel;

8. Requests the Special Committee to continue the full examination of this question at its next session in the light of the findings of the Visiting Mission, including the possible dispatch of a further mission to the British Virgin Islands at an appropriate time, in consultation with the administering Power, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session.

DRAFT RESOLUTION XI

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, 49/

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,

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,

Mindful that American Samoa 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 on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Aware of the special circumstances of the geographical location and economic conditions of American Samoa 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 American Samoa; 50/

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, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

49/ A/31/23 (Part II), chap. III and A/31/23/Add.8 (Part III), chap. XXII.

50/ A/31/23/Add.8 (Part III), chap. XXII.

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

6. Requests the administering Power to consider favourably inviting a United Nations mission to visit American Samoa for the purpose of observing conditions in the Territory and learning first-hand of the aspirations of the people concerning their political status;

7. 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 to guarantee the rights of the people to own and dispose of those natural resources and to establish and maintain control of their future development;

8. Requests the administering Power to continue to enlist the assistance of the specialized agencies and the organizations within the United Nations system in accelerating progress in all sectors of the national life of American Samoa;

9. 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 possible dispatch of a visiting mission in consultation with the administering Power, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION XII

Question of Brunei

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Brunei,

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, 51/

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, as well as other relevant resolutions and the decisions of the United Nations relating to the Territory, including in particular the consensus on the question adopted by the General Assembly on 13 December 1974, 52/

Recalling also its resolution 3424 (XXX) of 8 December 1975,

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of Brunei to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);
2. 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 Brunei; 53/
3. Notes that no progress has been achieved so far in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 3424 (XXX);
4. Calls on all parties concerned to work towards the early implementation of resolution 3424 (XXX);
5. Calls again upon the administering Power, consistent with its responsibility as the administering Power, to take all steps within its competence to facilitate expeditiously the holding of free and democratic elections by the appropriate government authorities in Brunei in consultation with and under the supervision of the United Nations, in accordance with the inalienable right of the people of Brunei to self-determination and independence, and further calls, prior to the elections, for the lifting of the ban on all political parties and the return of all political exiles to Brunei so that they can participate freely and fully in the elections;

51/ A/31/23/Add.8 (Part III), chap. XVIII.

52/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/9631), p. 117, item 23.

53/ A/31/23/Add.8 (Part III), chap. XVIII.

6. Calls upon the administering Power, in conformity with the provisions of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, to extend full co-operation to the Special Committee;

7. Requests the Special Committee to continue to keep the situation in the Territory under review and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session.

DRAFT RESOLUTION XIII

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, 54/

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 United States Virgin Islands,

Conscious of the need to promote progress towards the full implementation of the Declaration with respect to the United States Virgin Islands,

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 visiting 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,

Mindful that the United States Virgin Islands 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 on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Aware of the special circumstances of the geographical location and economic conditions of the Territory, 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 the United States Virgin Islands; 55/

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, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

54/ A/31/23 (Part II), chap. III and A/31/23/Add.9 (Part III), chap. XXXI.

55/ A/31/23/Add.9 (Part III), chap. XXXI.

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 the United States Virgin Islands;

5. 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 the United States Virgin Islands;

6. Requests the administering Power to consider favourably inviting a United Nations mission to visit the United States Virgin Islands for the purpose of observing conditions in the Territory and learning first-hand of the aspirations of the people concerning their political status;

7. Urges the administering Power, with the co-operation of the Government of the Territory, 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 rights of the people to own and dispose of those natural resources and to establish and maintain control of their future development;

8. Requests the administering Power to continue to enlist the assistance of the specialized agencies and the organizations within the United Nations system in accelerating progress in all sectors of the national life of the United States Virgin Islands;

9. Requests the Special Committee to continue to seek the best ways and means for the implementation of the Declaration with respect to the United States Virgin Islands, including the possible dispatch of a visiting mission in consultation with the administering Power, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION XIV

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, 56/

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, in particular General Assembly resolutions 3429 (XXX) of 8 December 1975 and 3481 (XXX) of 11 December 1975,

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

Deploring the policy of the administering Power in continuing to maintain military installations on Guam, in contravention of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly,

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 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,

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 on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

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,

56/ A/31/23 (Part II), chap. III; A/31/23 (Part IV), chap. V, annex IV and A/31/23/Add.8 (Part III), chap. XXIII.

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; 57/
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 contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);
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 concerned;
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. Strongly deprecates the establishment of military installations on Guam as being incompatible with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of resolution 1514 (XV);
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;
7. Calls upon the administering Power to reconsider its attitude towards receiving United Nations visiting missions and to permit access by such a mission to the Territory;
8. Urges the administering Power, with the co-operation of 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 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 Power to continue to enlist the assistance of the specialized agencies and the 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 possible dispatch of a visiting mission in consultation with the administering Power, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION XV

Question of French Somaliland

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti),

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, 58/

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

Recalling also its resolutions 2228 (XXI) of 20 December 1966, 2356 (XXII) of 19 December 1967 and 3480 (XXX) of 11 December 1975 on so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti),

Having heard the statements of the representatives of the liberation movements, the Front de libération de la Côte des Somalis 59/ and the Mouvement de libération de Djibouti, 60/

Having also heard the statements of the President of the Government Council of the Territory, 61/ as well as those of the representatives of the political parties, namely, the Ligue populaire africaine pour l'indépendance, 62/ the Union nationale pour l'indépendance 63/ and the Mouvement populaire de libération, 64/ and of a petitioner, 65/

Taking note of the solemn declarations of the leaders of the delegations of Ethiopia and Somalia before the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its twenty-seventh ordinary session, held at Port Louis from 24 June to 3 July 1976, and before the Fourth Committee of the General Assembly, 66/ affirming

58/ A/31/23/Add.7 (Part II), chap. XIV.

59/ See A/C.4/31/SR.14, 17 and 21.

60/ See A/C.4/31/SR.17.

61/ See A/C.4/31/SR.14 and 20.

62/ See A/C.4/31/SR.20.

63/ See A/C.4/31/SR.17.

64/ Ibid.

65/ See A/C.4/31/SR.20.

66/ See A/C.4/31/SR.20, 21 and 23 (Ethiopia); and A/C.4/31/SR.14, 17 and 20 (Somalia).

that their respective Governments would recognize, respect and honour the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti) after its accession to independence,

Taking note also of the resolution on the question of so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti) adopted by the Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Lima from 25 to 30 August 1975, 67/ and of the part regarding that question contained in the Political Declaration adopted by the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Colombo from 16 to 19 August 1976, 68/

Having heard the statement of the representative of France, as the administering Power, 69/ and in particular the expressed commitment of his Government to lead the Territory to independence in 1977,

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti) to self-determination and independence;

2. Reaffirms also its unqualified support of the right of the people of so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti) to immediate and unconditional independence, in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

3. Calls upon the Government of France to implement scrupulously and equitably, under democratic conditions, the programme for the independence of so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti), as outlined by the representative of France in his statement before the Fourth Committee of the General Assembly, 70/ within the indicated time frame, (namely, the summer of 1977);

4. Urges the leaders of the Government Council of the Territory, as well as the representatives of the liberation movements, the Front de libération de la Côte des Somalis and the Mouvement de libération de Djibouti, and of the political parties and groups to enter into the broadest possible discussions on neutral grounds, under the auspices of the Organization of African Unity, with a view to resolving their differences, and to agree on a common political platform before the holding of a referendum, in conformity with the resolution adopted by the Council of Ministers at its twenty-seventh ordinary session and subsequently approved by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government at its thirteenth ordinary session; 71/

67/ A/10217 and Corr.1, annex I, resolution I.

68/ A/31/197, annex I, para. 37.

69/ See A/C.4/31/SR.14.

70/ Ibid.

71/ A/31/269, annex.

5. Further calls upon the Government of France to co-operate fully with the Organization of African Unity in its effort to convene, in accordance with the decision of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government, a round-table conference for the speedy implementation of the request contained in paragraph 4 above;
6. Requests the Government of France to consider the result of the referendum in its totality, thus respecting the territorial integrity of the future State;
7. Demands that the Government of France withdraw its military base from the Territory without delay;
8. Calls also upon the Government of France to allow and facilitate the return to the Territory of all refugees who are bona fide citizens of the Territory, in accordance with the Organization of African Unity Convention Governing the Specific Aspects of Refugee Problems in Africa of 10 September 1969 72/ and the United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees of 1951; 73/
9. Requests the Government of France, in order to ensure the implementation of the request contained in paragraph 8 above, to set up an ad hoc committee in accordance with the recommendation of the Fact-Finding Mission of the Organization of African Unity; 74/
10. Reaffirms its resolution 3480 (XXX);
11. Endorses all resolutions adopted by the Organization of African Unity on the question of so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti) and, in particular, resolutions CM/Res.431/Rev.1 (XXV) 75/ and CM/Res.480 (XXVII), 76/ as well as the declaration adopted by the Organization of African Unity Co-ordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa, as approved by the Council of Ministers at its twenty-seventh session and the Assembly of Heads of State and Government at its thirteenth ordinary session, and welcomes the solemn declarations by the leaders of the delegations of Ethiopia and Somalia before the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity and before the Fourth Committee of the General Assembly that their Governments would recognize, respect and honour the independence and sovereignty of so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti) and its territorial integrity after its accession to independence;

72/ Organization of African Unity, document CM/267/Rev.1.

73/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 189, No. 2545.

74/ Report of the OAU Fact-Finding Mission to so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti), Organization of African Unity, document CM/759 XXVII, 1976, mimeographed.

75/ A/10297, annex I, p. 14.

76/ A/31/196 and Corr.1, annex, p. 11.

12. Calls upon all States to refrain from interfering in the internal affairs of the Territory and to abstain from any action likely to impede or adversely affect the current process of the country's accession to independence;

13. Welcomes the statements by the representatives of the people of so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti) 77/ in which they declared that the Territory would become a member of the United Nations and of the Organization of African Unity immediately after independence;

14. Endorses the decisions of the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations to send representatives to observe the referendum and all subsequent stages of the independence process to ensure that the principle of self-determination in the Territory is carried out smoothly and in the most democratic manner;

15. Urges all the Member States, the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in co-operation with the administering Power, to render all possible moral and material assistance to the people of the Territory.

77/ See A/C.4/31/SR.14 and 20.

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

DRAFT CONSENSUS I

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, 78/ and 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, 79/ 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 General 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 the consensus on St. Helena adopted by the General Assembly on 8 December 1975, 80/ 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. The General Assembly also 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 to implement the Declaration with respect to St. Helena and to report thereon to the Assembly at its thirty-second session.

DRAFT CONSENSUS II

Question of Tuvalu

The General Assembly, having heard the statement of the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the administering Power, 81/ and having examined the relevant chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the

78/ See A/C.4/31/SR.11.

79/ A/31/23/Add.8 (Part III), chap. XX.

80/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/10034), p. 119, item 23.

81/ See A/C.4/31/SR.11.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, 82/ reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of Tuvalu to self-determination in conformity with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960. The General Assembly notes that, following the referendum held in the former Territory of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands in August 1974 and observed in part by a United Nations visiting mission, 83/ the separation of the Ellice Islands from the former Territory was satisfactorily completed and the new Territory, Tuvalu, was brought into being on 1 January 1976 with well-established institutions of self-government. Further noting that discussions on the future of the Territory are taking place at present, the General Assembly urges the administering Power to continue to assist the people of the Territory to realize their aspirations in accordance with their right to self-determination. The General Assembly requests the Special Committee, in continued co-operation with the administering Power, to seek the best ways and means to implement the Declaration with respect to the Territory and to report thereon to the Assembly at its thirty-second session.

DRAFT CONSENSUS III

Question of Gibraltar

The General Assembly, noting that, since the approval of its resolution 3286 (XXIX) of 13 December 1974, talks - which are still continuing - have been held between the Governments of Spain and of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the question of 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 84/ with the object of reaching a lasting solution to the problem of Gibraltar, in the light of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations.

DRAFT CONSENSUS IV

Question of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands

The General Assembly, having examined the relevant chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation

82/ A/31/23/Add.8 (Part III). chap. XIX.

83/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/9623/Rev.1), chap. XXI, annex I.

84/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 30 (A/9030), p. III.

of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, 85/ and having heard the statement of the representative of the administering Power, 86/ on the implementation of the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, with regard to the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, notes with appreciation the close co-operation of Australia, as the administering Power concerned, in the relevant work of the Special Committee, and its continued preparedness to receive a further visiting mission to the Territory at an appropriate time. Bearing in mind the responsibility of the administering Power to create such conditions as will enable the people of the Territory to determine fully their future political status, the General Assembly notes the measures taken so far by the Government of Australia in the light of the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the 1974 visiting mission to the Territory. 87/ The General Assembly also notes that the Government of Australia is reviewing recent developments in the Territory. It views with concern the division of opinion among the people of the Territory concerning their future and expresses the hope that, in the light of that review, the administering Power will take steps to remedy this division and assess what measures might best be taken, having regard to the obligations of the administering Power, with a view to enabling the people of the Territory to exercise their right to self-determination in accordance with the principles of the Charter and the Declaration. The General Assembly requests the Special Committee, in continued co-operation with the administering Power, to seek the best ways and means to implement the Declaration with respect to the Territory, in the light of the detailed information to be provided by the administering Power in 1977, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its thirty-second session.

73. The Fourth Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

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

85/ A/31/23/Add.8 (Part I), chap. XV.

86/ See A/C.4/31/SR.26.

87/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/9623/Rev.1), chap. XX, annex, paras. 200-217.