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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 Fourth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Ron S. MORRIS (Australia)

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 21 September 1979, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its thirty-fourth session the item entitled:

"Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations:

"(a) Report of the Secretary-General;

"(b) 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".

At the same meeting, the General Assembly decided to allocate the item to the Fourth Committee.

2. At its 2nd meeting, on 27 September, the Fourth Committee decided to hold a general debate covering agenda items 18, 89, 91, 93 and 12, 94 and 95, on the understanding that individual draft resolutions on matters covered by those items would be considered separately.

3. The Fourth Committee considered item 89 at its 12th to 25th meetings, between 17 October and 6 November.

4. At the 12th meeting, 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 XXXIII of the report of that Committee relating to the item (A/34/23/Add.9).

5. The Fourth Committee also had before it the report of the Secretary-General relating to the item (A/34/554).

6. In addition, the Fourth Committee had before it a note verbale dated 6 April 1979 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/34/311).

7. The general debate covering the items referred to in paragraph 2 above took place at the 12th to 23rd meetings, between 17 October and 2 November.

8. At the 24th meeting, on 5 November, the Chairman drew attention to a draft resolution (A/C.4/34/L.19), which was finally sponsored by the following Member States: Algeria, Angola, Barbados, Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Sierra Leone, Syrian Arab Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Republic of Tanzania and Yugoslavia.

9. At its 25th meeting, on 6 November, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/34/L.19 by a recorded vote of 77 to none, with 4 abstentions (see para. 10). 1/ The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Chile, China, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Finland, German Democratic Republic, Greece, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Spain, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Austria, France, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

1/ Statements in explanation of vote were made by the following Member States: Denmark, France, Japan and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

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

Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted
under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1970 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963, in which it requested the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to study the information transmitted to the Secretary-General under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations and to take such information fully into account in examining the situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration,

Recalling also its resolution 33/37 of 13 December 1978, in which it requested the Special Committee to continue to discharge the functions entrusted to it under resolution 1970 (XVIII),

Having examined the chapter of the report of the Special Committee dealing with the transmittal of information under Article 73 e of the Charter 2/ and the action taken by the Committee in respect of that information,

Having also examined the report of the Secretary-General on the item, 3/

Deploring that some Member States having responsibilities for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories have ceased to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter,

1. Approves 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 information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations;

2. Reaffirms that, in the absence of a decision by the General Assembly itself that a Non-Self-Governing Territory has attained a full measure of self-government in terms of Chapter XI of the Charter, the administering Power concerned should continue to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter with respect to that Territory;

3. Requests 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

2/ A/34/23/Add.9, chap. XXXIII.

3/ A/34/554.

constitutional developments in the Territories concerned, within a maximum period of six months following the expiration of the administrative year in those Territories;

4. Requests the Special Committee to continue to discharge the functions entrusted to it under General Assembly resolution 1970 (XVIII), in accordance with established procedures, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.
