

economy as a matter of priority, in order to reduce its dependence on fluctuating economic activities,

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 United States Virgin Islands;<sup>57</sup>

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

3. *Reaffirms its conviction* that questions of territorial size, geographical location and limited resources should in no way delay the implementation of the Declaration with respect to the Territory;

4. *Calls upon* the Government of the United States of America, as the administering Power, in consultation with the freely elected representatives of the people, to continue to take all the necessary steps to ensure the full and speedy attainment of the goals set forth in the Declaration with respect to the United States Virgin Islands;

5. *Calls upon* the administering Power to take all possible steps to diversify the economy of the Territory and to work out concrete programmes of assistance and economic development for the United States Virgin Islands;

6. *Requests* the administering Power to consider favourably inviting a United Nations mission to visit the United States Virgin Islands for the purpose of observing conditions in the Territory and learning first-hand of the aspirations of the people concerning their political status;

7. *Urges* the administering Power, with the co-operation of the Government of the Territory, to safeguard the inalienable right of the people of the Territory to the enjoyment of its natural resources by taking effective measures which guarantee the rights of the people to own and dispose of those natural resources and to establish and maintain control of their future development;

8. *Requests* the administering Power to continue to enlist the assistance of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system in accelerating progress in all sectors of the national life of the United States Virgin Islands;

9. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to seek the best ways and means for the implementation of the Declaration with respect to the United States Virgin Islands, including the possible dispatch of a 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*

### 31/58. Question of Guam

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the question of Guam,

*Having examined* the relevant chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard

<sup>57</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. XXXI.

to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,<sup>58</sup>

*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 Guam, in particular General Assembly resolutions 3429 (XXX) of 8 December 1975 and 3481 (XXX) of 11 December 1975,

*Conscious* of the need to accelerate progress towards the full implementation of the Declaration with respect to Guam,

*Deploring* the policy of the administering Power in continuing to maintain military installations on Guam, in contravention of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly,

*Bearing in mind* the constructive results achieved as a consequence of previous visiting missions to colonial Territories and reiterating its conviction that the dispatch of such missions is essential for securing adequate and first-hand information in regard to the conditions prevailing in those Territories and to the views, wishes and aspirations of the peoples therein with respect to their future status,

*Mindful* that Guam requires the continued attention and assistance of the United Nations in the achievement by its people of the objectives embodied in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Declaration,

*Aware* of the special circumstances of the geographical location and economic conditions of Guam, and stressing the necessity of diversifying its economy as a matter of priority in order to reduce its dependence on fluctuating economic activities,

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 Guam;<sup>59</sup>

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

3. *Reaffirms its conviction* that questions of territorial size, geographical location and limited resources should in no way delay the implementation of the Declaration with respect to the Territory;

4. *Calls upon* the Government of the United States of America, as the administering Power, in consultation with the freely elected representatives of the people, to continue to take all the necessary steps to ensure the full and speedy attainment of the goals set forth in the Declaration with respect to Guam;

5. *Strongly deprecates* the establishment of military installations on Guam as being incompatible with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

6. *Calls upon* the administering Power to take all possible steps to diversify the economy of the Territory and to work out concrete programmes of assistance and economic development for Guam;

7. *Calls upon* the administering Power to reconsider its attitude towards receiving United Nations visiting

<sup>58</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. III, chap. V, annex IV, and chap. XXIII.

<sup>59</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. XXIII.

missions and to permit access by such a mission to the Territory;

8. *Urges* the administering Power, with the co-operation of the Government of Guam, to safeguard the inalienable right of the people of the Territory to the enjoyment of its natural resources by taking effective measures which guarantee the rights of the people to own and dispose of those natural resources and to establish and maintain control of their future development;

9. *Requests* the administering Power to continue to enlist the assistance of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system in accelerating progress in all sectors of the national life of Guam;

10. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to seek the best ways and means for the implementation of the Declaration with respect to Guam, including the possible dispatch of a 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  
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### 31/59. Question of French Somaliland

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the question of so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti),

*Having examined* the relevant 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,<sup>60</sup>

*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 resolutions 2228 (XXI) of 20 December 1966, 2356 (XXII) of 19 December 1967 and 3480 (XXX) of 11 December 1975 on so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti),

*Having heard* the statements of the representatives of the liberation movements, the Front de libération de la Côte des Somalis<sup>61</sup> and the Mouvement de libération de Djibouti,<sup>62</sup>

*Having also heard* the statements of the President of the Government Council of the Territory,<sup>63</sup> as well as those of the representatives of the political parties, namely, the Ligue populaire africaine pour l'indépendance,<sup>64</sup> the Union nationale pour l'indépendance<sup>65</sup> and the Mouvement populaire de libération,<sup>66</sup> and of a petitioner,<sup>67</sup>

*Taking note* of the solemn declarations of the leaders of the delegations of Ethiopia and Somalia before the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its twenty-seventh ordinary session, held at Port Louis from 24 June to 3 July 1976, and before the Fourth Committee of the General Assembly,<sup>68</sup> affirming that their respective Governments would recognize, respect and honour the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti) after its accession to independence,

*Taking note also* of the resolution on the question of so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti) adopted by the Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Lima from 25 to 30 August 1975,<sup>69</sup> and of that part of the Political Declaration adopted by the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Colombo from 16 to 19 August 1976, regarding the question.<sup>70</sup>

*Having heard* the statement of the representative of France, as the administering Power,<sup>71</sup> in particular the expressed commitment of his Government to lead the Territory to independence in 1977,

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti) to self-determination and independence;

2. *Reaffirms also* its unqualified support of the right of the people of so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti) to immediate and unconditional independence in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

3. *Calls upon* the Government of France to implement scrupulously and equitably, under democratic conditions, the programme for the independence of so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti), as outlined by the representative of France in his statement before the Fourth Committee of the General Assembly,<sup>71</sup> within the indicated time frame, namely, the summer of 1977;

4. *Urges* the leaders of the Government Council of the Territory, as well as the representatives of the liberation movements, the Front de libération de la Côte des Somalis and the Mouvement de libération de Djibouti, and of the political parties and groups to enter into the broadest possible discussions on neutral grounds, under the auspices of the Organization of African Unity, with a view to resolving their differences, and to agree on a common political platform before the holding of a referendum, in conformity with the resolution adopted by the Council of Ministers at its twenty-seventh ordinary session<sup>72</sup> and subsequently approved by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its thirteenth ordinary session;

5. *Also calls upon* the Government of France to co-operate fully with the Organization of African Unity in its effort to convene, in accordance with the decision of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government, a round-table conference for the speedy implementation of the request contained in paragraph 4 above;

<sup>60</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. XIV.

<sup>61</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirty-first Session, Fourth Committee, 14th meeting*, paras. 60-109, 17th meeting, paras. 44-49, and 21st meeting, paras. 22-34; and *ibid.*, *Fourth Committee, Sessional Fascicle*, corrigendum.

<sup>62</sup> *Ibid.*, 17th meeting, paras 18-43.

<sup>63</sup> *Ibid.*, 14th meeting, paras. 22-58, and 20th meeting, paras. 5-15.

<sup>64</sup> *Ibid.*, 17th meeting, paras. 72-94.

<sup>65</sup> *Ibid.*, 20th meeting, paras. 35-60.

<sup>66</sup> *Ibid.*, 17th meeting, paras. 52-69.

<sup>67</sup> *Ibid.*, 20th meeting, paras. 63, 64, 68-70, 78, 79 and 84-87.

<sup>68</sup> *Ibid.*, 20th meeting, paras. 92-146 (Ethiopia); 14th meeting, paras. 110-130, and 17th meeting, paras. 13-17 (Somalia); and *ibid.*, *Fourth Committee, Sessional Fascicle*, corrigendum.

<sup>69</sup> A/10217 and Corr.1, annex I, resolution I.

<sup>70</sup> A/31/197, annex I, para. 37.

<sup>71</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Fourth Committee, 14th meeting*, paras. 1-20.

<sup>72</sup> A/31/196 and Corr.1, annex, resolution CM/Res.480 (XXVII).