



Chairman: Mr. Zdeněk ČERNÍK
(Czechoslovakia).

AGENDA ITEM 22

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (Territories not covered under other agenda items) (continued) (A/8723/Add.4 (part II), chapter XII, A/8723/Add.5, chapter XVI; A/C.4/L.1018 and Corr.1, A/C.4/L.1019)

QUESTION OF SPANISH SAHARA: CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS (continued) (A/C.4/L.1018 AND CORR.1, A/C.4/L.1019)

1. The CHAIRMAN said that many members had asked him to thank the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Morocco on behalf of the Fourth Committee for having postponed his departure in order to take part in the Committee's deliberations.

2. He pointed out that Burundi, Kenya, Mauritius, Nigeria and Uganda had joined the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.4/L.1018 and Corr.1, and that Cameroon and Gabon had asked to be removed from the list of sponsors.

QUESTION OF NIUE AND THE TOKELAU ISLANDS (A/8723/ADD.5, CHAPTER XVI)

3. Mr. SCOTT (New Zealand), referring to the outcome of the discussions relating to the future constitutional development of Niue that had been held recently between the Government of New Zealand and the people of the Territory, informed the Committee that that on 21 November the Niue Island Legislative Assembly, after considering the report of its Select Committee on Constitutional Development, had resolved that the Government of Niue should inform the Government of New Zealand of the wish of the Government and people of Niue to achieve the status of full self-government in free association with New Zealand in 1974, on a date to be agreed upon by both Governments. The Legislative Assembly had further resolved that a delegation of its members should visit New Zealand early in 1973 to discuss with the Government of New Zealand the formalities of implementing the Legislative Assembly's decision.

4. He considered that it would be inappropriate for him to comment on the Legislative Assembly's resolution until it had been studied by the Government which had just been elected in New Zealand and had not yet taken office. He considered it important, however, that in examining the question of Niue and the Tokelau Islands, and bearing in mind the relevant recommendations of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Niue in 1972 (see A/8723/Add.5, chap. XVI, annex I), the Committee should be informed of those developments.

The meeting rose at 1.05 p.m.