

ties to resolve such differences should no longer delay the early and secure exercise of that right,

*Recognizing* the special responsibility of the United Kingdom, as the administering Power, to take immediate steps to enable the people of Belize to exercise freely and without fear their right to the secure and full independence of all their territory,

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of Belize to self-determination, independence and territorial integrity, and urges all States to render all practical assistance necessary for the secure and early exercise of that right;

2. *Declares* that Belize should become an independent State before the conclusion of the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly;

3. *Calls upon* the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to convene a constitutional conference to prepare for the independence of Belize;

4. *Calls upon* the parties concerned to respect the principle that the threat or use of force should not be applied to prevent the people of Belize from exercising their inalienable right to self-determination, independence and territorial integrity;

5. *Urges* the Government of the United Kingdom, acting in close consultation with the Government of Belize, and the Government of Guatemala to continue their efforts to reach agreement without prejudice to the exercise by the people of Belize of their inalienable rights and in furtherance of the peace and stability of the region and, in this connexion, to consult as appropriate with other specially interested States in the region;

6. *Calls upon* the Government of the United Kingdom, as the responsible administering Power, to continue to ensure the security and territorial integrity of Belize;

7. *Requests* the relevant organs of the United Nations to take such actions as may be appropriate and as may be requested by the administering Power and the Government of Belize in order to facilitate the attainment of independence by Belize and to guarantee its security and territorial integrity thereafter;

8. *Welcomes* the declared intention of the Government of Belize to apply for membership in the United Nations upon attainment of independence,<sup>11</sup> in accordance with Article 4 of the Charter of the United Nations;

9. *Calls upon* Guatemala and independent Belize to work out arrangements for post-independence co-operation on matters of mutual concern;

10. *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 remain seized of the question and to assist the people of Belize in the early exercise of their inalienable rights.

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### 35/21. Question of Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands and Montserrat

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the question of Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands and Montserrat,

<sup>11</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Fourth Committee, 19th meeting, para. 99.*

*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>12</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 the Territories listed above, in particular General Assembly resolution 34/34 of 21 November 1979,

*Taking into account* the statement of the administering Power<sup>13</sup> relating to the Territories listed above,

*Noting* the continued readiness of the administering Power 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,

*Conscious* of the need to accelerate progress towards the full implementation of the Declaration in respect of the Territories concerned,

*Bearing in mind* the constructive results that can be achieved as a consequence of United Nations visiting missions to colonial Territories, which provide an effective means of ascertaining the situation in the Territories visited, and reiterating its conviction that the dispatch of such missions is essential for securing adequate and first-hand information with regard to the political, economic and social conditions in those Territories and to the views, wishes and aspirations of the peoples therein,

*Mindful* that those Territories require the continued attention and assistance of the United Nations in the achievement by their peoples of the objectives embodied in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Declaration,

*Aware* of the special circumstances of the geographical location and economic conditions of the Territories concerned and stressing the necessity of diversifying and strengthening further their economies as a matter of priority in order to promote economic stability and 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 Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands and Montserrat;<sup>14</sup>

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 location and limited resources should in no way delay the implementation of the Declaration with respect to the Territories concerned;

4. *Calls upon* the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the ad-

<sup>12</sup> *Ibid., Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/35/23/Rev.1), chaps. III-V and XIX-XXII.*

<sup>13</sup> *Ibid., Thirty-fifth Session, Fourth Committee, 11th meeting, paras. 40-44.*

<sup>14</sup> *Ibid., Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/35/23/Rev.1), chaps. XIX-XXII.*

ministering Power, in consultation with the freely elected authorities and representatives of the peoples of the Territories concerned, to continue to take all the necessary steps to ensure the full and speedy attainment of the goals set forth in the Declaration in respect of the Territories;

5. *Calls upon* the administering Power, in consultation, as appropriate, with the freely elected authorities and representatives of the peoples of the Territories concerned, to take all possible steps to diversify and strengthen further the economies of the Territories listed above and to work out concrete programmes of assistance and economic development for those Territories;

6. *Urges* the administering Power, with the co-operation of the freely elected authorities and representatives of the peoples of the Territories concerned, to safeguard the inalienable right of the peoples of those Territories to the enjoyment of their natural resources by taking effective measures which guarantee the right of the peoples to own and dispose of those natural resources and to establish and maintain control of their future development;

7. *Requests* the administering Power, in consultation with the freely elected authorities and representatives of the peoples of the Territories concerned, to pay particular attention to the training of qualified local personnel;

8. *Welcomes* the positive attitude of the administering Power with regard to the receiving of United Nations visiting missions in the Territories under its administration and requests the Chairman of the Special Committee to continue his consultations with a view to dispatching such missions, as appropriate;

9. *Requests* the administering Power 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 those Territories;

10. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue the examination of this question at its next session, including the possible dispatch of visiting missions in consultation with the administering Power, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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### 35/22. Question of Guam

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the question of Guam,

*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>15</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 Guam,

*Noting* that the administering Power continues to maintain military installations in the Territory,

*Considering* that the policy of maintaining military bases and installations in Non-Self-Governing Territo-

ries which inhibit the right of self-determination of peoples is incompatible with the relevant resolutions of the United Nations,

*Having heard* the statement of the administering Power,<sup>16</sup>

*Welcoming* the active participation of the administering Power in the work of the Special Committee and expressing the hope that this co-operation will be strengthened further so as to accelerate progress towards the full implementation of the Declaration in respect of Guam,

*Aware* of the special circumstances of the geographical location and economic conditions of Guam and stressing the necessity of diversifying the Territory's economy as a matter of priority in order to reduce its dependence on fluctuating economic activities,

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 Guam;<sup>17</sup>

2. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of Guam 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 location and limited resources should in no way delay the implementation of the Declaration in respect of the Territory;

4. *Recalls* that the United States of America, as the administering Power, has the responsibility to ensure that the people of the Territory are kept fully informed of their inalienable right to self-determination and independence, in accordance with the Declaration;

5. *Calls upon* the administering Power to take all necessary steps, taking into account the freely expressed wishes of the people of Guam, to expedite the process of decolonization of the Territory in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration;

6. *Recalls* its relevant resolutions concerning military bases in colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories, recognizes that the presence of military bases could constitute a factor impeding the implementation of the Declaration and reaffirms its strong conviction that the presence of military bases in Guam should not prevent the people of the Territory from exercising their inalienable right to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration and the purposes and principles of the Charter;

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

8. *Calls upon* the administering Power to take all possible steps to strengthen and diversify the economy of Guam and to work out concrete programmes of assistance and economic development for the Territory;

9. *Further calls upon* the administering Power, in co-operation with the territorial Government, to work towards removing constraints which limit growth in various economic areas;

10. *Urges* the administering Power, in co-operation with the territorial Government, to continue to take ef-

<sup>15</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirty-fifth Session, Fourth Committee, 13th meeting, paras. 57-63.

<sup>17</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/35/23/Rev.1), chap. XVII.

<sup>15</sup> *Ibid.*, chaps. III, IV and XVII.