

should in no way delay the implementation of the Declaration with respect to the New Hebrides;

4. *Notes with satisfaction* the establishment of the Representative Assembly of the New Hebrides and the declared intention of the administering Powers to increase progressively the responsibilities enjoyed by that Assembly, in accordance with the wishes of the people of the Territory;

5. *Reiterates* its request that the two administering Powers should continue to take measures to expedite the process of decolonization in the New Hebrides;

6. *Requests* the administering Powers to take all appropriate steps to strengthen the economy of the New Hebrides and to work out concrete programmes of assistance and economic development for the Territory;

7. *Requests* the administering Powers 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 Territory;

8. *Requests* the Governments of France and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to co-operate with the Special Committee and to consider permitting access by a United Nations visiting mission to the New Hebrides, and to report on this aspect to the Special Committee when it next considers the question of the New Hebrides;

9. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to seek the best ways and means for the implementation of the Declaration with respect to the New Hebrides, including the possible dispatch of a visiting mission in consultation with the administering Powers, 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*

31/52. Question of Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Montserrat and Turks and Caicos Islands

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Montserrat and Turks and Caicos 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,³⁹

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 Territories listed above, in particular General Assembly resolutions 3425 (XXX) and 3427 (XXX) of 8 December 1975,

Taking into account the statement of the administering Power relating to the Territories listed above,⁴⁰

Noting the continued readiness of the administering Power to grant independence to the peoples of the Territories under its administration on the basis of their express wishes and aspirations in that regard, and its declared policy of fostering the growth of free and democratic political institutions in those Territories,

Conscious of the need to accelerate progress towards the full implementation of the Declaration with respect to the Territories concerned,

Bearing in mind the constructive results achieved as a consequence of the 1975 United Nations Visiting Mission to Montserrat⁴¹ and reiterating its conviction that the dispatch of such missions to colonial Territories is essential for securing adequate and first-hand information in regard to the political, economic and social conditions in those Territories and to the views, wishes and aspirations of the peoples therein,

Mindful that those Territories require the continued attention and assistance of the United Nations in the achievement by their peoples 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 the Territories concerned, and stressing the necessity of diversifying and strengthening further their economies as a matter of priority in order to promote economic stability and to reduce their dependence on fluctuating economic activities,

1. *Approves* the 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 relating to Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Montserrat and Turks and Caicos Islands;⁴²

2. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the peoples of those Territories to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration;

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

4. *Calls upon* the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the administering Power, in consultation with the freely elected representatives of the peoples, 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 Territories;

5. *Calls upon* the administering Power to expand its programme of budgetary and development aid and to take all possible steps, in consultation with the local authorities as appropriate, to diversify and strengthen further the economies of the Territories listed above and to work out concrete programmes of assistance and economic development for those Territories;

6. *Urges* the administering Power, with the co-operation of the Governments of the Territories concerned, to safeguard the inalienable right of the peoples of those Territories to the enjoyment of their natural

³⁹ *Ibid.*, chaps. III, XXVII and XXIX.

⁴⁰ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-first Session, Fourth Committee*, 11th meeting, paras. 1-11; and *ibid.*, *Fourth Committee, Sessional Fascicle*, corrigendum.

⁴¹ *Ibid.*, *Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/10023/Rev.1)*, chap. XXVIII, annex.

⁴² *Ibid.*, *Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/3123/Rev.1)*, chaps. XXVII and XXIX.

resources by taking effective measures which guarantee the rights of the peoples to own and dispose of those natural resources and to establish and maintain control of their future development;

7. *Welcomes* the positive attitude of the administering Power with respect to the receiving of United Nations visiting missions in the Territories under its administration and requests the Chairman of the Special Committee to continue his consultations with a view to the dispatch of such missions, as appropriate;

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 those Territories;

9. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to seek the best ways and means for the implementation of the Declaration with respect to Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Montserrat and Turks and Caicos Islands, including the possible dispatch of visiting missions 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*

31/53. Question of Timor

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the inalienable right of all peoples to self-determination and independence in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Recalling its resolution 3485 (XXX) of 12 December 1975 and Security Council resolutions 384 (1975) of 22 December 1975 and 389 (1976) of 22 April 1976,

Having examined 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 Territory,⁴³

Bearing in mind 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, relating to the question of East Timor,⁴⁴

Having heard the statement of the representative of Portugal,⁴⁵

Having also heard the statement of the representative of the Frente Revolucionária de Timor Leste Independente,⁴⁶

Mindful that all States should, in conformity with Article 2, paragraph 4, of the Charter of the United Nations, refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity

or national independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations,

Deeply concerned at the critical situation resulting from the military intervention of the armed forces of Indonesia in East Timor,

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of East Timor to self-determination and independence and the legitimacy of their struggle to achieve that right;

2. *Reaffirms* its resolution 3485 (XXX) and Security Council resolutions 384 (1975) and 389 (1976);

3. *Affirms* the principles stated in that part of the Political Declaration adopted by the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries relating to the question of East Timor;

4. *Strongly deplores* the persistent refusal of the Government of Indonesia to comply with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 3485 (XXX) and Security Council resolutions 384 (1975) and 389 (1976);

5. *Rejects* the claim that East Timor has been integrated into Indonesia, inasmuch as the people of the Territory have not been able to exercise freely their right to self-determination and independence;

6. *Calls upon* the Government of Indonesia to withdraw all its forces from the Territory;

7. *Draws the attention* of the Security Council, in conformity with Article 11, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, to the critical situation in the Territory of East Timor and recommends that it should take all effective steps for the immediate implementation of its resolutions 384 (1975) and 389 (1976) with a view to securing the full exercise by the people of East Timor of their right to self-determination and independence;

8. *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 keep the situation in the Territory under active consideration, to follow the implementation of the present resolution, to dispatch to the Territory as soon as possible a visiting mission with a view to the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session.

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-second session an item entitled "Question of East Timor".

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31/54. Question of the British Virgin Islands

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the British Virgin Islands,

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

⁴³ *Ibid.*, chap. XII.

⁴⁴ A/31/197, annex I, para. 36.

⁴⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Fourth Committee*, 13th meeting, paras. 1-5.

⁴⁶ *Ibid.*, paras. 7-23.