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INFORMATION FROM NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES

Territories to which Chapter XI of the Charter AppliesWorking paper setting forth amendments and suggestions for Introduction

1. The Territories which are covered by Chapter XI of the Charter are those Territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government. It should be pointed out that the expression "self-government" is qualified in the Charter by the words "full measure" in the English text, "completement" in the French text, and "plenitud" in the Spanish text; and also that the concept of a "full measure of self-government" is not opposed to the concepts of "independence" or "sovereignty". (Note: The first sentence has been approved by the Sub-Committee. The second sentence consists of the amendment proposed by the delegate of Cuba.)
2. In examining the basic and general factors to be taken into account in deciding whether a Territory is or is not a Territory whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government, the General Assembly is not in any way attempting to determine conditions to which should be subjected the political advancement of the Territories. There is agreement that the political advancement of the peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories is of paramount importance and that that advancement should be effected as rapidly as possible. The task of the General Assembly is of a different character. It is to suggest the considerations which should be taken into account in determining whether the result of the advancement of the peoples of any given Territory is such that that Territory is not covered by Chapter XI of the Charter, and its peoples no longer require the guarantee of the commitments contained in Chapter XI. (Note: The above is the original text subject to the substitution of "the General Assembly" for the words "Sub-Committee 9

of the Fourth Committee" The following alterations have been proposed or suggested in respect of the final lines of the above text):

- (a) Delete all words after "Chapter XI of the Charter". (Denmark)
- (b) Replace the last words from the phrase "is not covered by" by the following text: "has reached a stage of self-government where it falls outside the scope of Article 73 e of the Charter". (Guatemala)
- (c) Replace the words "guarantee of the commitments contained in Chapter XI" by the words "fulfilment of the obligations contained in Chapter XI". (Cuba)
- (d) Add the following words to end of paragraph: "in order to permit the General Assembly to express an opinion on the principles which have guided or which may in future guide the Members concerned in enumerating the Territories for which the obligation exists to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter." (France)

3. The attainment of full self-government is the basic objective. The attainment of this objective may be achieved by various means. The two principal means are, on the one hand, the progressive development of local autonomy, and on the other hand the exercise through the free will of the people of a desire to secure association of the Territory on a footing of equality of status within the metropolitan country or within any other community.

4. These two principal forms of political advancement call for the consideration of different factors in determining whether a Territory remains or has ceased to be a Territory to which Chapter XI of the Charter applies.

5. Accordingly, the General Assembly lists under two separate headings the factors to be taken into account, stressing that the list cannot be regarded as exhaustive or definitive, and that no single factor or particular combination of factors can be regarded as predominant or decisive in itself. (Note: The first words of paragraph 5 are the original text subject to the use of the term "the General Assembly". The final words result from the intervention of the representative of France and are based on the words used in the report of the Special Committee.)

6. Finally and essentially, it is to be noted that the present report is to be regarded as a preliminary working paper. Many of the factors listed are of such a complex character that further study is required before a final opinion can be expressed on whether they should be maintained or eliminated, or, in the former case, on the form in which they should be expressed. (Note: This paragraph arises out of discussions throughout the meetings of the Sub-Committee and in particular at the sixth meeting.)
