

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.

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* 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 strict conformity with the principles of General Assembly resolution 3432 (XXX), in consultation as appropriate with other especially interested States in the area, with a view to concluding the negotiations before the thirty-third session of the General Assembly;

4. *Also calls upon* the parties involved to refrain from any threats or use of force against the people of Belize or their territory;

5. *Urges* all States to respect the right of the people of Belize to self-determination, independence and territorial integrity, and to render all practical assistance necessary for the secure and early exercise of that right;

6. *Requests* the Governments concerned to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session on the outcome of the negotiations referred to above;

7. *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 remain seized of the question and to assist the people of Belize in the exercise of their inalienable rights.

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32/33. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1970 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963, in which it requested 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 study the information transmitted to the Secretary-General under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations and to take such information fully into account in examining the situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration,

Recalling also its resolution 31/29 of 29 November 1976, in which it requested the Special Committee to continue to discharge the functions entrusted to it under resolution 1970 (XVIII),

Having examined the chapter of the report of the Special Committee dealing with the transmittal of information under Article 73 e of the Charter⁴² and the action taken by the Committee in respect of that information,

Having also examined the report of the Secretary-General on the item,⁴³

Deploing that some Member States having responsibilities for the administration of Non-Self-Governing

⁴² *Ibid.*, *Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/32/23/Rev.1)*, vol. IV, chap. XXXII.

⁴³ A/32/253.

Territories have ceased to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter,

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 information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations;

2. *Reaffirms* that, in the absence of a decision by the General Assembly itself that a Non-Self-Governing Territory has attained a full measure of self-government in terms of Chapter XI of the Charter, the administering Power concerned should continue to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter with respect to that Territory;

3. *Requests* the administering Powers concerned to transmit, or continue to transmit, to the Secretary-General the information prescribed in Article 73 e of the Charter, as well as the fullest possible information on political and constitutional developments in the Territories concerned, within a maximum period of six months following the expiration of the administrative year in those Territories;

4. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to discharge the functions entrusted to it under General Assembly resolution 1970 (XVIII), in accordance with established procedures, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its thirty-third session.

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32/34. Question of East 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,

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,⁴⁴

Having heard the statements of the representatives of Portugal⁴⁵ and Indonesia,⁴⁶

Having also heard the statements of the representatives of the Frente Revolucionária de Timor Leste Independente,⁴⁷

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

⁴⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/32/23/Rev.1)*, vol. II, chap. X.

⁴⁵ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-second Session, Fourth Committee*, 12th meeting, paras. 22-26.

⁴⁶ *Ibid.*, 19th meeting, paras. 4-58.

⁴⁷ *Ibid.*, 11th meeting, paras. 135-155, and 20th meeting, paras. 101-130.