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(covering its work during 1967)

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CHAPTER VII

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I. ACTION TAKEN BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE IN 1966 AND BY  
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

1. In 1963 and 1964 the Special Committee adopted resolutions concerning Fiji.<sup>1/</sup> After considering the question of Fiji at its meetings in 1966, the Special Committee adopted a resolution<sup>2/</sup> in which it reaffirmed the inalienable right of the people of Fiji to freedom and independence in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, and called upon the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the administering Power, to implement immediately the following: the holding of general elections on the basis of one man, one vote, in accordance with the principle of universal adult suffrage, for the purpose of forming a constituent assembly which would be charged with the task of drawing up a democratic constitution; the formation of a representative government and transfer of full powers to that government; the fixing of an early date for the granting of independence to the people of Fiji; and the abolition of all discriminatory measures so as to foster communal harmony and national unity in the Territory. Moreover, it decided to appoint a sub-committee to visit Fiji for the purpose of studying at first hand the situation in the Territory and to report to the Special Committee as soon as possible.

2. At its eighteenth and twentieth sessions the General Assembly adopted resolutions 1951 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963 and 2068 (XX) of 16 December 1965 respectively concerning Fiji. It considered the report of the Special Committee on the Territory (A/6300/Add.6, chapter VIII) at its twenty-first session and subsequently adopted resolution 2185 (XXI) of 12 December 1966, the text of which reads as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Having considered 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 of Fiji,

"Having heard the statement of the administering Power,

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighteenth Session, Annexes, addendum to agenda item 23, (A/5446/Rev.1), chapter VII, para 165; ibid., Nineteenth Session, Annex No. 8, (A/5800/Rev.1), chapter XIII, para. 119.

2/ A/6300/Add.6, Chapter VIII, para. 120.