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Admission of Antigua and Barbuda to membership in the United Nations*The General Assembly,*

Having received the recommendation of the Security Council of 10 November 1981 that Antigua and Barbuda should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,

Having considered the application for membership of Antigua and Barbuda,

Decides to admit Antigua and Barbuda to membership in the United Nations.

Admission of Belize

Belize, a Central American country formerly administered by the United Kingdom, attained independence on 21 September 1981 and applied for membership by a telegram of the same date.⁽²⁾ Its admission to the United Nations was unanimously recommended by the Security Council on 23 September.⁽³⁾ Acting on the Council's recommendation as transmitted by its President in a letter of the same date,⁽¹⁾ the General Assembly admitted Belize on 25 September by adopting a 75-nation resolution⁽⁴⁾ by a recorded vote of 144 to 1.

Guatemala, which voted against the admission of Belize, maintained in the Council and the Assembly that Belize was part of its territory and that it would continue to struggle by peaceful means in support of its claim, regarding the United Kingdom as primarily responsible for the origin and solution of the dispute. The United Kingdom said its guiding principle had always been the right of self-determination; it had never accepted the Guatemalan claim and hoped that negotiations could be resumed promptly, though its role would be different now that Belize was an independent State. Following the admission of his country, the Prime Minister of Belize, George C. Price, told the Assembly that his Government was ready to pursue the formula agreed upon by Belize, Guatemala and the United Kingdom on 11 March.

The dispute between Guatemala and the United Kingdom over Belize was the subject earlier in the year of several letters to the Council and the Assembly (p. 1181).

Letter and telegram (1): (1) SC President, 23 Sep., A/36/551; (2) Belize (1), 21 Sep., transmitted by S-G note, A/36/533-S/14701.

Resolutions: (3) SC, 491(1981), 23 Sep., text following; (4) GA, 36/3, 25 Sep., text following.

Meeting records: SC, S/PV.2301, 2302 (23 Sep.); GA, A/36/PV.13 (25 Sep.).

Security Council resolution 491 (1981)

Adopted unanimously Meeting 2302 23 September 1981

Unanimously recommended by Committee on Admission of New Members (S/14703), 23 September (meeting 68).

The Security Council,

Having examined the application of Belize for admission to the United Nations,

Recommends to the General Assembly that Belize should be admitted to membership in the United Nations.

General Assembly resolution 36/3

144-1-0 (recorded vote) Meeting 13 25 September 1981

75-nation draft (A/36/L.4 and Add.1); agenda item 20.

Sponsors: Algeria, Australia, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Botswana, Canada, Central African Republic, China, Comoros, Congo, Cyprus, Denmark, Egypt, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Admission of Belize to membership in the United Nations*The General Assembly,*

Having received the recommendation of the Security Council of 23 September 1981 that Belize should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,

Having considered the application for membership of Belize,

Decides to admit Belize to membership in the United Nations.

Recorded vote in Assembly as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian SSR, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian SSR, USSR, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, United States, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: Guatemala.

Abstaining: None.

Admission of Vanuatu

Vanuatu, a South Pacific island country which had been the condominium of the New Hebrides under the joint administration of France and the United Kingdom, attained independence on 30 July 1980 and applied for United Nations membership by a letter dated 22 May 1981.⁽²⁾ Its admission to the United Nations was unanimously recommended by the Security Council on 8 July,⁽³⁾ on the basis of a draft resolution sponsored in the Committee on the Admission of New Members by all 15 Council members. Acting on the Council's recommendation as transmitted by its President in a letter of the same date,⁽¹⁾ the General Assembly admitted Vanuatu on 15 September by adopting by acclamation a resolution sponsored by 57 States.⁽⁴⁾

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