

Noting with satisfaction that the Solomon Islands achieved full internal self-government on 2 January 1976 and that the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Solomon Islands agree that the Territory should proceed to early independence,

Noting also with satisfaction the development assistance provided by the United Kingdom, as the administering Power, Australia and New Zealand, as well as the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme in the economic development of the Territory during 1976,

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 Solomon Islands;

2. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of the Solomon Islands to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration;

3. *Requests* the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the administering Power, to continue to assist the people of the Solomon Islands towards the achievement of independence;

4. *Further requests* the administering Power, in consultation with the people of the Solomon Islands, to continue its efforts towards diversification of the economy of the Territory;

5. *Stresses* the responsibility of the United Nations to render all possible assistance to the people of the Solomon Islands in their efforts to consolidate their national independence and, to that end, invites the specialized agencies and the institutions associated with the United Nations to work out concrete programmes of assistance to the Solomon Islands;

6. *Requests* the Special Committee to keep the situation in the Territory under review.

85th plenary meeting
1 December 1976

31/47. Question of the Gilbert Islands

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the Gilbert Islands,

Having examined the relevant 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,¹⁶

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and all other resolutions and decisions of the United Nations relating to the Territory,

Having heard the statement of the administering Power relating to developments in the Territory,¹⁷

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

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/31/23/Rev.1), chaps. III and XIX.

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, Thirty-first Session, Fourth Committee, 11th meeting, paras. 1-11; and *ibid.*, Fourth Committee, Sessional Fascicle, corrigendum.

Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the Gilbert Islands;¹⁸

2. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of the Gilbert Islands to self-determination and independence in conformity with the Declaration;

3. *Requests* the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the administering Power, to continue to take measures to expedite the process of decolonization in the Territory in accordance with the relevant recommendations of the Special Committee, including in particular the observations of the United Nations Visiting Mission dispatched to the Territory in 1974;¹⁹

4. *Requests* that steps be taken towards diversification of the economy of the Territory and that the administering Power continue to enlist the assistance of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system in the development and strengthening of the economy of the Territory;

5. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to seek the best ways and means for the implementation of the Declaration with respect to the Gilbert Islands, including the possible dispatch of a further visiting mission in consultation with the administering Power, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution.

85th plenary meeting
1 December 1976

31/48. Question of Tokelau

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the Tokelau Islands,

Having examined the relevant 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,²⁰ including in particular the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission dispatched to the Territory in June 1976²¹ at the invitation of the Government of New Zealand, as the administering Power, and the people of the Tokelau Islands,

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Recalling also its resolution 3428 (XXX) of 8 December 1975 on the question of the Tokelau Islands,

Having heard the statement of the administering Power,²²

Having also heard the statement of one of the members of the Visiting Mission,²³

Mindful of the responsibility of the United Nations to help the people of the Tokelau Islands to realize

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/31/23/Rev.1), chap. XIX.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/9623/Rev.1), chap. XXI, annex I.

²⁰ *Ibid.*, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/31/23/Rev.1), chaps. III and XVII.

²¹ *Ibid.*, chap. XVII, annex.

²² *Ibid.*, Thirty-first Session, Fourth Committee, 12th meeting, paras. 1-11.

²³ *Ibid.*, 24th meeting, paras. 3-7.