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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 2236th plenary meeting, on 21 September 1974, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee (A/9750), decided to include in the agenda of its twenty-ninth 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 its 2237th plenary meeting, on the same day, the Assembly decided to allocate to the Fourth Committee for consideration and report 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>
Seychelles and St. Helena	A/9623/Add.4 (Part I), chap. X
Comoro Archipelago	A/9623/Add.4 (Part II), chap. XI
Spanish Sahara	A/9623/Add.4 (Part II), chap. XII
Gibraltar	A/9623/Add.4 (Part II), chap. XIII
French Somaliland <u>1/</u>	A/9623/Add.4 (Part II), chap. XIV
New Hebrides	A/9623/Add.5 (Part I), chap. XV
Tokelau Islands	A/9623/Add.5 (Part I), chap. XVI
American Samoa and Guam	A/9623/Add.5 (Part I), chap. XVII
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands	A/9623/Add.5 (Part I), chap. XVIII
Brunei	A/9623/Add.5 (Part I), chap. XIX
Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Papua New Guinea <u>2/</u>	A/9623/Add.5 (Part II), chap. XX
Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Pitcairn and the Solomon Islands	A/9623/Add.5 (Parts III and IV), chap. XXI
Niue	A/9623/Add.5 (Part V), chap. XXII
Bermuda	A/9623/Add.6 (Part I), chap. XXIII
United States Virgin Islands	A/9623/Add.6 (Part I), chap. XXIV
British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Montserrat and the Turks and Caicos Islands .	A/9623/Add.6 (Part I), chap. XXV
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	A/9623/Add.6 (Part II), chap. XXVI
Belize	A/9623/Add.6 (Part II), chap. XXVII
Antigua, Dominica, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia and St. Vincent	A/9623/Add.6 (Parts II and III), chap. XXVIII

1/ Note by the Rapporteur: See foot-note 1/ of the chapter cited concerning the new designation of the Territory.

2/ An account of the Fourth Committee's consideration of Papua New Guinea is given in the Committee's report relating to agenda items 13 and 23 (A/9747).

3. At its 2080th meeting, on 1 October, the Fourth Committee decided to hold a general debate covering agenda items 13, 23, 64, 69 and 12, 70 and 71, on the understanding that individual draft resolutions on matters covered by those items would be considered separately.
4. The Fourth Committee considered item 23 at its 2115th to 2131st meetings, between 21 November and 11 December.
5. At the 2115th meeting, on 21 November, the Rapporteur of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples introduced the chapters of the report of that Committee referred to in paragraph 2 above. The Fourth Committee also had before it the following communications addressed to the Secretary-General:
 - (a) Letter dated 8 July and note verbale dated 23 September 1974 from Morocco (A/9654 and A/9771);
 - (b) Letters from Spain dated 10 July, 20 August and 13 September 1974 (A/9655, A/9714 and A/9736);
 - (c) Letter from Mauritania dated 20 August 1974 (A/9715);
 - (d) Letters from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland dated 24 and 29 October 1974 (A/9814 and A/9821);
 - (e) Letter from Argentina dated 30 October 1974 (A/9824);
 - (f) Letter from France and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland dated 18 November 1974 (A/9861).

In addition, the Committee had before it the following communications addressed to the President of the General Assembly:

- (a) Letter from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland dated 11 October 1974 (A/9802);
 - (b) Letter from Guatemala dated 29 November 1974 (A/9915).
6. At the 2119th and 2121st meetings, on 26 and 28 November, statements were made by Mr. Young Vivian, representative of the Government of Niue.
 7. At its 2122nd meeting, on 29 November, the Fourth Committee heard a statement by Mr. C. L. B. Rogers, Deputy Prime Minister of Belize.
 8. At its 2128th meeting, on 6 December, the Fourth Committee heard a statement by Mr. Saïd Mohamed Djohar, representative of the Government of the Comoro Archipelago.

9. The general debate covering the items referred to in paragraph 3 above took place at the 2115th to 2120th and 2122nd to 2126th meetings, between 21 November and 4 December.

10. In connexion with item 23, the Fourth Committee adopted eight draft resolutions and three draft consensuses concerning the following Territories:

- I. Niue
- II. Gibraltar
- III. Seychelles
- IV. Gilbert and Ellice Islands
- V. Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Montserrat, Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands
- VI. Cocos (Keeling) Islands (consensus)
- VII. Tokelau Islands (consensus)
- VIII. Brunei (consensus)
- IX. American Samoa, Guam, New Hebrides, Pitcairn, St. Helena and the Solomon Islands
- X. Comoro Archipelago
- XI. Spanish Sahara

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

11. At its 2126th meeting, on 4 December, the Fourth Committee took a decision concerning the Falkland Islands (Malvinas), as reflected in paragraph 39 below.

12. At the same meeting, the Fourth Committee took decisions concerning the questions of Belize; French Somaliland; and Antigua, Dominica, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia and St. Vincent, as reflected in paragraph 39 below. In taking the 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 those Territories at its next session.

I. NIUE

13. At the 2119th meeting, on 26 November, the representative of Ethiopia introduced a draft resolution concerning Niue (A/C.4/L.1071), which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Australia, Central African Republic, Denmark, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ivory Coast, Japan, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Netherlands, Niger, Nigeria, Peru, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Sudan, Sweden, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Venezuela and Zambia.

14. At the 2121st meeting, on 28 November, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/L.1071 without objection (see para. 37 below, draft resolution I).

II. GIBRALTAR

15. At the 2126th meeting, on 4 December, the representative of Argentina and El Salvador introduced a draft resolution concerning Gibraltar (A/C.4/L.1078), which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Syrian Arab Republic, Uruguay and Venezuela.

16. At its 2127th meeting, on 5 December, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/L.1078 without objection (see para. 37 below, draft resolution II).

III. SEYCHELLES

17. At the 2127th meeting, on 5 December, the representatives of Sierra Leone and the United Republic of Tanzania introduced a draft resolution concerning the Seychelles (A/C.4/L.1079), which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Australia, Central African Republic, Chile, Ethiopia, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Mauritius, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Syrian Arab Republic, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania and Upper Volta.

18. At the 2128th meeting, on 6 December, following a statement by the Secretary of the Committee under the terms of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly concerning the administrative and financial implications of the recommendation contained therein, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/L.1079 without objection (see para. 37 below, draft resolution III).

IV. GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS

19. At the 2127th meeting, on 5 December, the representatives of Sierra Leone and India introduced a draft resolution concerning the Gilbert and Ellice Islands (A/C.4/L.1080), which was finally sponsored by the following Member States:

Ethiopia, Fiji, India, Kenya, Liberia, Malaysia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Syrian Arab Republic, United Arab Emirates and United Republic of Tanzania.

20. At the 2128th meeting, on 6 December, following a statement by the Secretary of the Committee under the terms of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly concerning the administrative and financial implications of the recommendation contained therein, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/L.1080 without objection (see para. 37 below, draft resolution IV).

V. BERMUDA, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, CAYMAN ISLANDS
MONTSERRAT, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS AND THE
UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

21. At the 2127th meeting, on 5 December, the representatives of Venezuela and Trinidad and Tobago introduced a draft resolution concerning the Territories listed above (A/C.4/L.1084), which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Ethiopia, Fiji, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Mali, Mexico, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Trinidad and Tobago, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta and Venezuela.

22. At its 2128th meeting, on 6 December, following a statement by the Secretary of the Committee under the terms of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly concerning the administrative and financial implications of the recommendation contained therein, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/L.1084 by 93 votes to none, with 14 abstentions (see para. 37 below, draft resolution V).

VI. COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS

23. At the 2127th meeting, on 5 December, the Chairman drew attention to a draft consensus concerning the Cocos (Keeling) Islands (A/9623/Add.5 (Part II), chap. XX, para. 11) which the Special Committee had submitted to the General Assembly for consideration.

24. At its 2128th meeting, on 6 December, following a statement by the Committee Secretary 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 without objection the draft consensus (A/9623/Add.5 (Part II, chap. XX, para. 11) submitted by the Special Committee (see para. 38 below, draft consensus I).

VII. TOKELAU ISLANDS

25. At the 2127th meeting, on 5 December, the Chairman drew attention to a draft consensus concerning the Tokelau Islands (A/C.4/L.1086).

26. At its 2128th meeting, on 6 December, following a statement by the Secretary of the Committee under the terms of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General

Assembly concerning the related administrative and financial implications, the Fourth Committee adopted draft consensus A/C.4/L.1086 without objection (see para. 38 below, draft consensus II).

VIII. BRUNEI

27. At the 2127th meeting, on 5 December, the Chairman drew attention to a draft consensus concerning Brunei (A/C.4/L.1087).

28. At its 2128th meeting, on 6 December, the Fourth Committee adopted draft consensus A/C.4/L.1087 without objection (see para. 38 below, draft consensus III).

IX. AMERICAN SAMOA, GUAM, NEW HEBRIDES, PITCAIRN, ST. HELENA AND THE SOLOMON ISLANDS

29. At the 2128th meeting, on 6 December, the representative of Fiji introduced a draft resolution concerning the Territories listed above (A/C.4/L.1085), which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Fiji, Ghana, Kenya, Malaysia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Somalia and United Republic of Tanzania. In his statement, the representative of Fiji submitted, on behalf of the sponsors, an oral revision to the text of the draft resolution by which, at the end of the fourth preambular paragraph, the words "including those relating to the Solomon Islands and New Hebrides," were added.

30. At the 2129th meeting, on 9 December, following a statement by the Secretary of the Committee under the terms of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly concerning the administrative and financial implications of the recommendation contained therein, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/L.1085, as orally revised, by 79 votes to 1, with 18 abstentions (see para. 37 below, draft resolution VI).

X. COMORO ARCHIPELAGO

31. At the 2129th meeting, on 9 December, the Chairman drew attention to a draft resolution concerning the Comoro Archipelago (A/C.4/L.1088), submitted by the following Member States: Egypt, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Mauritius, Sierra Leone, United Republic of Cameroon and United Republic of Tanzania.

32. At the 2131st meeting, on 11 December, the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania and Madagascar, on behalf of the sponsors, now joined by Algeria, Guinea, Mali, Nigeria and Zambia, introduced a revised draft resolution (A/C.4/L.1088/Rev.1), by which:

(a) The second preambular paragraph, which read:

"Having heard the statement of the administering Power,"

was replaced by the following paragraph:

"Having heard the statement of the administering Power, as well as that

of the representative of the Government of the Comoro Archipelago, to the effect that a popular consultation will be held in the Territory on 22 December 1974,";

(b) In the fifth preambular paragraph, the phrase "Noting with regret the continued refusal of the administering Power to participate ..." was replaced by the phrase "Noting with regret that the administering Power did not participate ...";

(c) In operative paragraph 6, the phrase "to carry out these measures immediately ..." was replaced by the phrase "to carry out these measures as soon as possible ...".

33. 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 administrative and financial implications of the recommendation contained therein, the Fourth Committee adopted revised draft resolution A/C.4/L.1088/Rev.1 without objection (see para. 37 below, draft resolution VII).

XI. SPANISH SAHARA

34. At the 2130th meeting, on 10 December, the representatives of the Upper Volta, the Syrian Arab Republic and Iraq introduced a draft resolution concerning the Spanish Sahara (A/C.4/L.1090 and Corr.1), which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Algeria, Bahrain, Burundi, Chad, Democratic Yemen, Egypt, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Upper Volta and Yemen.

35. At the same meeting, the Legal Counsel of the United Nations made a statement.

36. At its 2131st meeting, on 11 December, following a statement by the Secretary of the Committee under the terms of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly concerning the administrative and financial implications of the recommendation contained therein, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/L.1090 and Corr.1 by a roll-call vote of 81 to none, with 43 abstentions (see para. 37 below, draft resolution VIII). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Democratic Yemen, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Japan, Jordan, Khmer Republic, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liberia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, 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, United States of America, Upper Volta, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire.

Against: None

Abstaining: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia, Botswana, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, Finland, Germany (Federal Republic of), Greece, Grenada, Honduras, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

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

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Question of Niue

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Niue,

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, 3/

Having heard the statement of the representative of the Government of Niue, 4/

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 3155 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973, by which it, inter alia, noted with approval that the Government and people of Niue were resolved to achieve self-government in 1974, welcomed the invitation extended to the United Nations by the Government of New Zealand to observe the act of self-determination in Niue and requested the Special Committee, in consultation with the administering Power and the Government of Niue, to appoint a special mission to Niue in 1974 for the purpose of observing the proceedings relating to the act of self-determination by the people of Niue,

Having considered the report of the United Nations special mission dispatched to Niue in August 1974 pursuant to resolution 3155 (XXVIII), 5/ and having heard the statement of the Chairman of the Special Mission, 6/

3/ A/9623/Add.5 (Part V), chap. XXII.

4/ See A/C.4/SR.2119

5/ A/9623/Add.5 (Part V), chap. XXII, annex I.

6/ A/C.4/SR.2119

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 Niue;
2. Notes with satisfaction the findings and conclusions of the special mission, 7/ in particular its conclusion that the arrangements for the conduct of the referendum in Niue were such as to ensure that the people exercised their right of self-determination freely, in circumstances which guaranteed the secrecy of the ballot, and with full information regarding the issues involved;
3. Expresses its appreciation to the Government of New Zealand, as the administering Power, and the Government of Niue for the co-operation and assistance extended to the special mission;
4. Takes note that the people of Niue voted, by a substantial majority, for self-government in free association with New Zealand on the basis of the Constitution and the Niue Constitution Act, 1974;
5. Considers that in so doing the people of Niue have freely expressed their wishes and have exercised their right to self-determination in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;
6. Further considers that, in view of the entry into force of the Niue Constitution Act, 1974, and the attainment by the Territory of self-government in free association with New Zealand, the transmission of information in respect of Niue under Article 73 e of the Charter is no longer necessary;
7. Notes with appreciation the commitment entered into by the Government of New Zealand to continue to furnish economic and administrative assistance to Niue after the attainment of self-government;
8. Expresses the hope that the United Nations Development Programme and the specialized agencies and other institutions associated with the United Nations will likewise endeavour to contribute in every way possible to the development and strengthening of the economy of Niue.

7/ A/9623/Add.5 (Part V), chap. XXII, annex I, paras. 142-147.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Question of Gibraltar

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Gibraltar,

Having studied 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 concerning Gibraltar, 8/

Having heard the relevant statements made in the Fourth Committee, 9/

1. Regrets that the negotiations referred to in paragraph 2 below have not yet been effectively started;

2. Urges the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Spain to begin without delay the negotiations envisaged under the terms of the consensus adopted by the General Assembly on 14 December 1973; 10/

3. Requests the two Governments to inform the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the General Assembly at its thirtieth session of the outcome of their negotiations.

8/ A/9623/Add.4 (Part II), chap. XIII.

9/ See A/C.4/SR.2117 and 2124.

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

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Question of the Seychelles

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the Seychelles,

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, 11/

Having heard the statement of the administering Power, 12/

Recalling the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, and the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration, contained in its resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, as well as all other resolutions and decisions of the United Nations relating to the Territory,

Noting the expressed desire of the Government of the Seychelles that the Territory should attain independence as soon as possible and the continued readiness of the administering Power to grant independence to the people of the Seychelles in accordance with their wishes,

Further noting that a constitutional conference with the full participation of both political parties in the Territory is to be held shortly in order to determine the modalities whereby the Seychelles is to proceed to independence,

Bearing in mind the statement made by the Chief Minister of the Government of the Seychelles to the effect that every effort will be made to work as closely as possible with the opposition towards the task of national unification, 13/

Mindful also of the position of the Government of the Seychelles with regard to the territorial integrity of the Seychelles,

11/ A/9623 (Part IV), chap. III; A/9623/Add.4 (Part I), chap. X.

12/ See A/C.4/SR.2116.

13/ See A/AC.109/PV.974.

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 the Seychelles;
2. Notes with satisfaction the expressed wish of the people of the Seychelles to achieve 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 to take all the necessary steps to facilitate the Territory's accession to independence as soon as possible in accordance with the expressed wish of the people of the Territory;
4. Requests the Government of the United Kingdom to continue to keep the United Nations fully apprised of developments relating to the Seychelles;
5. Stresses the responsibility of the United Nations to render all possible assistance to the people of the Seychelles in their efforts to achieve 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 Seychelles;
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, including the dispatch, as appropriate and in consultation with the administering Power, of a United Nations visiting mission to the Territory in connexion with the processes leading to the Territory's accession to independence, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Question of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the Gilbert and Ellice 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, 14/

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and its resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, containing the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration,

Recalling also its resolution 3156 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973, by which it, inter alia, requested the Special Committee to continue to give full consideration to the question of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, including in particular the dispatch of a visiting mission to the Territory,

Having heard the statements of the administering Power relating to developments in the Territory, 15/

Having examined the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission dispatched to the Territory in August/September 1974, 16/ at the invitation of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the administering Power, and having heard the statement of the Chairman of the Visiting Mission, 17/

Bearing in mind the observation of the Visiting Mission relating to the results of the referendum, 18/

Welcoming the positive decision of the administering Power to participate in the relevant work of the Special Committee and to permit United Nations visiting missions access to the Territories under its administration and expressing the hope that the close co-operation thus established will be further strengthened so as to accelerate the process of decolonization towards the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration with respect to these Territories,

14/ A/9623 (Part IV), chap. III; and A/9623/Add.5 (Parts III and IV), chap. XXI.

15/ A/AC.109/PV.987 and A/C.4/SR.2116.

16/ A/9623/Add.5 (Part IV), chap. XXI, annex I.

17/ A/C.4/SR.2116.

18/ A/9623/Add.5 (Part IV), chap. XXI, annex I, para. 303.

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 the Gilbert and Ellice Islands; 19/
2. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;
3. Expresses its appreciation to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and to the Government of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands for the co-operation and assistance extended to the Visiting Mission;
4. Requests the administering Power to take all necessary measures to expedite the process of decolonization in the Territory in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Declaration;
5. Requests the administering Power 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;
6. Requests the Special Committee to continue to give full consideration to this question in the light of the findings of the Visiting Mission, including the possible dispatch of a further visiting mission in consultation with the administering Power, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

19/ A/9623 (Part IV), chap. III; and A/9623/Add.5 (Parts III and IV), chap. XXI.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

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

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Montserrat, Turks and Caicos Islands and 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, 20/

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 all other resolutions relating to the Territories listed above, in particular resolution 3157 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973,

Taking into account the statements of the administering Powers relating to the Territories listed above, and noting in particular the expressed readiness of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to grant independence to the peoples of those Territories under its administration, in accordance with their wishes, 21/

Noting with deep concern the slow progress in the full implementation of the Declaration with respect to the above-mentioned Territories, notwithstanding the encouraging but limited political and constitutional development which has recently taken place in some of the Territories,

Noting with satisfaction the continued active participation of the United States of America in the relevant work of the Special Committee, but deploring the negative attitude of that Government with respect to receiving a United Nations visiting mission in the Territory concerned,

Welcoming the positive decision of the United Kingdom to participate in the relevant work of the Special Committee and to permit United Nations visiting missions access to the Territories under its administration, as appropriate,

Concerned that the economies of the Territories referred to above are based mainly on fluctuating activities such as tourism, land sales and tax haven arrangements,

20/ A/9623 (Part IV), chap. III; and A/9623/Add.6 (Part I), chaps. XXIII-XXV.

21/ A/AC.109/SC.3/SR.198-200 and 202; A/C.4/SR.2116.

Bearing in mind the constructive results achieved as a consequence of previous visiting missions to colonial Territories, including those dispatched by the Special Committee in 1974 to the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, the Gilbert and Ellice Islands and Niue, 22/ and reiterating its conviction that the dispatch of visiting missions to the Territories dealt with in the present resolution is indispensable for securing adequate and first-hand information in regard to the political, economic and social conditions in the 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 on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Aware of the special circumstances of the geographical location and economic conditions of the Territories,

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 the Territories of Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Montserrat, Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands; 23/
2. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the peoples of those Territories to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;
3. Reaffirms its conviction that the 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 administering Powers concerned to take all the necessary steps, without further delay, to ensure the full and speedy attainment of the goals set forth in the Declaration with respect to the Territories and, in that regard, to establish, in consultation with the freely elected representatives of the people, a specific time-table for the free exercise by the peoples of the Territories of their right to self-determination and independence;
5. Calls upon the Government of the United States of America, as the administering Power concerned, to reconsider its attitude towards receiving a United Nations visiting mission in the Territory concerned;
6. Calls upon the administering Powers to take all possible steps to diversify the economies of the Territories listed above;
7. Urges the administering Powers to safeguard the inalienable right of the

22/ A/9623/Add.5 (Parts II-V).

23/ A/9623/Add.6 (Part I), chaps. XXIII-XXV.

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;

8. Requests the organizations of the United Nations system to assist in accelerating progress in all sectors of the national life of those Territories;

9. Invites the Secretary-General, having regard to the mandate entrusted to him in General Assembly resolution _____ of ____ December 1974, to pay particular regard to the need to intensify widespread dissemination of information on the process of decolonization in respect of the Territories listed above and, in particular, to consider intensifying the activities of the information centres concerned;

10. Requests the Special Committee to continue to give full consideration to this question, including in particular the dispatch of visiting missions to those Territories, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VI

Question of American Samoa, Guam, New Hebrides, Pitcairn,
St. Helena and the Solomon Islands

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of American Samoa, Guam, New Hebrides, Pitcairn, St. Helena and the Solomon 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, 24/

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and its resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, containing the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration, as well as all other resolutions relating to the Territories listed above, in particular resolution 3156 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973,

Taking into account the statements of the administering Powers relating to developments in the above-mentioned Territories, including those relating to the Solomon Islands and New Hebrides, 25/

Noting with deep concern the slow progress in the full implementation of the Declaration with respect to those Territories, notwithstanding the encouraging but limited political and constitutional development which has recently taken place in some of the Territories,

Noting with satisfaction the continued active participation of the United States of America in the work of the Special Committee relating to the Territories concerned and welcoming the positive decision of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to take part in the relevant work of the Special Committee and to permit United Nations visiting missions access to the Territories under its administration, as appropriate.

Deploring the continued refusal of the Government of France, in contravention of the provisions of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, to co-operate with the Special Committee in its examination of the Territory of the New Hebrides,

Deeply deploring the policy of those administering Powers which continue to maintain military bases in some of the Territories under their administration, in contravention of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly,

24/ A/9623 (part IV), chap. III; A/9623/Add.4 (part I), chap. X; A/9623/Add.5 (parts I, III and IV), chaps. XV, XVII and XXI.

25/ A/AC.109/SC.3/SR.207-210 and 214; A/AC.109/PV.976; and A/C.4/SR.2116.

Concerned that the economies of the Territories listed above are based mainly on either single cash products, such as copra or phosphates, or on military activities,

Deploring also the negative attitude of the administering Powers concerned with respect to the receiving of United Nations visiting missions in the Territories under their administration,

Bearing in mind the constructive results achieved as a consequence of previous visiting missions to colonial Territories, including those dispatched by the Special Committee in 1974 to the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, the Gilbert and Ellice Islands and Niue, 26/ and reiterating its conviction that the dispatch of visiting missions to the Territories dealt with in the present resolution is indispensable for securing adequate and first-hand information in regard to the political, economic and social conditions in the Territories and to the views, wishes and aspirations of the peoples therein,

Deeply concerned at the testing of nuclear weapons which continued to take place in 1974 in the South Pacific, despite the strong opposition to such testing as evidenced in resolution 3156 (XXVIII) and in the relevant chapters of the report of the Special Committee and as expressed by the peoples of the South Pacific, including those of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the region,

Mindful that the Territories listed above 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 on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Aware of the special circumstances of the geographical location and the economic conditions of the Territories,

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 the Territories of American Samoa, Guam, New Hebrides, Pitcairn, St. Helena and the Solomon Islands; 27/

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

3. Reaffirms its conviction that the 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;

26/ A/9623/Add.5 (parts II-V).

27/ A/9623 (part IV), chap. III; A/9623/Add.4 (part I), chap. X; A/9623/Add.5 (parts I, III and IV), chaps. XV, XVII and XXI.

4. Calls upon the administering Powers concerned to take all the necessary steps, without further delay, to ensure the full and speedy attainment of the goals set forth in the Declaration with respect to the Territories and, in that regard, to establish, in consultation with the freely elected representatives of the people, a specific time-table for the free exercise by the peoples of the Territories of their right to self-determination and independence;

5. Strongly deprecates any attempt aimed at the partial or total disruption of the national unity and territorial integrity of colonial Territories and the establishment of military bases and installations in those Territories as being incompatible with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

6. Calls upon the Governments of France and the United States of America, as the administering Powers concerned, to reconsider their attitude towards receiving United Nations visiting missions and to permit access by such missions to Territories under their administration;

7. Calls upon the Government of France, as an administering Power, to participate in the relevant proceedings of the Special Committee concerning the Territory of the New Hebrides and, in particular, to report to the Special Committee on the implementation of the present resolution;

8. Calls upon the administering Powers concerned to take all possible measures to diversify the economies of the Territories listed above;

9. Urges the administering Powers 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;

10. Reiterates its deep concern at the testing of nuclear weapons, which continued to take place in 1974 in the South Pacific despite the strong opposition to such testing as evidenced in resolution 3156 (XXVIII), in the relevant chapters of the report of the Special Committee, and as expressed by the peoples of the South Pacific, including those of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the region;

11. Requests the organizations of the United Nations system to assist in accelerating progress in all sectors of the national life of the Territories listed above;

12. Invites the Secretary-General, having regard to the mandate entrusted to him in General Assembly resolution ____ (XXIX) of __ December 1974, to pay particular regard to the need to intensify widespread dissemination of information on the process of decolonization in respect of the Territories listed above and, in particular, to consider intensifying the activities of the information centres concerned;

13. Requests the Special Committee to continue to give full consideration to this question, including in particular the dispatch of visiting missions to the Territories, as appropriate, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VII

Question of the Comoro Archipelago

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the Comoro Archipelago,

Having heard the statement of the administering Power 28/ as well as that of the representative of the Government of the Comoro Archipelago 29/ to the effect that a popular consultation will be held in the Territory on 22 December 1974,

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and its resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, containing the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration, as well as resolution 3161 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973 on this question,

Noting that, in pursuance of the Joint Declaration on the Accession to Independence of the Comoro Archipelago, containing the text of an agreement reached on 15 June 1973 between the Minister for Overseas Departments and Territories of the Government of France and the President of the Government Council of the Comoro Archipelago, 30/ a popular consultation on independence is to take place on 22 December 1974 and bearing in mind the statement made on 26 August 1974 by the Government of France, according to which the consultation shall be organized on an "archipelago-wide" basis, 31/

Noting with regret that the administering Power did not participate in the related work 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,

Mindful of the responsibility of the United Nations to render all help to the people of the Comoro Archipelago in their efforts freely to decide their own future,

Bearing in mind the statement by the representative of France that the French Government has affirmed "the readiness of the Comoro Archipelago for independence" and "its intention to respond faithfully to the aspirations" of the Comorian people,

28/ A/C.4/SR.2124.

29/ A/C.4/SR.2128.

30/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/9023/Rev.1), chap. XI, annex, appendix II.

31/ A/9623/Add.4 (part II), chap. XI, annex, para. 32.

and has stated that the Comorian Government can request independence for the Territory at any time, 32/

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of the Comoro Archipelago 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 the question; 33/

3. Reaffirms the unity and territorial integrity of the Comoro Archipelago;

4. Notes the express desire and readiness of the Comorian people to accede to independence in friendship and co-operation with France; 34/

5. Requests the Government of France, as the administering Power, to ensure that the unity and territorial integrity of the Comoro Archipelago are preserved;

6. Calls upon the administering Power to take all necessary measures to ensure the full and speedy attainment of freedom and independence by the people of the Territory in accordance with the objectives of the Declaration and in conformity with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and, in particular, to carry out these measures as soon as possible after the popular consultation to be held on 22 December 1974;

7. Requests all States to render the necessary assistance to the people of the Territory in their efforts to achieve the objectives of the Declaration;

8. Requests the Special Committee to continue its examination of the question, including the dispatch, as appropriate and in consultation with the administering Power, of a United Nations visiting mission to the Territory, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session;

9. Urges the administering Power to co-operate with the Special Committee in the discharge of the task referred to in paragraph 8 above.

32/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Fourth Committee, 2064th meeting, paras. 22 and 27.

33/ A/9623/Add.4 (part II), chap. XI.

34/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Fourth Committee, 2065th meeting; *ibid.*, Supplement No. 23 (A/9023/Rev.1), chap. XI, annex, appendix I.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VIII

Question of Spanish Sahara

The General Assembly,

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 2072 (XX) of 16 December 1965, 2229 (XXI) of 20 December 1966, 2354 (XXII) of 19 December 1967, 2428 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968, 2591 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, 2711 (XXV) of 14 December 1970, 2983 (XXVII) of 14 December 1972 and 3162 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973,

Reaffirming the right to self-determination of the population of the Spanish Sahara in accordance with its resolution 1514 (XV),

Considering that the persistence of a colonial situation in Western Sahara jeopardizes stability and harmony in the north-west African region,

Taking into account the statements made in the General Assembly on 30 September and 2 October 1974 by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Morocco 35/ and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, 36/

Taking note of the statements made in the Fourth Committee by the representatives of Morocco 37/ and Mauritania, 38/ in which the two countries acknowledged that they were both interested in the future of the Territory,

Having heard the statements by the representative of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, 39/

Having heard the statements by the representative of Spain, 40/

Noting that during the discussion a legal controversy arose over the status of the said Territory at the time of its colonization by Spain,

Considering, therefore, that for future discussion it is highly desirable that the General Assembly seek an advisory opinion on some important legal aspects of the problem during its thirtieth session,

35/ A/PV.2249.

36/ A/PV.2251.

37/ A/C.4/SR.2117, 2125 and 2130.

38/ A/C.4/SR.2117 and 2130.

39/ A/PV.2265 and A/C.4/SR.2125.

40/ A/PV.2253; A/C.4/SR.2117, 2125, 2126 and 2130.

Bearing in mind Article 96 of the Charter of the United Nations and Article 66 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice,

1. Decides to seek an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice, without prejudice to the application of the principles embodied in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV), at an early date on the following questions:

"I. Was Western Sahara (Río de Oro and Sakiet El Hamra) res nullius at the time of colonization by Spain?"

If the answer to the first question is in the negative,

"II. What legal ties existed between this Territory and both the Kingdom of Morocco and Mauritania as a whole?"

2. Calls upon Spain, in its capacity as administering Power in particular, as well as Morocco and Mauritania, in their capacity as interested parties, to submit to the International Court of Justice all such information and document as may be needed to clarify these questions;

3. Invites urgently the administering Power to postpone the referendum it had contemplated in Western Sahara until the General Assembly decides on the policy to be followed in order to accelerate the decolonization process in the Territory, in accordance with resolution 1514 (XV), in the best possible conditions, in the light of the advisory opinion given by the International Court of Justice;

4. Reiterates its invitation to all States to observe the resolutions of the General Assembly regarding the activities of foreign, economic and financial interests in the Territory and to abstain from contributing by their investments or immigration policy to the maintenance of a colonial situation in the Territory;

5. 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 view, including the sending of a visiting mission to the Territory, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session.

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

DRAFT CONSENSUS I

Question of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands

The General Assembly, having examined the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the Cocos (Keeling) Islands 41/ and having heard the statement of the administering Power on the implementation of the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and 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 Territory, 42/ notes with satisfaction the constructive work accomplished during the year by the Special Committee with the close co-operation of the administering Power, in particular the dispatch, in August 1974, of a United Nations Visiting Mission to the Territory. The General Assembly expresses appreciation to the administering Power for its active participation in the relevant work of the Special Committee and its continued preparedness to receive a further visiting mission to the Territory, as appropriate. The General Assembly draws the attention of the administering Power to the conclusions and recommendations of the Visiting Mission, 43/ bearing in mind the need to ensure the free expression by the people of the Territory of their true aspirations concerning their future status, as well as the full exercise by them of their fundamental rights, towards the achievement of the goals set forth in 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 of implementing the Declaration with respect to the Territory and to report thereon to the Assembly at its thirtieth session.

41/ A/9623/Add.5 (Part II), chap. XX.

42/ A/C.4/SR.2124.

43/ A/9623/Add.5 (Part II), chap. XX, annex, paras. 199-217.

DRAFT CONSENSUS II

Question of the Tokelau Islands

The General Assembly, having examined the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the question of the Tokelau Islands, under the administration of New Zealand, 44/ and having heard the statement of the representative of the administering Power on the implementation 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 that Territory, 45/ notes with satisfaction the continued active participation of the representative of the Government of New Zealand in the related work of the Special Committee in 1974. The General Assembly also notes the continued readiness of the administering Power to receive a visiting mission in the Tokelau Islands in order to obtain first-hand information on conditions in the Territory and on the wishes and aspirations of its people. The assistance provided to the Tokelau Islands by specialized agencies of the United Nations, such as the World Health Organization, is noted with appreciation. The General Assembly considers the provision of such assistance as an important means of demonstrating the continuing interest of the international community in the Territory. The General Assembly requests the Special Committee, in consultation with the administering Power, to continue to seek the best ways and means for the implementation of the Declaration with respect to the Tokelau Islands, including the dispatch of a visiting mission as appropriate, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session.

44/ A/9623/Add.5 (Part I), chap XVI.

45/ A/C.4/SR.2122.

DRAFT CONSENSUS III

Question of Brunei

The General Assembly, 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 ^{46/} and having noted the decision of the Special Committee to request its Chairman to continue consultations with the administering Power with a view to the implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and other relevant resolutions of the Assembly and the Special Committee with respect to the Territory, ^{47/} decides to request the Special Committee to continue to consider this question and to report thereon to the Assembly at its thirtieth session.

^{46/} A/9623/Add.5 (Part I), chap. XIX.

^{47/} Ibid., para. 5.

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

DRAFT DECISION I

The General Assembly, in noting the related communications from the Governments of Argentina 48/ and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 49/ requests the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to continue to keep the question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) under review in the discharge of the mandate entrusted to it at its next session.

DRAFT DECISION II

The General Assembly decides to postpone to its thirtieth session consideration of the questions of Belize, of French Somaliland, and of Antigua, Dominica, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia and St. Vincent.

48/ A/9824.

49/ A/9814.