

ritory and of their non-involvement in its internal affairs,

Having heard the statement of the administering Power,⁸⁵ in particular its intention to respond positively to the aspirations of the people for genuine independence,

Regretting that the administering Power has failed to co-operate with the United Nations in the implementation of resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly,

1. *Reaffirms* its unqualified support of the right of the people of so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti) to immediate and unconditional independence in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

2. *Considers* that the situation in the Territory could become a threat to peace and stability in the region and might affect adversely international peace and security unless an urgent solution to it is found;

3. *Calls upon* the administering Power to create the necessary conditions in order to accelerate the process of independence of the people of so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti) by effecting in particular the release of political prisoners and the return of the representatives of the liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and of all refugees, in accordance with the Convention of the Organization of African Unity Governing the Specific Aspects of Refugee Problems in Africa, 1969;

4. *Calls once again upon* the Government of France to grant immediate and unconditional independence to the people of so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti) and to withdraw all its military forces from the Territory;

5. *Calls upon* all States, particularly the administering Power and the neighbouring States, to refrain from any action, unilateral or otherwise, which might alter the independence and the territorial integrity of so-called French Somaliland (Djibouti);

6. *Calls upon* all States to renounce forthwith any and all claims to the Territory and to declare null and void any and all acts asserting such claims;

7. *Urges* all Member States, the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in co-operation with the administering Power, to render all possible moral and material assistance to the people of the Territory;

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, including the dispatch of a visiting mission to the Territory, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution.

2437th plenary meeting
11 December 1975

3485 (XXX). 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,

⁸⁵ *Ibid.*, 2168th meeting.

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 question of Timor,⁸⁶

Having heard the statements of the representatives of Portugal, as the administering Power,⁸⁷ concerning developments in Portuguese Timor and the implementation with regard to that Territory of the relevant provisions of the Charter and the Declaration, as well as those of General Assembly resolution 1541 (XV) of 15 December 1960,

Bearing in mind the responsibility of the administering Power to undertake all efforts to create conditions enabling the people of Portuguese Timor to exercise freely their right to self-determination, freedom and independence and to determine their future political status in accordance with the principles of the Charter and the Declaration, in an atmosphere of peace and order,

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 of any State, or from taking any action inconsistent with the purposes and principles of the Charter,

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

1. *Calls upon* all States to respect the inalienable right of the people of Portuguese Timor to self-determination, freedom and independence and to determine their future political status in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

2. *Calls upon* the administering Power to continue to make every effort to find a solution by peaceful means through talks between the Government of Portugal and the political parties representing the people of Portuguese Timor;

3. *Appeals* to all the parties in Portuguese Timor to respond positively to efforts to find a peaceful solution through talks between them and the Government of Portugal in the hope that such talks will bring an end to the strife in that Territory and lead towards the orderly exercise of the right of self-determination by the people of Portuguese Timor;

4. *Strongly deplures* the military intervention of the armed forces of Indonesia in Portuguese Timor;

5. *Calls upon* the Government of Indonesia to desist from further violation of the territorial integrity of Portuguese Timor and to withdraw without delay its armed forces from the Territory in order to enable the people of the Territory freely to exercise their right to self-determination and independence;

6. *Draws the attention* of the Security Council, in conformity with Article 11, paragraph 3, of the Charter, to the critical situation in the Territory of Portuguese Timor and recommends that it take urgent action to protect the territorial integrity of Portuguese Timor and the inalienable right of its people to self-determination;

⁸⁶ *Ibid.*, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/10023/Rev.1), chap. VIII.

⁸⁷ *Ibid.*, Thirtieth Session, Fourth Committee, 2178th, 2184th and 2185th meetings.

7. *Calls upon* all States to respect the unity and territorial integrity of Portuguese Timor;

8. *Requests* the Government of Portugal to continue its co-operation with the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colo-

onial Countries and Peoples and requests the Committee to send a fact-finding mission to the Territory as soon as possible, in consultation with the political parties in Portuguese Timor and the Government of Portugal.

2439th plenary meeting
12 December 1975

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Other decisions

Report of the Trusteeship Council

(Item 13)

At its 2437th plenary meeting, on 11 December 1975, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Chairman of the Fourth Committee,⁸⁸ took note of the report of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 24 October 1974 to 29 August 1975⁸⁹ and 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.⁹⁰

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

(Item 23)

At its 2431st plenary meeting, on 8 December 1975, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fourth Committee,⁹¹ adopted the following text as representing the consensus of the members of the Assembly on the question of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands:

"The General Assembly, 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 Peoples⁹² and having heard the statement of the administering Power⁹³ on the implementation of the relevant provisions 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, with regard to the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, notes with appreciation the close co-operation of Australia, as the administering Power concerned, in the relevant work of the Special Committee, and its continued preparedness to receive a further visiting mission to the Territory, at an appropriate time. Bearing in mind the responsibility of the administering Power to create such conditions as will enable the people of the Territory to determine fully their future political status, the General Assembly notes with interest the administrative and legislative steps taken and the further measures envisaged by the Government of Australia in the light of the conclusions and recommendations of the 1974 Visiting Mission to the Territory⁹⁴ with a view to enabling the people of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands to exercise their right to self-determination in accordance with the principles of the Charter and the Declaration. The General Assembly requests the Special Committee, in continued co-operation with the administering Power, to seek the best ways and means of implementing the Declaration with respect to the Territory and to report thereon to the Assembly at its thirty-first session."

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fourth Committee,⁹¹ adopted the following text as representing the consensus of the members of the Assembly on the question of St. Helena:

"The General Assembly, having heard the statement of the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the administering Power,⁹⁵ and 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

⁸⁸ *Ibid.*, *Thirtieth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 13, document A/10425.

⁸⁹ *Ibid.*, *Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 4* (A/10004).

⁹⁰ *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 23* (A/10023/Rev.1), chap. XI.

⁹¹ *Ibid.*, *Thirtieth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 23, document A/10427, para. 73.

⁹² *Ibid.*, *Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 23* (A/10023/Rev.1), chap. XVII.

⁹³ *Ibid.*, *Thirtieth Session, Fourth Committee*, 2166th meeting.

⁹⁴ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 23* (A/9623/Rev.1), chap. XX, annex, paras. 200-217.

⁹⁵ *Ibid.*, *Thirtieth Session, Fourth Committee*, 2166th meeting.