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## CHAPTER XXXII

### INFORMATION FROM NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES TRANSMITTED UNDER ARTICLE 73 e OF THE CHARTER AND RELATED QUESTIONS

#### I. CONSIDERATION BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

1. The Special Committee considered the question of information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations and related questions at its 630th, 632nd to 634th and 637th to 639th meetings, between 5 and 27 September 1968.

2. In its consideration of this item, the Special Committee took into consideration the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 2326 (XXII) of 16 December 1967, as well as the provisions of other General Assembly resolutions, particularly operative paragraph 5 of resolution 1970 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963, operative paragraph 4 of resolution 2109 (XX) of 21 December 1965, operative paragraph 4 of resolution 2233 (XXI) of 20 December 1966, and operative paragraph 5 of resolution 2351 (XXII) of 19 December 1967 which, inter alia, requested the Special Committee to study, in accordance with the procedures established by it in 1964,<sup>1/</sup> the information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter.

3. During its consideration of the item, the Special Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General (see annex) containing information on action previously taken by the Special Committee as well as by the General Assembly, and on the dates on which information from the Non-Self-Governing Territories concerned, called for under Article 73 e of the Charter, was transmitted for the years 1966 and 1967.

4. At the 630th, 632nd, 634th and 639th meetings, between 5 and 27 September, the Chairman of the Special Committee informed the members that, subsequent to the submission of the above-mentioned report of the Secretary-General, additional information under Article 73 e of the Charter for the year 1967 had been transmitted by Australia on the Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Papua; by New Zealand on Niue and Tokelau Islands; and by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on Gibraltar, Montserrat, the Seychelles and St. Vincent.

5. At the 638th meeting, on 26 September, the representative of Iraq introduced a draft resolution, which was finally sponsored by the following members: Afghanistan, Ethiopia, India, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Madagascar, Mali, Sierra Leone, Syria, Tunisia and Yugoslavia (A/AC.109/L.502 and Add.1).

6. The Special Committee considered the draft resolution at its 638th and 639th meetings, on 26 and 27 September. Statements on the draft resolution were made at the 638th meeting by the representatives of the United Kingdom, the United

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<sup>1/</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Nineteenth Session, Annexes, annex No. 8 (part I) (A/5800/Rev.1), chapter II.

States of America and Australia (A/AC.109/SR.638) and at the 639th meeting by the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (A/AC.109/SR.639).

7. The draft resolution (A/AC.109/L.502 and Add.1) was voted on by the Special Committee at its 639th meeting, on 27 September, as follows:

(a) Operative paragraph 1, sub-paragraph (b) was adopted by 17 votes to 3, with 3 abstentions;

(b) The draft resolution as a whole (A/AC.109/L.502 and Add.1) was adopted by 20 votes to 3.

8. The text of the resolution (A/AC.109/300) is reproduced in section II below.

9. At the same meeting, statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom and the United States (A/AC.109/SR.639).

10. On 30 September, the text of the resolution was transmitted to the Permanent Representatives of the administering Powers for the attention of their Governments.

## II. DECISION OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

### Resolution adopted by the Special Committee at its 639th meeting on 27 September 1968

#### The Special Committee,

Recalling that the General Assembly in its resolution 1970 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963 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 in accordance with Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations and to take it fully into account in examining the situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration,

Recalling also that the General Assembly, in its resolutions 2109 (XX) of 21 December 1965, 2233 (XXI) of 20 December 1966 and 2351 (XXII) of 19 December 1967, approved, inter alia, the procedures adopted by the Special Committee for the discharge of the functions entrusted to it under resolution 1970 (XVIII) and requested the Special Committee to continue to discharge those functions in accordance with the said procedures,

Recalling further that the General Assembly in its resolution 2351 (XXII) once again urged all Member States which have or which assume responsibilities for the administration of Territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government 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 development in the Territories concerned,

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Reaffirming its own previous consensi, particularly the consensus adopted by it on 15 September 1967 concerning this item, 2/

1. Regrets that despite the repeated recommendations of the General Assembly and the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, some Member States having responsibilities for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories still have not seen fit to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter, have transmitted insufficient information or have transmitted information too late and in particular:

(a) Deeply deplores the fact that in spite of numerous decisions taken by the General Assembly, the Government of Portugal has maintained its refusal to submit information under Article 73 e with regard to the colonial Territories under its domination;

(b) Deplores the persistent refusal by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to submit information on Southern Rhodesia and the decision of that Government to cease transmitting information on Antigua, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla and St. Lucia;

2. Calls upon 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;

3. Reiterates its previous requests that the administering Powers concerned transmit such information as early as possible and at the latest within a maximum period of six months following the expiration of the administrative year in the Non-Self-Governing Territories concerned.

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2/ A/6700/Add.15, chapter XXIV, paragraph 55.

ANNEX\*

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

Report of the Secretary-General

Transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter

1. The Secretary-General's previous report on this subject<sup>a/</sup> listed the dates on which information was transmitted to the Secretary-General under Article 73 e of the Charter up to 13 September 1967. The table at the end of the present report shows the dates on which such information was transmitted in respect of the years 1966 and 1967 up to 23 August 1968.
2. 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 and the United States of America, the annual reports on the Territories, which also include information on constitutional matters, were transmitted. Additional information on political and constitutional developments in Territories under their administration was also given by the representatives of Australia, New Zealand, Spain, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America during meetings of the Special Committee.
3. No information has been transmitted to the Secretary-General concerning Territories under Portuguese administration, which, by resolution 1542 (XV) of 15 December 1960, the General Assembly considered were Non-Self-Governing Territories within the meaning of Chapter XI of the Charter. Nor has the Secretary-General received information concerning Southern Rhodesia which, the Assembly affirmed by resolution 1747 (XVI) of 28 June 1962, was a Non-Self-Governing Territory within the meaning of Chapter XI of the Charter.

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<sup>a/</sup> A/6700/Add.15, chapter XXIV, annex.

Study of information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter

4. In compliance with the provisions of paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 1970 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963, paragraph 4 of resolution 2109 (XX) of 21 December 1965, paragraph 4 of resolution 2233 (XXI) of 20 December 1966 and paragraph 5 of resolution 2351 (XXII) of 19 December 1967 which requested the Special Committee to study the information transmitted under Article 73 e, and in accordance with the procedure approved by the Special Committee in 1964, the Secretariat has continued to use the information transmitted in the preparation of working papers on each Territory for the Special Committee.

TABLE

Date of transmission of information under Article 73 e  
for 1966 and 1967

This table includes all Territories listed in annex III of the report of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to the General Assembly at its eighteenth session,<sup>a/</sup> with the exception of Aden, Barbados, Basutoland, Bechuanaland, British Guiana, Cook Islands, Gambia, Kenya, Malta, Mauritius, North Borneo, Northern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Sarawak, Singapore, Swaziland and Zanzibar.

	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
AUSTRALIA (1 July-30 June) <sup>b/</sup>		
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	19 July 1967	
Papua	19 July 1967	
FRANCE (calendar year)		
Comoro Archipelago <sup>c/</sup>	-	
French Somaliland <sup>c/d/</sup>	-	
New Hebrides (condominium with the United Kingdom)	30 October 1967	
NEW ZEALAND (1 April-31 March) <sup>e/</sup>		
Niue Island	15 August 1967	
Tokelau Islands	15 August 1967	

a/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighteenth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/5514), Part One, annex III.

b/ Period extends from 1 July of previous year to 30 June of 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.F/240) issued by the Secretariat on 15 April 1968.

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

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	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
PORTUGAL		
Angola	-	-
Cape Verde Archipelago	-	-
Guinea (called Portuguese Guinea)	-	-
Macau and dependencies	-	-
Mozambique	-	-
São Tomé and Príncipe and dependencies	-	-
Timor (Portuguese) and dependencies	-	-
SPAIN (calendar year)		
Equatorial Guinea	29 June 1967	25 June 1968
Ifni	29 June 1967	25 June 1968
Spanish Sahara	29 June 1967	25 June 1968
UNITED KINGDOM (calendar year)		
Antigua <sup>f/</sup>	-	-
Bahamas	11 September 1967	-
Bermuda	23 November 1967	-
British Honduras	15 September 1967	-
British Virgin Islands	-	-
Brunei	18 September 1967	8 July 1968
Cayman Islands	21 August 1967	5 July 1968
Dominica <sup>f/</sup>	-	-
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	28 August 1967	13 August 1968
Fiji	5 July 1967	23 July 1968
Gibraltar	24 August 1967	-
Gilbert and Ellice Islands	11 September 1967	15 July 1968

f/ In a statement made at the 1752nd meeting of the Fourth Committee on 15 December 1967, the representative of the United Kingdom stated that, having achieved the status of Associated States, these Territories had achieved "a full measure of self-government". His Government had fully and finally discharged its responsibilities under Chapter XI of the Charter and information concerning those Territories would not be transmitted in future.

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	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
UNITED KINGDOM (calendar year)		
(continued)		
Grenada <sup>f/</sup>	-	-
Hong Kong	12 September 1967	15 August 1968
Montserrat	12 December 1967	-
New Hebrides (condominium with France)	11 September 1967	3 July 1968
Pitcairn Island	2 June 1967	12 July 1968
St. Helena	11 September 1967	3 July 1968
St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla <sup>f/</sup>	-	-
St. Lucia <sup>f/</sup>	-	-
St. Vincent	16 October 1967	-
Seychelles	30 September 1967	-
Solomon Islands	14 July 1967	5 July 1968
Southern Rhodesia	-	-
Turks and Caicos Islands	15 January 1968	-
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		
(1 July-30 June) <sup>b/</sup>		
American Samoa	14 March 1968	14 March 1968
Guam	13 September 1967	14 March 1968
United States Virgin Islands	13 September 1967	20 March 1968

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