

Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to Malta,⁹

Noting that constitutional progress has been achieved in the Territory of Malta,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* that Malta will attain independence not later than 31 May 1964;

2. *Expresses the hope* that no new obstacle will hinder Malta's accession to independence and that the Territory will become an independent State not later than the date referred to in paragraph 1 above;

3. *Invites* the administering Power to take the necessary measures for the transfer of powers, not later than 31 May 1964, to the people of Malta, in accordance with their will and desire;

4. *Congratulates* the Governments of Malta and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the steps taken towards the achievement of the aims set out in the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples.

*1277th plenary meeting,
11 December 1963.*

1951 (XVIII). Question of Fiji

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, 1654 (XVI) of 27 November 1961 and 1810 (XVII) of 17 December 1962, and in particular paragraph 5 of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples, contained in resolution 1514 (XV), which provides that:

"Immediate steps shall be taken, in Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories or all other territories which have not yet attained independence, to transfer all powers to the peoples of those territories, without any conditions or reservations, in accordance with their freely expressed will and desire, without any distinction as to race, creed or colour, in order to enable them to enjoy complete independence and freedom",

Having considered the part 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 Fiji,¹⁰

Having heard a statement by the representative of the administering Power,

Noting with regret that the administering Power has still taken no effective steps to transfer all powers to the people of Fiji in conformity with paragraph 5 of resolution 1514 (XV),

Noting further that the Constitution of Fiji, in particular those sections governing the electoral system and the composition and functions of the Legislative and Executive Councils of Fiji, is not based on generally accepted democratic principles,

1. *Affirms* the inalienable right of the people of Fiji to self-determination and national independence in conformity with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

2. *Invites* the administering Power:

(a) To work out, together with the representatives of the people of Fiji, a new constitution providing for

⁹ *Ibid.*, chapter VI.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, chapter VII.

free elections conducted on the principle of "one man, one vote" and the creation of representative institutions;

(b) To take immediate steps for the transfer of all power to the people of the Territory, in accordance with their freely expressed will and desire and without any conditions or reservations;

(c) To endeavour, with the co-operation of the people of Fiji, to achieve the political, economic and social integration of the various communities.

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1952 (XVIII). Question of Northern Rhodesia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Having considered the part 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 Northern Rhodesia,¹¹

Noting the statement on recent constitutional developments in Northern Rhodesia made by the administering Power on 4 December 1963,¹²

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of Northern Rhodesia to self-determination and independence;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* that elections for the new Legislative Council will be held in January 1964;

3. *Expresses the hope* that Northern Rhodesia will achieve its independence in the nearest possible future, and requests the administering Power, in consultation with the newly elected Government of Northern Rhodesia, to fix a date for the independence of the Territory;

4. *Expresses the hope* that no new obstacle will hinder Northern Rhodesia's accession to independence and that the Territory will become an independent State not later than the date referred to in paragraph 3 above.

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11 December 1963.*

1953 (XVIII). Question of Nyasaland

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Having considered the part 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 Nyasaland,¹³

Noting that constitutional progress has been achieved in Nyasaland,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* that Nyasaland will attain independence not later than 6 July 1964;

2. *Expresses the hope* that no new obstacle will hinder Nyasaland's accession to independence and that the Territory will become an independent State not later than the date referred to in paragraph 1 above;

¹¹ *Ibid.*, chapter VIII, section A.

¹² *Ibid.*, Eighteenth Session, Plenary Meetings, 1273rd meeting.

¹³ *Ibid.*, Eighteenth Session, Annexes, addendum to agenda item 23, document A/5446/Rev.1, chapter VIII, section B.