

9. *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;

10. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to seek the best ways and means for the implementation of the Declaration with respect to Bermuda, British Virgin 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-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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28 November 1977

32/30. Question of the Cayman Islands

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the Cayman 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 to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,²⁷ including in particular the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission dispatched to the Territory in April 1977 at the invitation of the administering Power, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,²⁸

Having heard the statement of the administering Power,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 Cayman Islands;³⁰

2. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of the Cayman Islands to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

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

4. *Invites* the attention of the administering Power to the observations, conclusions and recommendations of the United Nations Visiting Mission dispatched to the Territory in April 1977³¹ and expresses its appreciation to the members of the Visiting Mission for the constructive work accomplished and to the administering Power and the Government of the Cayman Is-

lands for the close co-operation and assistance extended to the Mission;

5. *Requests* the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the administering Power, to continue to take all necessary measures, in consultation with the Government of the Cayman Islands, to expedite the process of decolonization in the Territory in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration;

6. *Endorses* the view of the Visiting Mission that urgent attention should be given to the diversification of the economy of the Cayman Islands, as an important element in the process of self-determination;

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 in the development and strengthening of the economy of the Territory, and requests those agencies and organizations to respond appropriately to the development needs of the Cayman Islands;

8. *Further requests* the administering Power, in consultation with the Government of the Cayman Islands, to pay particular attention to the training of qualified local personnel with a view to their increased participation in the over-all development of the Territory;

9. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue the full examination of this question at its next session in the light of the findings of the Visiting Mission, including the possible dispatch of a further mission to the Cayman Islands at an appropriate time and in consultation with the administering Power, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

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32/31. Question of the United States Virgin Islands

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the United States 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 to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,³² including in particular the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission dispatched to the Territory in April 1977 at the invitation of the administering Power, the Government of the United States of America,³³

Having heard the statement of the administering Power,³⁴

²⁷ *Ibid.*, vol. I, chaps. III and IV, and vol. IV, chap. XXVI.

²⁸ *Ibid.*, vol. IV, chap. XXVI, annex.

²⁹ *Ibid.*, Thirty-second Session, Fourth Committee, 12th meeting, paras. 12-21.

³⁰ *Ibid.*, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/32/23/Rev.1), vol. IV, chap. XXVI.

³¹ *Ibid.*, annex, paras. 486-511.

³² *Ibid.*, vol. I, chaps. III and V, and vol. IV, chap. XXVII.

³³ *Ibid.*, vol. IV, chap. XXVII, annex.

³⁴ *Ibid.*, Thirty-second Session, Fourth Committee, 17th meeting, paras. 47-50.

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 United States Virgin Islands;³⁵

2. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of the United States Virgin Islands to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

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

4. *Takes note* of the observations, conclusions and recommendations of the United Nations Visiting Mission dispatched to the Territory in April 1977;³⁶

5. *Expresses its satisfaction* to the members of the Visiting Mission for the constructive work which they accomplished, as well as to the administering Power and the Government of the United States Virgin Islands for the co-operation and assistance extended to the Mission;

6. *Requests* the Government of the United States of America, as the administering Power, to continue to take all necessary measures, in consultation with the Government of the United States Virgin Islands, to enable the people of the Territory to exercise fully their right to self-determination in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration;

7. *Requests* the administering Power to encourage further and meaningful discussion regarding the political and constitutional status of the Territory and to take such additional measures as would ensure preservation of the identity and cultural heritage of the people of the United States Virgin Islands;

8. *Urges* the administering Power, with the co-operation of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands, to safeguard the inalienable right of the people of the Territory to the enjoyment of its natural resources by taking effective measures which guarantee the right of the people to own and dispose of those natural resources and to establish and maintain control of their future development;

9. *Expresses the view* that measures to promote the economic development of the United States Virgin Islands are an important element in the process of self-determination and, to this end, calls upon the administering Power, together with the Government of the United States Virgin Islands, to take all measures necessary to achieve a viable and stable economy in the Territory;

10. *Requests* the administering Power, in the light of the conclusions and recommendations of the Visiting Mission,³⁶ to 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 United States Virgin Islands;

11. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue the examination of this question at its next session in the

light of the findings of the Visiting Mission, including the possible dispatch of a further mission to the United States Virgin Islands at an appropriate time and in consultation with the administering Power, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

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32/32. 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 to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,³⁷

Recalling its resolutions 3432 (XXX) of 8 December 1975 and 31/50 of 1 December 1976,

Having heard the statements of the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland³⁸ and of Guatemala,³⁹

Having heard the statement of the representative of Belize,⁴⁰

Having also heard the statements of the petitioners,⁴¹

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, in the Bogotá Declaration of 6 August 1977, it was agreed that "a solution of the Belize question should be found by the peaceful methods consecrated in the charters of the Organization of American States and the United Nations, and in accordance with respect for its territorial integrity and with the principle of the free self-determination of peoples",

Noting that, in July 1977, negotiations took 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 paragraph 4 of resolution 31/50,

Deeply regretting the interruption of the negotiations and the continued failure of the parties concerned to negotiate an agreement in conformity with the principles established in resolutions 3432 (XXX) and 31/50,

Concerned that the obstacles placed in the way of the people of Belize to prevent them from exercising their right to self-determination and independence without fear have not yet been removed,

Convinced that the people of Belize should be assisted in a practical manner to exercise freely and without fear their inalienable right to self-determination, independence and territorial integrity,

³⁷ *Ibid.*, chap. XXIX.

³⁸ *Ibid.*, Thirty-second Session, Fourth Committee, 20th meeting, paras. 5-11, and 22nd meeting, para. 109.

³⁹ *Ibid.*, 24th meeting, paras. 1-18.

⁴⁰ *Ibid.*, 22nd meeting, paras. 4-31.

⁴¹ *Ibid.*, paras. 33-103.

³⁵ *Ibid.*, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/32/23/Rev.1), vol. IV, chap. XXVII.

³⁶ *Ibid.*, annex, paras. 364-381.