

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

CONSIDERING that resolution 222 (III), adopted by the General Assembly on 3 November 1948, while welcoming any development of self-government in Non-Self-Governing Territories, considers that it is essential that the United Nations be informed of any change in the constitutional status of any such Territory as a result of which the responsible Government concerned thinks it unnecessary to transmit information in respect of that Territory under Article 73(e) of the Charter,

HAVING RECEIVED the communications dated 19 January and 20 March 1953 informing the United Nations of the establishment of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as a result of the entry into force on 25 July 1952 of the Constitution of Puerto Rico, stating that in consequence of these constitutional changes the Government of the United States would cease to transmit information under Article 73(e) of the Charter,

HAVING EXAMINED the documentation transmitted in the light of the basic principles of Chapter XI of the Charter,

HAVING REVIEWED the examination of the question of Cessation of Transmission of Information on Puerto Rico as contained in the 1953 Report of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories;

1. TAKES NOTE that the people of Puerto Rico, after expressing their will in a free and democratic way, have achieved a new constitutional status;
2. CONSIDERS that, when deciding in favour of its Commonwealth status, the people of Puerto Rico voted in favour of their new constitutional status;
3. EXPRESSES the opinion that it stems from the documentation provided that the association of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico with the United States of America constitutes a mutually agreed association;
4. TAKES NOTE that the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico states that its people have attained internal self-government.
5. NOTES with satisfaction the political advancement achieved by the people of Puerto Rico;
6. TAKES NOTE that the information before it indicates that the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico may be considered as falling outside the scope of Article 73(e) of the Charter;
7. TAKES NOTE of the opinion of the United States Government that it is no longer necessary or appropriate to transmit information on Puerto Rico under Article 73(e) of the Charter.