

**3426 (XXX). 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,<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,

*Having heard* the statement of the administering Power relating to developments in the Territory,<sup>35</sup>

*Recalling* the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission dispatched to the Territory in 1974<sup>36</sup> and noting with satisfaction the steps taken in the implementation of the relevant recommendations of the Visiting Mission,

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 Gilbert Islands;<sup>37</sup>

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

3. *Requests* 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;

4. *Requests* the administering Power to continue to enlist the assistance of the specialized agencies and the 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-first session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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8 December 1975*

**3427 (XXX). Question of Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands and Turks and Caicos Islands**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the question of Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands 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,<sup>38</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 Territories listed above, in particular General Assembly resolution 3289 (XXIX) of 13 December 1974,

*Taking into account* the statement of the administering Power relating to the Territories listed above,<sup>39</sup>

*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 previous visiting missions to colonial Territories and reiterating its conviction that the dispatch of such missions 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 on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

*Aware* of the special circumstances of the geographical location and economic conditions of the Territories concerned and stressing the necessity of diversifying their economies as a matter of priority in order 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, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands and Turks and Caicos Islands;<sup>40</sup>

2. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the peoples of those Territories 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 the 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 people, to continue to take all the necessary steps to ensure the full and speedy

<sup>34</sup> *Ibid.*, chaps. IV and XXI.

<sup>35</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirtieth Session, Fourth Committee*, 2166th meeting.

<sup>36</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/9623/Rev.1)*, chap. XXI, annex I.

<sup>37</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/10023/Rev.1)*, chap. XXI.

<sup>38</sup> *Ibid.*, chaps. IV, XXV and XXVII.

<sup>39</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirtieth Session, Fourth Committee*, 2166th meeting.

<sup>40</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/10023/Rev.1)*, chaps. XXV and XXVII.

attainment of the goals set forth in the Declaration with respect to the Territories;

5. *Calls upon* the administering Power to take all possible steps to diversify 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 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 the 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, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands 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-first session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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#### 3428 (XXX). Question of the Tokelau Islands

*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,<sup>41</sup>

*Recalling* its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

*Recalling* its decisions of 14 December 1973<sup>42</sup> and 13 December 1974<sup>43</sup> on the question of the Tokelau Islands,

*Having heard* the statement of the administering Power,<sup>44</sup>

*Mindful* of the responsibility of the United Nations to help the people of the Tokelau Islands to realize their aspirations in accordance with the objectives set forth in the Declaration,

<sup>41</sup> *Ibid.*, chaps. IV and XIX.

<sup>42</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 30 (A/9030)*, p. 111, item 23.

<sup>43</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/9631)*, p. 116, item 23.

<sup>44</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirtieth Session, Fourth Committee, 2168th meeting.*

*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 and endorses the consensus contained therein;<sup>45</sup>

2. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of the Tokelau Islands to self-determination in conformity with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

3. *Welcomes* the invitation extended by the Government of New Zealand to the Special Committee to dispatch a visiting mission to the Tokelau Islands in 1976, in order to obtain first-hand information on conditions in the Territory and on the wishes and aspirations of its people;

4. *Requests* the administering Power and the Secretary-General to provide all necessary assistance and facilities to the visiting mission in the discharge of its task;

5. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to examine this question and to report further thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session.

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#### 3429 (XXX). Question of American Samoa, Guam and United States Virgin Islands

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the question of American Samoa, Guam and United States Virgin 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,<sup>46</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 Territories listed above, in particular General Assembly resolutions 3289 (XXIX) and 3290 (XXIX) of 13 December 1974,

*Taking into account* the statements of the administering Power relating to developments in those Territories,<sup>47</sup>

*Conscious* of the need to accelerate progress towards the full implementation of the Declaration with respect to the Territories listed above,

*Deploring* the policy of the administering Power in continuing to maintain military installations on Guam, in contravention of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly,

*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 missions is essential for securing adequate and first-hand information in regard to the conditions prevailing in those Territories and to the views, wishes

<sup>45</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/10023/Rev.1)*, chap. XIX.

<sup>46</sup> *Ibid.*, chaps. IV, XXIII and XXVI.

<sup>47</sup> See A/AC.109/SC.3/SR.229, 234, 235 and 240.