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INFORMATION FROM NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES TRANSMITTED UNDER ARTICLE 73 e OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS

## Report of the Secretary-General

- 1. Under the terms of Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations, Member States which have or assume responsibilities for the administration of Territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government undertake to transmit regularly to the Secretary-General information relating to economic, social and educational conditions in the Territories for which they are responsible, other than those Territories to which the International Trusteeship System applies. In addition, the General Assembly in several resolutions, the most recent of which was resolution 3110 (XXVIII) of 12 December 1973, requested the administering Powers concerned "to transmit, or continue to transmit, to the Secretary-General the information prescribed in Article 73 e of the Charter, as well as the fullest possible information on political and constitutional developments in the Territories concerned".
- 2. The table annexed to the present report shows the dates on which information called for under Article 73 e of the Charter was transmitted to the Secretary-General in respect of the years 1972 and 1973 up to 19 November 1974.
- 3. The information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter follows in general the standard form approved by the General Assembly and includes information on geography, history, population, economic, social and educational conditions. In the case of Territories under the administration of Australia, France, New Zealand, Spain, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, the annual reports on the Territories also include information on constitutional matters. Additional information on political and constitutional developments in Territories under their administration is given by the representatives of Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States during meetings 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. Supplementary information is also made available by the United Kingdom concerning Territories under its administration.

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- 4. No information has been transmitted to the Secretary-General concerning Territories under Portuguese administration, which the General Assembly, by resolution 1542 (XV) of 15 December 1960, considered to be Non-Self-Governing Territories within the meaning of Chapter XI of the Charter. The Secretary-General notes in that connexion that at the 1791st meeting of the Security Council, on 12 August 1974, the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations stated, inter alia, as follows: "The Portuguese Government is prepared to develop the process of decolonization, to supply all the information requested by Article 73 of the Charter, and to implement General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV), and other relevant resolutions concerning the Territories under Portuguese administration." 1/
- 5. The Secretary-General received no information concerning Antigua, Dominica, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia or St. Vincent. In that connexion, the United Kingdom had declared at previous sessions of the General Assembly that, having achieved the status of Associated States, those Territories had attained "a full measure of self-government". 2/
- 6. In compliance with the provisions of paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 1970 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963, and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, including in particular resolution 3110 (XXVIII), the Secretariat has continued to use the information transmitted in the preparation of working papers on each Territory for the Special Committee. This information is reflected in the chapters of the Special Committee's report to the General Assembly at its current session dealing with each of these Territories (A/9623 and Add.1-7). The report also contains an account of the action taken by the Special Committee in implementation of resolution 1970 (XVIII). 3/

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<sup>1</sup>/ See also document A/AC.109/456.

<sup>2/</sup> See also documents A/AC.109/341, A/C.4/725, A/AC.109/PV.762 and Corr.1, A/C.4/SR.1752 and A/C.4/SR.1867.

<sup>3/</sup> A/9623/Add.7, chap. XXIX.

Dates of transmission of information under Article 73 e
of the Charter for 1972 and 1973 a/

		1972	<u> 1973</u>
AUSTRALIA (1 July-30 June) b/			
Cocos (Keeling) Islands		20 June 1973	22 July 1974
Papua New Guinea		16 May 1973	1 May 1974
FRANCE (calendar year)			•
Comoro Archipelago <u>c</u> /		-	-
French Somaliland $\underline{c}/\underline{d}/$		-	-
New Hebrides (condominium with the United Kingdom)		21 January 1974	
NEW ZEALAND (1 April-31 March) e/			
Niue \		10 August 1973	26 July 1974
Tokelau Islands		10 August 1973	26 July 19 <b>7</b> 4
PORTUGAL			·
Territories under Portuguese administration		-	<b></b>
SPAIN (calendar year)			
Spanish Sahara	·	30 June 1973	24 June 1974

 $<sup>\</sup>underline{a}/$  For a preliminary list of Territories to which the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV)) applies, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighteenth Session, Supplement No.  $\underline{14}$  (A/5514), part one, annex II.

 $<sup>\</sup>underline{b}$ / Period extends from 1 July of the previous year to 30 June of the year listed.

c/ On 27 March 1959, the Government of France notified the Secretary-General that this Territory had attained internal autonomy and, consequently, the transmission of information thereon had ceased as from 1957.

d/ The new designation of the Territory is French Territory of the Afars and the Issas (see Terminology Bulletin No. 240 (ST/CS/SER.4/240) of 15 April 1968).

e/ Period extends from 1 April of the year listed to 31 March of the following year.

1972 1973 UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND (calendar year) Antigua Belize 20 August 1973 30 May 1974 Bermuda 19 November 1973 9 October 1974 British Virgin Islands 9 August 1973 21 May 1974 Brunei f/ Cayman Islands 10 May 1974 9 August 1973 Dominica Falkland Islands (Malvinas) 10 December 1973 19 August 1974 Gibraltar 9 August 1973 Gilbert and Ellice Islands 14 August 1973 19 September 1974 29 June 1974 Montserrat 27 August 1973 New Hebrides (condominium with France) 9 September 1974 8 September 1973 Pitcairn g/ 21 May 1974 9 August 1973 St. Helena e/ 10 October 1973 9 September 1974 St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla St. Lucia St. Vincent Sevchelles 9 August 1973 22 July 1974 Solomon Islands 9 August 1973 22 July 1974 Southern Rhodesia 9 August 1973 19 August 1974 Turks and Caicos Islands 16 August 1973 23 May 1974 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (1 July-30 June) b/ American Samoa 19 October 1973 22 July 1974 Guam 19 October 1973 9 May 1974 19 August 1974 United States Virgin Islands 23 November 1973

f/ On 18 September 1972, the Government of the United Kingdom notified the Secretary-General that this Territory having attained full internal self-government the transmission of information thereon was, in its view, no longer appropriate.

g/ The period covered in the sections on financial aspects relates to the fiscal year 1 April-31 March and not the calendar year.