

2. *Commends* the Secretary-General and the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa for the work they have accomplished in strengthening and expanding the Programme;

3. *Appeals once again* to all States, organizations and individuals to make generous contributions to the Programme in order to ensure its continuation and expansion, particularly during this most important period.

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29 November 1976

31/32. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3423 (XXX) of 8 December 1975,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories,¹¹ prepared under General Assembly resolution 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954,

Bearing in mind the continued need to provide educational and training facilities at all levels for the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have made scholarships available to the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories;

3. *Invites* all States to make or continue to make generous offers of study and training facilities to the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories, particularly those in southern Africa, and, whenever possible, to provide travel funds to prospective students;

4. *Requests* the administering Powers to ensure the widespread and continuous dissemination in the Territories under their administration of information relating to offers of study and training facilities made by States and to provide all the necessary facilities to enable students to avail themselves of such offers;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution;

6. *Draws the attention* 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 to the present resolution.

82nd plenary meeting
29 November 1976

31/45. Question of Western Sahara

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Western Sahara,

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

¹¹ A/31/287.

Considering the decision of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its thirteenth ordinary session, held at Port Louis from 2 to 6 July 1976, to hold an extraordinary session devoted to the question of Western Sahara,¹²

Taking note of 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 Western Sahara,¹³

Recalling its previous resolutions concerning the Territory,

Recalling also its resolution 3412 (XXX) of 28 November 1975 regarding co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity,

1. *Reaffirms* its commitment to the principle of self-determination of peoples in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

2. *Takes note* of the decision taken by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity to convene an extraordinary session with a view to finding a just and lasting solution to the problem of Western Sahara;

3. *Decides* to postpone consideration of the question of Western Sahara until its thirty-second session;

4. *Requests* the Administrative Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to inform the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the progress achieved in the implementation of the decisions of the Organization of African Unity concerning Western Sahara, and invites the Secretary-General of the United Nations to report on that information to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session.

85th plenary meeting
1 December 1976

31/46. Question of the Solomon Islands

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the Solomon Islands,

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,¹⁴

Having heard the statement of the administering Power,¹⁵

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,

Recalling also its resolution 3431 (XXX) of 8 December 1975 on the question of the Solomon Islands,

¹² See A/31/136-S/12141, annex II, resolution AHG/Res.81 (XIII). For the printed text, see *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-first Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1976*.

¹³ A/31/197, annex I, para. 35.

¹⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/31/23/Rev.1)*, chap. XXI.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-first Session, Fourth Committee, 11th meeting*, paras. 1-11; and *ibid.*, *Fourth Committee, Sessional Fascicle*, corrigendum.

Noting with satisfaction that the Solomon Islands achieved full internal self-government on 2 January 1976 and that the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Solomon Islands agree that the Territory should proceed to early independence,

Noting also with satisfaction the development assistance provided by the United Kingdom, as the administering Power, Australia and New Zealand, as well as the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme in the economic development of the Territory during 1976,

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 Solomon Islands;

2. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of the Solomon Islands to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration;

3. *Requests* the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the administering Power, to continue to assist the people of the Solomon Islands towards the achievement of independence;

4. *Further requests* the administering Power, in consultation with the people of the Solomon Islands, to continue its efforts towards diversification of the economy of the Territory;

5. *Stresses* the responsibility of the United Nations to render all possible assistance to the people of the Solomon Islands in their efforts to consolidate their national independence and, to that end, invites the specialized agencies and the institutions associated with the United Nations to work out concrete programmes of assistance to the Solomon Islands;

6. *Requests* the Special Committee to keep the situation in the Territory under review.

*85th plenary meeting
1 December 1976*

31/47. 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,¹⁶

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,¹⁷

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

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/31/23/Rev.1), chaps. III and XIX.

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, Thirty-first Session, Fourth Committee, 11th meeting, paras. 1-11; and *ibid.*, Fourth Committee, Sessional Fascicle, corrigendum.

Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the Gilbert Islands;¹⁸

2. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of the Gilbert Islands to self-determination and independence in conformity with the Declaration;

3. *Requests* the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as 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;¹⁹

4. *Requests* that steps be taken towards diversification of the economy of the Territory and that the administering Power 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;

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-second session on the implementation of the present resolution.

*85th plenary meeting
1 December 1976*

31/48. Question of Tokelau

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,²⁰ including in particular the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission dispatched to the Territory in June 1976²¹ at the invitation of the Government of New Zealand, as the administering Power, and the people of the Tokelau Islands,

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

Recalling also its resolution 3428 (XXX) of 8 December 1975 on the question of the Tokelau Islands,

Having heard the statement of the administering Power,²²

Having also heard the statement of one of the members of the Visiting Mission,²³

Mindful of the responsibility of the United Nations to help the people of the Tokelau Islands to realize

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/31/23/Rev.1), chap. XIX.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/9623/Rev.1), chap. XXI, annex I.

²⁰ *Ibid.*, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/31/23/Rev.1), chaps. III and XVII.

²¹ *Ibid.*, chap. XVII, annex.

²² *Ibid.*, Thirty-first Session, Fourth Committee, 12th meeting, paras. 1-11.

²³ *Ibid.*, 24th meeting, paras. 3-7.