

3. *Welcomes* the comprehensive way in which the Government of the Solomon Islands has approached the preparation of a sound political and economic foundation for independence, which is to be achieved in July 1978;

4. *Requests* that further steps be taken towards diversifying the economy of the Solomon Islands 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 keep the situation in the Solomon Islands under review.

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32/26. Question of the New Hebrides

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the New Hebrides,

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 all other resolutions and decisions of the United Nations relating to the Territory, including General Assembly resolutions 3290 (XXIX) of 13 December 1974, 3433 (XXX) of 8 December 1975 and 31/51 of 1 December 1976,

Welcoming the participation of France, as an administering Power, in the work of the Special Committee relating to the Territory,

Noting the joint statement of the administering Powers issued on 21 July 1977,¹⁴ as well as their joint statement of 26 March 1977,¹⁵

Having heard the statement of the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland relating to developments in the New Hebrides,¹⁶

Conscious of the need to accelerate progress towards the full implementation of the Declaration with respect to the New Hebrides,

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 a mission to the New Hebrides is essential for securing adequate and first-hand information in regard to the conditions prevailing in the Territory and to the views, wishes and aspirations of the people therein with respect to their future status,

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 Inde-

¹³ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/32/23/Rev.1)*, vol. I, chap. III, and vol. III, chap. XIII.

¹⁴ A/32/172, annex.

¹⁵ A/32/99, annex.

¹⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Fourth Committee*, 12th meeting, paras. 12-21.

pendence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the New Hebrides;¹⁷

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

3. *Reaffirms* the territorial integrity and national unity of the New Hebrides;

4. *Welcomes* the joint commitment of the two administering Powers to independence for the New Hebrides and urges them to continue their efforts towards the early independence of the Territory, in full consultation with the people of the Territory;

5. *Requests* the administering Powers to take all appropriate steps to strengthen the economy of the New Hebrides, to continue taking steps on a priority basis to unify the administration of the Territory and to work out concrete programmes of assistance and economic development so as to ensure that economic and social development keeps abreast of political development;

6. *Requests* the administering Powers to continue to enlist the assistance of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system in accelerating progress in all sectors of the national life of the Territory;

7. *Urges* the Governments of France and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to continue to co-operate with the Special Committee and to consider permitting access by a United Nations visiting mission to the New Hebrides, and to report on this aspect to the Special Committee when it next considers the question of the New Hebrides;

8. *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, including the possible dispatch of a visiting mission in consultation with the administering Powers, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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32/27. Question of Brunei

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Brunei,

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,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 other relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations relating to the Territory, including in particular the consensus on the question adopted by the General Assembly on 13 December 1974,¹⁹

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/32/23/Rev.1)*, vol. III, chap. XIII.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, chap. XV.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/9631)*, p. 117, item 23.