

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;<sup>24</sup>

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, 1976<sup>25</sup> 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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<sup>24</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/31/23/Rev.1), chap. XVII.

<sup>25</sup> *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,<sup>26</sup> 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,<sup>27</sup>

*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)<sup>28</sup> and, in particular, the conclusions and recommendations of the Special Committee concerning the Territory,<sup>29</sup>

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

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

<sup>27</sup> A/31/197, annex I, para. 119.

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

<sup>29</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. XXX, para. 8.

to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,<sup>30</sup>

Recalling its resolution 3432 (XXX) of 8 December 1975,

Having heard the statements of the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland<sup>31</sup> and Guatemala,<sup>32</sup>

Having also heard the statement of the representative of Belize,<sup>33</sup>

Reaffirming the principles established in the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, set out in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, in particular that all peoples have the right to self-determination, by virtue of which right they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development,

Noting that negotiations have taken place between the Government of the United Kingdom, as the administering Power, acting in close consultation with the Government of Belize, and the Government of Guatemala, pursuant to the provisions of paragraphs 4 and 5 of resolution 3432 (XXX),

Regretting that these negotiations have not resulted in the removal of such obstacles as have hitherto prevented the people of Belize from exercising freely and without fear their inalienable right to self-determination and independence,

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of Belize to self-determination and independence;

2. Reaffirms that the inviolability and territorial integrity of Belize must be preserved;

3. Calls upon all States to respect the right of the people of Belize to self-determination, independence and territorial integrity, to facilitate the attainment of their goal of a secure and early independence and to refrain from any action that would threaten the territorial integrity of Belize;

4. Calls also upon the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the administering Power, acting in close consultation with the Government of Belize, and the Government of Guatemala to pursue vigorously their negotiations in accordance with the principles of General Assembly resolution 3432 (XXX), in order to reach an early conclusion;

5. Requests the two Governments concerned to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session on such agreements as may have been reached in the negotiations referred to above;

6. Requests 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 continue its examination of the question.

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<sup>30</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. XXVI.

<sup>31</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirty-first Session, Fourth Committee, 15th meeting, paras. 43-49.

<sup>32</sup> *Ibid.*, 19th meeting, paras. 12-18, and 26th meeting, paras. 12-22; and *ibid.*, Fourth Committee, Sessional Fascicle, corrigendum.

<sup>33</sup> *Ibid.*, 15th meeting, paras. 51-57.

### 31/51. Question of the New Hebrides

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the New Hebrides,

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,<sup>34</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 the Territory, including General Assembly resolutions 3290 (XXIX) of 13 December 1974 and 3433 (XXX) of 8 December 1975,

Aware that France, as an administering Power, has not participated in the discussions of the Special Committee relating to the Territory,

Having heard the statements of the representatives of France<sup>35</sup> and of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,<sup>36</sup> as the administering Powers, relating to developments in the New Hebrides,

Noting the joint communiqué issued by the Governments of France and the United Kingdom on 7 October 1976,<sup>37</sup> in which the administering Powers state that it is their joint policy to promote the democratic evolution of the New Hebrides in accordance with the principle of self-determination,

Conscious of the need to accelerate progress towards the full implementation of the Declaration with respect to the New Hebrides,

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 a mission to the New Hebrides is essential for securing adequate and first-hand information in regard to the conditions prevailing in the Territory and to the views, wishes and aspirations of the people therein with respect to their future status,

Aware of the special circumstances of the geographical location and economic conditions of the New Hebrides, and stressing the necessity of diversifying its economy as a matter of priority,

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 New Hebrides;<sup>38</sup>

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

3. Reaffirms its conviction that questions of territorial size, geographical isolation and limited resources

<sup>34</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/31/23/Rev.1), chaps. III and XVI.

<sup>35</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirty-first Session, Fourth Committee, 27th meeting, paras. 2-6.

<sup>36</sup> *Ibid.*, 11th meeting, paras. 1-11; and *ibid.*, Fourth Committee, Sessional Fascicle, corrigendum.

<sup>37</sup> A/31/286, annex.

<sup>38</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/31/23/Rev.1), chap. XVI.