

3286 (XXIX). Question of Gibraltar

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Gibraltar,

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,⁷

Having heard the relevant statements made in the Fourth Committee,⁸

1. *Regrets* that the negotiations referred to in paragraph 2 below have not yet been effectively started;

2. *Urges* the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Spain to begin without delay the negotiations envisaged under the terms of the consensus adopted by the General Assembly on 14 December 1973;⁹

3. *Requests* the two Governments to inform the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the General Assembly at its thirtieth session of the outcome of their negotiations.

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3287 (XXIX). Question of the Seychelles

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the Seychelles,

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,¹⁰

Having heard the statement of the administering Power,¹¹

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and its resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, containing the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration, as well as other resolutions and decisions of the United Nations relating to the Territory,

Noting the expressed desire of the Government of the Seychelles that the Territory should attain independence as soon as possible and the continued readiness of the administering Power to grant independence to the people of the Seychelles in accordance with their wishes,

Further noting that a constitutional conference with the full participation of both political parties in the Territory is to be held shortly in order to determine the modalities whereby the Seychelles are to proceed to independence,

⁷ *Ibid.*, chap. XIII.

⁸ *Ibid.*, Twenty-ninth Session, Fourth Committee, 2117th and 2124th meetings.

⁹ *Ibid.*, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 30 (A/9030), p. 111.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/9623/Rev.1), chaps. III and X.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, Twenty-ninth Session, Fourth Committee, 2116th meeting.

Bearing in mind the statement made by the Chief Minister of the Government of the Seychelles to the effect that every effort will be made to work as closely as possible with the opposition towards the task of national unification,¹²

Mindful also of the position of the Government of the Seychelles with regard to the territorial integrity of the Seychelles,

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 the Seychelles;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the expressed wish of the people of the Seychelles to achieve independence in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

3. *Requests* the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to take all the necessary steps to facilitate the Territory's accession to independence as soon as possible in accordance with the expressed wish of the people of the Territory;

4. *Requests* the Government of the United Kingdom to continue to keep the United Nations fully apprised of developments relating to the Seychelles;

5. *Stresses* the responsibility of the United Nations to render all possible assistance to the people of the Seychelles in their efforts to achieve 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 Seychelles;

6. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue its examination of the question, including the dispatch, as appropriate and in consultation with the administering Power, of a United Nations visiting mission to the Territory in connexion with the processes leading to the Territory's accession to independence, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session.

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3288 (XXIX). Question of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the Gilbert and Ellice 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,¹³

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and its resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, containing the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration,

¹² See A/AC.109/PV.974.

¹³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/9623/Rev.1), chaps. III and XXI.*

Recalling also its resolution 3156 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973, by which it, *inter alia*, requested the Special Committee to continue to give full consideration to the question of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, including in particular the dispatch of a visiting mission to the Territory,

Having heard the statements of the administering Power relating to developments in the Territory,¹⁴

Having examined the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission dispatched to the Territory in August and September 1974,¹⁵ at the invitation of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the administering Power, and having heard the statement of the Chairman of the Visiting Mission,¹⁶

Bearing in mind the observations of the Visiting Mission relating to the results of the referendum,¹⁷

Welcoming the positive decision of the administering Power to participate in the relevant work of the Special Committee and to permit United Nations visiting missions access to the Territories under its administration and expressing the hope that the close co-operation thus established will be further strengthened so as to accelerate the process of decolonization towards the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration with respect to those Territories,

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 the Gilbert and Ellice Islands;

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

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and to the Government of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands for the co-operation and assistance extended to the Visiting Mission;

4. *Requests* the administering Power to take all necessary measures to expedite the process of decolonization in the Territory in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Declaration;

5. *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;

6. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to give full consideration to this question in the light of the findings of the Visiting Mission, including the possible dispatch of a further visiting mission in consulta-

tion with the administering Power, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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3289 (XXIX). Question of Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Montserrat, Turks and Caicos Islands and United States Virgin Islands

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Montserrat, Turks and Caicos Islands 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,¹⁸

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, as well as all other resolutions relating to the Territories listed above, in particular resolution 3157 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973,

Taking into account the statements of the administering Powers relating to the Territories listed above, and noting in particular the expressed readiness of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to grant independence to the peoples of those Territories under its administration, in accordance with their wishes,¹⁹

Noting with deep concern the slow progress in the full implementation of the Declaration with respect to the above-mentioned Territories, notwithstanding the encouraging but limited political and constitutional development which has recently taken place in some of the Territories,

Noting with satisfaction the continued active participation of the United States of America in the relevant work of the Special Committee, but deploring the negative attitude of that country's Government with respect to receiving a United Nations visiting mission in the Territory concerned,

Welcoming the positive decision of the United Kingdom to participate in the relevant work of the Special Committee and to permit United Nations visiting missions access to the Territories under its administration, as appropriate,

Concerned that the economies of the Territories referred to above are based mainly on fluctuating activities such as tourism, land sales and tax haven arrangements,

Bearing in mind the constructive results achieved as a consequence of previous visiting missions to colonial Territories, including those dispatched by the Special Committee in 1974 to the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, the Gilbert and Ellice Islands and Niue,²⁰ and reiterating its conviction that the dispatch of visiting missions

¹⁴ See A/AC.109/PV.987 and *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Fourth Committee, 2116th meeting.*

¹⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/9623/Rev.1), chap. XXI, annex I.*

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, Twenty-ninth Session, Fourth Committee, 2116th meeting.

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/9623/Rev.1), chap. XXI, annex I, para. 303.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, chaps. III and XXIII-XXV.

¹⁹ See A/AC.109/SC.3/SR.198-200 and 202 and *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Fourth Committee, 2116th meeting.*

²⁰ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/9623/Rev.1), chap. XX, annex, chap. XXI, annex I, and chap. XXII, annex I.*