

4. *Reiterates* that it is the responsibility of the administering Power to create such conditions in the United States Virgin Islands as will enable the people of the Territory to exercise freely and without interference their inalienable right to self-determination and independence in conformity with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

5. *Calls upon* the administering Power, taking into account the wish of the people of the United States Virgin Islands, to take all necessary steps to expedite the process of decolonization in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration, as well as all other relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly;

6. *Notes* that the Senate of the United States Virgin Islands has established a Select Committee to ascertain the views of the people of the Territory on their future status and to make recommendations in that regard to the Legislature and further notes that public hearings are being held throughout the Territory;

7. *Reaffirms* the responsibility of the administering Power under the Charter for the economic and social development of the Territory;

8. *Urges* the administering Power, in co-operation with the territorial Government, to strengthen the economy of the Territory by taking additional measures of diversification in all fields and developing an adequate infrastructure with a view to reducing its economic dependence on the administering Power;

9. *Notes with satisfaction* the recent admission of the United States Virgin Islands as an associate member of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and its subsidiary body, the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee, and calls upon the administering Power to facilitate the participation of the Territory in other organizations of the United Nations system;

10. *Urges* the administering Power, in co-operation with the Government of the United States Virgin Islands, to safeguard the inalienable right of the people of the Territory to the enjoyment of their natural resources by taking effective measures to guarantee their right to own and dispose of those resources and to establish and maintain control of their future development;

11. *Also urges* the administering Power, in co-operation with the territorial Government, to continue to improve social conditions and to pay particular attention to overcoming problems of public housing, health care, education and crime and, in that connection, notes that further efforts are necessary to revitalize the health care programme, to improve crime prevention, to discourage juvenile delinquency and to expand and upgrade school facilities;

12. *Further urges* the administering Power to continue to take all necessary measures to comply fully with the purposes and principles of the Charter, the Declaration and the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly relating to military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration;

13. *Considers* that the possibility of sending a further visiting mission to the United States Virgin Islands at an appropriate time should be kept under review;

14. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue the examination of this question at its next session, including

the possible dispatch of a further visiting mission to the United States Virgin Islands at an appropriate time and in consultation with the administering Power, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fortieth session.

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### 39/39. Question of Anguilla

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the question of Anguilla,

*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>30</sup>

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

*Having examined* the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission dispatched to Anguilla in September 1984<sup>31</sup> at the invitation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the administering Power,<sup>32</sup>

*Having heard* the statement of the Chairman of the Visiting Mission,<sup>33</sup>

*Having heard* the statement of the representative of the administering Power,<sup>34</sup>

*Welcoming* the co-operation of the administering Power with regard to the work of the Special Committee relating to the Territories under United Kingdom administration and its readiness to permit access by United Nations visiting missions to those Territories,

*Aware* of the special problems facing the Territory by virtue of its location, small size, limited resources and lack of infrastructure,

*Reiterating* the view that such factors as territorial size, geographical location, size of population and limited natural resources should in no way delay the implementation of the Declaration contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV), which fully applies to Anguilla,

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 Anguilla;<sup>35</sup>

2. *Approves also* the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Anguilla in 1984;<sup>31</sup>

3. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of Anguilla to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

4. *Expresses its appreciation* to the administering Power and to the Government of Anguilla for the close co-operation and assistance extended to the Mission;

5. *Urges* the administering Power, in co-operation with the Government of Anguilla, to expand the programmes of political education so as to improve the awareness of the people of the Territory of the options available to them in the exercise of their right to self-determination and independence, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration;

<sup>30</sup> *Ibid.*, chaps. IV and XXVII

<sup>31</sup> A/AC.109/799.

<sup>32</sup> See A/AC.109/772.

<sup>33</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Fourth Committee, 14th meeting, paras. 1 and 2.*

<sup>34</sup> *Ibid.*, 16th meeting, paras. 45-50.

<sup>35</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/39/23), chap. XXVII.

6. *Expresses the view* that measures to promote the economic and social development of Anguilla are an essential element in the process of self-determination and, in that connection, calls upon the administering Power, in close co-operation with the territorial Government, to continue to intensify and diversify its programmes of development assistance to Anguilla;

7. *Requests* the administering Power, in the light of the observations, conclusions and recommendations of the Visiting Mission,<sup>36</sup> to continue to enlist the assistance of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, as well as other regional and international bodies, in the development and strengthening of the economy of the Territory;

8. *Further requests* the administering Power to facilitate the participation of the Territory as an associate member of various organizations of the United Nations system, as well as other regional and international bodies;

9. *Considers* that the possibility of sending a further visiting mission to Anguilla at an appropriate time should be kept under review;

10. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue the examination of this question at its next session, including the possible dispatch of a visiting mission to Anguilla at an appropriate time and in consultation with the administering Power, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fortieth session.

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### 39/40. Question of Western Sahara

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* in depth the question of Western Sahara,

*Recalling* the inalienable right of all peoples to self-determination and independence in accordance with the principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations and in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

*Recalling* its resolution 38/40 of 7 December 1983 on the question of Western Sahara,

*Having considered* 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,<sup>37</sup>

*Taking note* of the report of the Implementation Committee of the Organization of African Unity on Western Sahara,<sup>38</sup>

*Recalling* resolution AHG/Res.104 (XIX) on Western Sahara,<sup>39</sup> adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its nineteenth ordinary session, held at Addis Ababa from 6 to 12 June 1983,

1. *Reaffirms* that the question of Western Sahara is a question of decolonization which remains to be completed on the basis of the exercise by the people of Western Sahara of their inalienable right to self-determination and independence;

2. *Reaffirms* that the solution of the question of Western Sahara lies in the implementation of resolution AHG/

Res.104 (XIX) of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, which establishes ways and means for a just and definitive political solution to the Western Sahara conflict;

3. *Requests*, to that end, the parties to the conflict, the Kingdom of Morocco and the Frente Popular para la Liberación de Saguia el-Hamra y de Río de Oro, to undertake direct negotiations with a view to bringing about a cease-fire to create the necessary conditions for a peaceful and fair referendum for self-determination of the people of Western Sahara, a referendum without any administrative or military constraints, under the auspices of the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations;

4. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Organization of African Unity and its Implementation Committee with a view to promoting a just and definitive solution to the question of Western Sahara in accordance with the resolutions and decisions of that organization and the United Nations on the question;

5. *Reaffirms* the determination of the United Nations to co-operate fully with the Organization of African Unity with a view to implementing the relevant decisions of that organization, in particular resolution AHG/Res.104 (XIX);

6. *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 to consider the situation in Western Sahara as a matter of priority and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fortieth session;

7. *Invites* the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to keep the Secretary-General of the United Nations informed of the progress achieved in the implementation of the decisions of the Organization of African Unity relating to Western Sahara;

8. *Invites* the Secretary-General to follow the situation in Western Sahara closely with a view to the implementation of the present resolution and to report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session.

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### 39/41. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations

*The General Assembly,*

*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 information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations<sup>40</sup> and the action taken by the Committee in respect of that information,

*Having also examined* the report of the Secretary-General on the question,<sup>41</sup>

*Recalling* its resolution 1970 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963, in which it requested the Special Committee to study the information transmitted to the Secretary-General in accordance with Article 73 e of the Charter and to take such information fully into account in examining the situation with regard to the implementation of the Decla-

<sup>36</sup> A/AC.109/799, sect. IV.

<sup>37</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/39/23), chap. X.

<sup>38</sup> A/39/680, annex.

<sup>39</sup> For the text, see resolution 38/40, para. 1.

<sup>40</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/39/23), chap. VIII.

<sup>41</sup> A/39/519.