

particular the dispatch of visiting missions to those Territories, and to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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3158 (XXVIII). Question of the Seychelles

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the Seychelles,

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,⁵⁷

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and its resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, containing the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration,

Recalling also its resolutions 2985 (XXVII) of 14 December 1972 concerning the question,

Reaffirming that the Seychelles should accede to independence without any prejudice to their territorial integrity,

Deploring that it has not been possible to send a special mission of the United Nations to the Territory, as envisaged under General Assembly resolution 2866 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971,

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of the Seychelles to self-determination and independence in conformity with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV), and calls upon the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the administering Power, to take all necessary measures to enable the people to exercise that right without further delay;

2. *Requests* the administering Power, in accordance with the provisions of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, to receive the special mission of the United Nations envisaged under resolution 2866 (XXVI) and to make the necessary arrangements, in consultation with the special mission, for the holding as soon as practicable of a referendum on the future status of the Territory;

3. *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, including in particular the dispatch of the special mission referred to above, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session.

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3159 (XXVIII). Question of Brunei

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Brunei,

Having examined the relevant chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard

⁵⁷ *Ibid.*, chaps. III, V and X.

to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,⁵⁸

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and its resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, containing the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration,

*Recalling further its resolution 2978 (XXVII) of 14 December 1972, whereby it reaffirmed *inter alia* that, in the absence of a decision by the General Assembly itself that a Non-Self-Governing Territory has attained a full measure of self-government in terms of Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations, the administering Power concerned should continue to transmit information under Article 73 *e* of the Charter with respect to that Territory,*

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of Brunei to self-determination in conformity with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

2. *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 Brunei;⁵⁹

3. *Requests* the administering Power, in accordance with the recommendation of the Special Committee, to furnish such information as may be required by the Special Committee and, in particular, to participate, in conformity with the provisions of related resolutions of the General Assembly, in the relevant proceedings of the Special Committee, as well as to receive in the Territory a United Nations visiting mission composed of members drawn from the Special Committee;

4. *Requests* the Special Committee to report on this question to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session.

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3160 (XXVIII). Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas),

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 resolution 2065 (XX) of 16 December 1965, in which it invited the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to proceed without delay with the negotiations recommended by the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples with a view to finding a peaceful solution to the problem of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas), bearing in mind the provisions and objectives of the Charter of the United Nations and of resolution 1514 (XV) and the interests of the population of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas),

⁵⁸ *Ibid.*, chaps. III and XXI.

⁵⁹ *Ibid.*, chap. XXI.

Gravely concerned at the fact that eight years have elapsed since the adoption of resolution 2065 (XX) without any substantial progress having been made in the negotiations,

Mindful that resolution 2065 (XX) indicates that the way to put an end to this colonial situation is the peaceful solution of the conflict of sovereignty between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom with regard to the aforementioned islands,

Expressing its gratitude for the continuous efforts made by the Government of Argentina, in accordance with the relevant decisions of the General Assembly, to facilitate the process of decolonization and to promote the well-being of the population of the islands,

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 Falkland Islands (Malvinas)⁶⁰ and, in particular, the resolution adopted by the Special Committee on 21 August 1973 concerning the Territory;⁶¹

2. *Declares* the need to accelerate the negotiations between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland called for in General Assembly resolution 2065 (XX) in order to arrive at a peaceful solution of the conflict of sovereignty between them concerning the Falkland Islands (Malvinas);

3. *Urges* the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom, therefore, to proceed without delay with the negotiations, in accordance with the provisions of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, in order to put an end to the colonial situation;

4. *Requests* both Governments to report to the Secretary-General and to the General Assembly as soon as possible, and not later than at its twenty-ninth session, on the results of the recommended negotiations.

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3161 (XXVIII). Question of the Comoro Archipelago

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the Comoro Archipelago,

Having heard the statement of the administering Power,⁶²

Having also heard the statement of the representative of the Mouvement de libération nationale des Comores,⁶³

Taking note of the Joint Declaration on the Accession to Independence of the Comoro Archipelago, containing the text of an agreement reached on 15 June 1973 between the Minister for Overseas Departments and Territories of the Government of France and the President of the Government Council of the Comoro Archipelago,⁶⁴

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and its resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, containing the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration,

Convinced of the vital importance of sending a visiting mission to the Territory as a means of securing adequate and first-hand information in regard to the political, economic and social conditions therein,

Noting with regret the failure of the administering Power to participate in the related work 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,

Mindful of the responsibility of the United Nations to render all help to the people of the Comoro Archipelago in their efforts freely to decide their own future,

1. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the people of the Comoro Archipelago to self-determination and independence in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV);

2. *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 question;⁶⁵

3. *Takes note with interest* of the statement by the representative of France that the French Government has affirmed "the readiness of the Comoro Archipelago for independence" and "its intention to respond faithfully to the aspirations" of the Comorian people, and has stated that the Comorian Government can request independence for the Territory at any time;⁶⁶

4. *Affirms* the unity and territorial integrity of the Comoro Archipelago;

5. *Requests* the Government of France, as the administering Power, to ensure that the unity and territorial integrity of the Comoro Archipelago are preserved;

6. *Calls upon* the administering Power to take all necessary measures to ensure the full and speedy attainment of freedom and independence by the people of the Territory, on the basis of their freely expressed wishes, in accordance with the objectives of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and in conformity with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations;

7. *Requests* the administering Power to extend its co-operation to the Special Committee in the discharge of the tasks entrusted to it by the General Assembly with respect to the Territory, in conformity with the relevant United Nations resolutions, in particular by enabling the Special Committee to send a visiting mission for the purpose of securing adequate and first-hand information on the situation obtaining in the Territory, as well as on the wishes and aspirations of its people as regards their future status;

8. *Invites* all States to render all the necessary help to the people of the Territory in their efforts to achieve the objectives of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

⁶⁰ *Ibid.*, chaps. III and XXVII.

⁶¹ *Ibid.*, chap. XXVII, para. 12.

⁶² *Ibid.*, Twenty-eighth Session, Fourth Committee, 2064th meeting.

⁶³ *Ibid.*, 2065th meeting.

⁶⁴ *Ibid.*, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/9023/Rev.1), chap. XI, annex, appendix II.

⁶⁵ *Ibid.*, chap. XI.

⁶⁶ *Ibid.*, Twenty-eighth Session, Fourth Committee, 2064th meeting, paras. 22 and 27.