

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.

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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.

their aspirations in accordance with the objectives set forth in the Declaration,

Aware of the special problems facing the Territory by virtue of its isolation, small size and meagre resources,

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 Tokelau Islands;²⁴

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

3. *Commends* the conclusions and recommendations of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Tokelau Islands, 1976²⁵ to the Government of New Zealand, as the administering Power, and to the people of the Tokelau Islands for their consideration;

4. *Expresses its appreciation* to the members of the Visiting Mission for the constructive work which they accomplished, and to the administering Power, the *fonos* (councils) and the people of the Tokelau Islands for the close co-operation and assistance extended to the Mission;

5. *Decides* that, in accordance with the wishes of the people of the Tokelau Islands, as expressed through their representatives, and in conformity with the recommendation of the Visiting Mission, the Territory shall henceforth be known as "Tokelau";

6. *Expresses* the view that measures to promote the economic development of Tokelau are an important element in the process of self-determination, and the hope that the administering Power will continue to intensify and expand its programme of budgetary support and development aid to the Territory;

7. *Requests* the administering Power, in the light of the conclusions and recommendations of the Visiting Mission, to continue to enlist the assistance of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, as well as other regional and international bodies, in the strengthening and development of the economy of the Territory;

8. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations to consider the methods and scale of their operations, in order to ensure that they are able to respond appropriately to the requirements of such small and isolated Territories as Tokelau;

9. *Requests* the administering Power to take the necessary measures to intensify programmes of political education, as well as to ensure the preservation of the identity and the cultural heritage of the people of Tokelau;

10. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to examine this question at its next session in the light of the findings of the Visiting Mission, including the possible dispatch of a second visiting mission to Tokelau, as appropriate and in consultation with the administering Power, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session.

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²⁴ *Ibid.*, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/31/23/Rev.1), chap. XVII.

²⁵ *Ibid.*, chap. XVII, annex, paras. 381-421.

31/49. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas),

Recalling its resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, 2065 (XX) of 16 December 1965 and 3160 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973,

Bearing in mind the paragraphs related to this question contained in the Political Declaration adopted by the Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Lima from 25 to 30 August 1975,²⁶ and in 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 1976,²⁷

Having regard to 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 Falkland Islands (Malvinas)²⁸ and, in particular, the conclusions and recommendations of the Special Committee concerning the Territory,²⁹

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 Falkland Islands (Malvinas) and, in particular, the conclusions and recommendations of the Special Committee concerning the Territory;

2. *Expresses its gratitude* for the continuous efforts made by the Government of Argentina, in accordance with the relevant decisions of the General Assembly, to facilitate the process of decolonization and to promote the well-being of the population of the islands;

3. *Requests* the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to expedite the negotiations concerning the dispute over sovereignty, as requested in General Assembly resolutions 2065 (XX) and 3160 (XXVIII);

4. *Calls upon* the two parties to refrain from taking decisions that would imply introducing unilateral modifications in the situation while the islands are going through the process recommended in the above-mentioned resolutions;

5. *Requests* both Governments to report to the Secretary-General and to the General Assembly as soon as possible on the results of the negotiations.

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31/50. Question of Belize

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Belize,

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

²⁶ A/10217 and Corr.1, annex, para. 87.

²⁷ A/31/197, annex I, para. 119.

²⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/31/23/Rev.1), chap. XXX.*

²⁹ *Ibid.*, chap. XXX, para. 8.