

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of Belize to self-determination and independence;

2. *Declares* that the inviolability and territorial integrity of Belize must be preserved;

3. *Calls upon* all States to respect the right of the people of Belize to self-determination, independence and territorial integrity and to facilitate the attainment by them of their goal of a secure independence;

4. *Calls also 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 upon the Government of Guatemala to pursue urgently their negotiations for the earliest possible resolution of their differences of opinion concerning the future of Belize, in order to remove such obstacles as have hitherto prevented the people of Belize from exercising freely and without fear their inalienable right to self-determination and independence;

5. *Declares* that any proposals for the resolution of these differences of opinion that may emerge from the negotiations between the administering Power and the Government of Guatemala must be in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 above;

6. *Requests* the two Governments concerned to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session on the progress made in implementing the present resolution;

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 continue its examination of the question.

2431st plenary meeting
8 December 1975

3433 (XXX). Question of the New Hebrides, Pitcairn and Tuvalu

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the New Hebrides, Pitcairn and Tuvalu,⁵⁸

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,⁵⁹

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 3288 (XXIX) and 3290 (XXIX) of 13 December 1974,

Having heard the statement of the representative of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the administering Power, relating to developments in those Territories,⁶⁰

⁵⁸ As a result of the referendum held in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands in August and September 1974, which was observed by the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, 1974, the Ellice Islands separated from the Territory of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands on 1 October 1975 and became known as Tuvalu (see A/C.4/786).

⁵⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/10023/Rev.1)*, chaps. IV, XVIII and XXI.

⁶⁰ *Ibid.*, Thirtieth Session, Fourth Committee, 2166th meeting.

Noting the continued readiness of the Government of the United Kingdom 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,

Recalling the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission dispatched to the Gilbert and Ellice Islands in 1974⁶¹ and noting with satisfaction the steps taken in the implementation of the relevant recommendations of the Visiting Mission,

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

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 and aspirations of the peoples therein with respect to their future status,

Strongly deploring the continued refusal of the Government of France, in contravention of the provisions of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, to co-operate with the Special Committee in its examination of the Territory of the New Hebrides,

Deeply concerned at the continued testing of nuclear weapons in the South Pacific in disregard of the strong opposition expressed by the peoples of the South Pacific, including those of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the region, and the concern expressed in resolution 3290 (XXIX),

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 the New Hebrides, Pitcairn and Tuvalu;⁶²

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 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. *Requests* the administering Powers to continue to take measures to expedite the process of decolonization in those Territories in accordance with the relevant recommendations of the Special Committee, including in particular the related observations of the United Nations Visiting Mission dispatched to the Gilbert and Ellice Islands in 1974;

5. *Requests* the administering Powers to take all appropriate steps to strengthen the economies of the New Hebrides, Pitcairn and Tuvalu and to work out

⁶¹ *Ibid.*, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/9623/Rev.1), chap. XXI, annex I.

⁶² *Ibid.*, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/10023/Rev.1), chaps. XVIII and XXI.

concrete programmes of assistance and economic development for those Territories;

6. *Requests* the administering Powers 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;

7. *Calls upon* the Government of France, as an administering Power, to participate in the relevant proceedings of the Special Committee concerning the Territory of the New Hebrides and, in particular, to report to the Special Committee on the implementation of the present resolution;

8. *Welcomes* the positive attitude of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland with respect to the receiving of United Nations visiting missions in the Territories under its administration and calls upon the Government of France to reconsider its attitude towards receiving United Nations visiting missions and to permit access by such a mission to the Territory of the New Hebrides;

9. *Reiterates its deep concern* at the continued testing of nuclear weapons in the South Pacific, despite the strong opposition expressed by the peoples of the South Pacific, including those of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the region, and the concern expressed in General Assembly resolution 3290 (XXIX);

10. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to seek the best ways and means for the implementation of the Declaration with respect to the New Hebrides, Pitcairn and Tuvalu, including the possible dispatch of visiting missions in consultation with the administering Powers concerned, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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3458 (XXX). Question of Spanish Sahara

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Spanish (Western) Sahara,

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 resolutions 2072 (XX) of 16 December 1965, 2229 (XXI) of 20 December 1966, 2354 (XXII) of 19 December 1967, 2428 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968, 2591 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, 2711 (XXV) of 14 December 1970, 3162 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973 and 3292 (XXIX) of 13 December 1974 on the question of Spanish Sahara,

Recalling further its resolution 3292 (XXIX) of 13 December 1974, by which it decided to request an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice and to invite 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 review, including the sending of a visiting mission to the Territory,

Noting that, in paragraph 3 of resolution 3292 (XXIX), it urged the administering Power to postpone the referendum which it contemplated holding in Spanish Sahara until the General Assembly decided on the policy to be followed in order to accelerate the decolonization process in the Territory in accordance with resolution 1514 (XV), in the best possible conditions, in the light of the advisory opinion to be given by the International Court of Justice,

Having considered the advisory opinion delivered by the International Court of Justice on 16 October 1975⁶³ in response to the request contained in General Assembly resolution 3292 (XXIX),

Having considered the chapter of the report of the Special Committee relating to the Territory of Spanish Sahara,⁶⁴

Having also considered the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Spanish Sahara, which in May and June 1975 went successively to Spain, the Territory, Morocco, Algeria and Mauritania,⁶⁵

Having heard the statements of the administering Power⁶⁶ and of the Governments of Morocco,⁶⁷ Mauritania⁶⁸ and Algeria,⁶⁹

Having also heard the statements of the petitioners,⁷⁰

Recalling Security Council resolutions 377 (1975) of 22 October 1975, 379 (1975) of 2 November 1975 and 380 (1975) of 6 November 1975 on the situation concerning Western Sahara,

Considering the reports prepared by the Secretary-General pursuant to Security Council resolutions 377 (1975) and 379 (1975) on the situation concerning Western Sahara,⁷¹

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of Spanish Sahara to self-determination, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

2. *Reaffirms* its attachment to the principle of self-determination of peoples and its concern to see that principle applied to the inhabitants of the Territory of Spanish Sahara within a framework that guarantees and permits them the free and genuine expression of their will, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the United Nations;

3. *Reaffirms* the responsibility of the administering Power and of the United Nations with regard to the decolonization of the Territory and the guaranteeing of the free expression of the wishes of the people of Spanish Sahara;

4. *Takes note with appreciation* of the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice concerning Western Sahara;⁷²

5. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Spanish Sahara in

⁶³ *Western Sahara, Advisory Opinion, I.C.J. Reports 1975*, p. 12. For the note of transmittal to the members of the General Assembly, see A/10300.

⁶⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/10023/Rev.1)*, chap. XIII.

⁶⁵ *Ibid.*, annex.

⁶⁶ *Ibid.*, Thirtieth Session, Fourth Committee, 2170th, 2171st, 2177th and 2178th meetings.

⁶⁷ *Ibid.*, 2171st, 2177th and 2181st meetings.

⁶⁸ *Ibid.*, 2173rd, 2177th and 2180th meetings.

⁶⁹ *Ibid.*, 2170th, 2173rd, 2177th and 2180th meetings.

⁷⁰ *Ibid.*, 2170th, 2173rd and 2178th meetings.

⁷¹ *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirtieth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1975*, documents S/11863, S/11874, S/11876 and S/11880.

⁷² See foot-note 63.