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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF  
INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

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 Papua New Guinea

Report of the Fourth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Arnaldo H. S. ARAÚJO (Guinea-Bissau)

1. At its 2236th plenary meeting, on 21 September 1974, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee (A/9750), decided to include in the agenda of its twenty-ninth session the following items:

"13. Report of the Trusteeship Council."

"23. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: 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."

2. At its 2237th plenary meeting, on the same day, the General Assembly decided to allocate to the Fourth Committee, for consideration and report, the report of the Trusteeship Council and those chapters 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 specific Territories, including, inter alia, Papua New Guinea.

3. At its 2080th meeting, on 1 October, the Fourth Committee decided to hold a general debate covering items 13, 23, 64, 69 and 12, 70 and 71, on the understanding that individual draft resolutions on matters covered by those items would be considered separately.

4. The Fourth Committee considered the question at its 2115th to 2126th meetings, between 21 November and 4 December.
5. At the 2115th meeting, on 21 November, the Rapporteur 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 introduced chapter XX of the report of that Committee relating to the items (A/9623/Add.5 (part II)).
6. At the 2118th meeting, on 26 November, the Vice-President of the Trusteeship Council introduced the report of the Council covering the period from 23 June 1973 to 23 October 1974 (A/9604).
7. The Fourth Committee also had before it the annual report on the administration of Papua New Guinea for the period from 1 July 1972 to 30 June 1973 (A/9727).
8. The general debate covering the above-mentioned items took place at the 2115th to 2120th and 2122nd to 2126th meetings, between 21 November and 4 December.
9. At its 2118th meeting, on 26 November, the Fourth Committee heard a statement by Mr. Tony Farapo, representative of the Government of Papua New Guinea.
10. At the 2120th meeting, on 27 November, the representatives of India, Ethiopia, and Austria introduced a draft resolution (A/C.4/L.1074), which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Austria, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Canada, Central African Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ghana, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Japan, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Peru, Philippines, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sudan, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Venezuela, Yemen and Zambia.
11. At its 2121st meeting, on 28 November, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/L.1074 without objection (see para. 12 below).

#### RECOMMENDATION OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

12. The Fourth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

##### Question of Papua New Guinea

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Trusteeship Agreement for the Territory of New Guinea, approved by the General Assembly on 13 December 1946, 1/

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1/ Trusteeship Agreement for the Territory of New Guinea (United Nations publication, Sales No. 1947.VI.A.8).

Mindful of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Recalling further its resolution 3109 (XXVIII) of 12 December 1973, in which it welcomed the attainment of self-government on 1 December 1973 as an important step in the progress of Papua New Guinea towards independence,

Mindful that the House of Assembly has affirmed its right as the duly elected parliament of the people of Papua New Guinea to decide when independence is to come and that the administering Power accepts that the House of Assembly represents the wishes of the people on the question of independence,

Recognizing that the administering Power has progressively transferred governmental powers to the Government of Papua New Guinea and that it has announced that, pending the final decision of the House of Assembly to declare independence for Papua New Guinea, the Government of Australia is conducting its relations with the Government of Papua New Guinea as a Government of an independent nation to which Australia has certain special and inescapable obligations,

Noting that, on 9 July 1974, the Papua New Guinea House of Assembly resolved "that Papua New Guinea do move to independent nation status as soon as practicable after a constitution has been enacted by this House and that any proposed date of independence be endorsed by this House",

Noting also the continued willingness of the administering Power and of the Government of Papua New Guinea to receive, at an appropriate time, a visiting mission to be composed as recommended in General Assembly resolution 2590 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969,

Having considered the report of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 23 June 1973 to 23 October 1974, 2/

1. Resolves, in agreement with the administering Power, that, on the date on which Papua New Guinea shall become independent, the Trusteeship Agreement for the Territory of New Guinea, approved by the General Assembly on 13 December 1946, shall cease to be in force;

2. Requests the administering Power to notify the Secretary-General of the date on which Papua New Guinea will accede to independence and on which the Trusteeship Agreement shall cease to be in force.

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