

can 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,<sup>3</sup>

*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. *Expresses the hope* that a just and lasting solution to the problem of Western Sahara will be speedily achieved, in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, at the extraordinary session of the Organization of African Unity devoted to this question, to be held shortly in accordance with the decisions taken at the thirteenth<sup>3</sup> and fourteenth<sup>4</sup> ordinary sessions of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity;

3. *Decides* to resume consideration of the question of Western Sahara at its thirty-third session;

4. *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 developments in this matter under review and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session;

5. *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 the question to the General Assembly as soon as possible and not later than at its thirty-third session.

*83rd plenary meeting  
28 November 1977*

### 32/23. 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,<sup>5</sup>

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

*Having heard* the statement of the administering Power relating to developments in the Territory,<sup>6</sup>

<sup>3</sup> 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*.

<sup>4</sup> See A/32/310, annex II.

<sup>5</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/32/23/Rev.1)*, vol. I, chap. III, and vol. III, chap. XIX.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirty-second Session, Fourth Committee*, 12th meeting, paras. 12-21.

*Noting with satisfaction* that the Gilbert Islands attained full internal self-government on 1 January 1977, to be followed by a general election to be held no later than 13 August 1978 and by a constitutional conference prior to independence,

*Noting further* that the constitutional conference to be held in preparation for independence, to which representatives of the Banaban community will be invited, will take into account the special rights and interests of the Banaban community,

*Bearing in mind* that the phosphate resources of the Territory will soon be exhausted,

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 Gilbert Islands;<sup>7</sup>

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

3. *Expresses the hope* that the constitutional conference will lead to independence for the Gilbert Islands in accordance with the Declaration and that the constitution to be agreed upon will respect the special rights and interests of the Banaban community;

4. *Requests* that steps be taken towards diversifying 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, as well as of regional bodies, 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-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.

*83rd plenary meeting  
28 November 1977*

### 32/24. Question of American Samoa

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the question of American Samoa,

*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>8</sup>

*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 American Samoa,

*Taking into account* the statement of the administering Power relating to developments in American Samoa,<sup>9</sup>

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/32/23/Rev.1)*, vol. III, chap. XIX.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. I, chap. III, and vol. III, chap. XXI.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirty-second Session, Fourth Committee*, 17th meeting, paras. 47-50.