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32/22. Question of Western Sahara

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Western Sahara, Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, Recalling the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Organization of African Unity concerning the Territory,

Taking note of the part of the Political Declaration adopted by the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries held at Colombo from 16 to 19 August 1976, relating to Western Sahara, Having heard all the statements made on the subject before the Fourth Committee, Recalling the decision of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of Afri-

1 For the decisions adopted on the reports of the Fourth Committee, see sect. X.B.b.

2 A/31/197, annex I, para. 35.
can Unity at its thirteenth ordinary session, held at
Port Louis from 2 to 6 July 1976, to hold an extra-
nordinary session devoted to the question of Western
Sahara.\footnote{8}

Recalling also its resolution 3412 (XXX) of 28 No-
vember 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 Co-
lonial Countries and Peoples;

2. Expresses the hope that a just and lasting solu-
tion 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\footnote{9} and fourteenth\footnote{4}
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 Coun-
tries 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 As-
sembly as soon as possible and not later than at its
thirty-third session.

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32/23. Question of the Gilbert Islands

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of the Gilbert Is-
lands,

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 Grant-
ing of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peo-
oples,\footnote{5}

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

Having heard the statement of the administering
Power relating to developments in the Territory,\footnote{6}

\footnote{3 See A/31/136-S/12141, annex II, resolution AHG/Res.81
(XIII). For the printed text, see Official Records of the Secu-
ritv Council, Thirty-first Year, Supplement for July, August
and September 1976.}

\footnote{4 See A/32/310, annex II.}

\footnote{5 Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second
and vol. III, chap. XIX.}

\footnote{6 Ibid., Thirty-second Session, Fourth Committee, 12th meet-
ing, paras. 12-21.}

Noting with satisfaction that the Gilbert Islands at-
tained 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 confer-
ence prior to independence,

Noting further that the constitutional conference to
be held in preparation for independence, to which rep-
resentatives 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 Im-
plementation of the Declaration on the Granting of
Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples rela-
ting to the Gilbert Islands;\footnote{7}

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

3. Expresses the hope that the constitutional con-
ference will lead to independence for the Gilbert Is-
lands 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 adminis-
tering 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 reso-
lution.

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 Grant-
ing of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peo-
oples,\footnote{8}

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December
1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of In-
dependence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and
other resolutions and decisions of the United Na-
tions relating to American Samoa,

Taking into account the statement of the administr-
ing Power relating to developments in American Sa-
moa,\footnote{9}

\footnote{7 Ibid., Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/32/
23/Rev.1), vol. III, chap. XIX.}

\footnote{8 Ibid., vol. I, chap. III, and vol. III, chap. XXI.}

\footnote{9 Ibid., Thirty-second Session, Fourth Committee, 17th meet-
ing, paras. 47-50.}