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INFORMATION FROM NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES

Territories to which Chapter XI of the Charter Applies

Factors approved in first reading

I. FACTORS INDICATIVE OF THE ATTAINMENT OF AN AUTONOMOUS  
SYSTEM OF SELF-GOVERNMENT

A. General

1. Political advancement: Political advancement of the population sufficient to enable them to decide upon the future destiny of the Territory with due knowledge.

2. Opinion of the population: The opinion of the population of the Territory, freely expressed in informed and democratic processes, as to the status or change in status which they desire.

B. International status

1. Independence: The attainment of independence by the Territory, or complete control over its external relations and internal affairs.

2. Eligibility for membership in international organizations: Eligibility for membership in the United Nations or for membership or associate membership in other international organizations; representation by delegates selected by the Territorial Government.

3. General international relations: Authority to enter into direct relations with other governments or with international institutions, and right to negotiate, sign and ratify international conventions.

C. Internal self-government

1. Territorial government: Freedom from control or interference by the

government of another state in respect of the internal government of the Territory (legislature, executive, judiciary).

2. Participation of the population: Effective participation of the population in the constitutional powers of the Territory.

3. Economic and social jurisdiction: Complete internal authority in respect of economic and social affairs.

II. FACTORS INDICATIVE OF THE FREE ASSOCIATION (WHETHER IN A FEDERAL OR UNITARY RELATIONSHIP) OF A TERRITORY ON EQUAL STATUS WITH OTHER COMPONENT PARTS OF THE METROPOLITAN OF OTHER COUNTRY

A. General

1. Political advancement: Political advancement of the population sufficient to enable them to decide upon the future destiny of the Territory with due knowledge.

2. Opinion of the population: The opinion of the population of the Territory freely expressed by informed and democratic processes, as to the status or change in status which they desire.

3. Geographical considerations: Extent to which the relations of the Territory with the capital of the central government may be affected by circumstances arising out of their respective geographical positions, such as separation by land, sea or other natural obstacles.

4. Ethnic and cultural considerations: Extent to which the population are of different race, language or religion or have a distinct cultural heritage, interests or aspirations, distinguishing them from the peoples of the country with which they freely associate themselves.

5. Constitutional considerations: Association (a) by virtue of the constitution of the metropolitan country or (b) by virtue of a treaty or bilateral agreement affecting the status of the Territory, taking into account (i) whether the constitutional guarantees extend equally to the associated Territory, (ii) whether there are constitutional fields reserved to the Territory, and (iii) whether there is provision for the participation of the Territory on a basis of equality in any changes in the constitutional system of the state.

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B. Status

1. Legislative representation: Representation without discrimination in the central legislative organs on the same basis as other inhabitants and regions.
  2. Citizenship: Citizenship without discrimination on the same basis as other inhabitants.
  3. Government officials: Appointment or election of officials from the Territory on the same basis as those from other parts of the country.
- C. Internal constitutional conditions
1. Suffrage: Universal and equal suffrage, free periodic elections by secret ballot, freedom of choice of electoral candidates.
  2. Local rights and status: Equal rights and status for the inhabitants and local bodies of the Territory as enjoyed by inhabitants and local bodies of other parts of the country.
  3. Local officials: Appointment or election of officials in the Territory on the same basis as those in other parts of the country.

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