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the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples [emphasis added -- SC]³.

At its twenty-fifth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, which contained a programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration. In operative paragraph 9 (c), (d) and (e), the Assembly specifically directed the Committee:

"(c) To continue to send visiting missions to the colonial Territories and to hold meetings at places where it can best obtain first-hand information on the situation

independent, not a single NSGT graduated from the list. Of course, there are many reasons for that, not the least being the absence of formal cooperation on the part of some administering Powers. As you are aware, the United Kingdom ended formal cooperation with the Special Committee in 1986 and the United States in 1992⁶. However, we still believe that the Committee could use the remaining period before the end of the decade to try to achieve some results in

fulfilling its mandate.

In our opinion, there are three territories on the list that could be the target of the visiting missions provided the Committee conducts successful consultations with their administering

that American Samoa was not a colony of the United States but rather a territory, a status that had been fashioned voluntarily because of economic overtones. He further expressed his personal preference for the United States Congress, which had the ultimate authority to decide on the type of political status that the United States would have with American Samoa, to relinquish

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the reserved powers of the British governor of the Territory, whose salary, by the way, is paid from the Territory's budget, Bermuda enjoys rather high level of self-government. Furthermore,

as health, human development, agriculture, forestry and fisheries. Pitcairn also participates in the Pacific Community Coastal Fisheries Programme¹³.

The situation of Pitcairn begs the question whether it should be kept on the list of the Special Committee. Here, again, I would like to reiterate my humble opinion that maybe a visit to the island might enlighten the members of the Committee on further action to complete decolonization of such a small entity and follow up with a first track recommendation to the

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