

UNGA Resolution 33/36 of 1978

The General Assembly,

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Recalling that, in the Bogota Declaration of 6 August 1977, it was agreed that "a solution of the Belize question should be found by the peaceful methods consecrated in the charters of the Organization of American States and the United Nations, and in accordance with respect for its territorial integrity and with the principle of the free self-determination of peoples."

Bearing in mind the relevant parts of the Declarations of the Conference of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Belgrade from 25 to 30 July 1978,

Reiterating its conviction that the people of Belize should be assisted in a practical manner to exercise freely and without fear their inalienable right to self-determination, independence and territorial integrity,

Deeply regretting the continued failure of the parties concerned to conclude an agreement in conformity with the principles established in General Assembly resolutions 3432 (XXX), 31/50 and 32/32, and the resultant delay in the speedy achievement of the secure independence of Belize,

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of Belize to self-determination and independence;
2. Reaffirms that the inviolability and territorial integrity of Belize must be preserved;
3. Urges the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, acting in close consultation with the Government of Belize, and the Government of Guatemala to pursue vigorously their negotiations with a view to settling their differences over Belize, without prejudice to the right of the people of Belize to self-determination, independence and territorial integrity, and further the peace and stability of the region, and in this connexion to consult as appropriate with other especially interested States in the area;

4. Requests the Governments concerned to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session on the outcome of the negotiations referred to above;

5. Calls upon the parties involved to refrain from any threats or use of force against the people of Belize or their territory;

6. Recognizes that it is the responsibility of the United Kingdom, as the administering Power, to take all necessary steps to enable the people of Belize to exercise freely and without fear their right to self-determination and to a firm and early independence;

7. Urges all States to respect the right of the people of Belize to self-determination, independence and territorial integrity, and to render all practical assistance necessary for the secure and early exercise of that right;

8. 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 exercise of their inalienable rights.

(81st Plenary meeting, 13 December 1978)

(Lauterpacht, *et al.* *Legal Opinion on Guatemala's Territorial Claim to Belize*. Appendix I, No. 21, pp. 77-79)