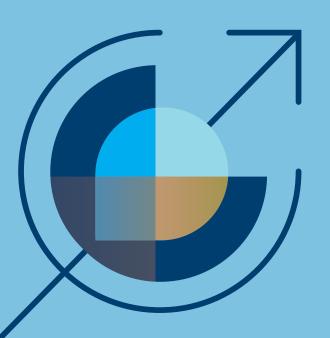


What the UN Can Do To Assist Non-Self Governing Territories



"Today, 17 Non-Self-Governing Territories across the globe remain under the purview of this Committee [Special Committee on Decolonization]. I call on the international community to address the issue of self-government and find innovative and practical ways to implement the decolonization process. In this endeavour, we shall be guided by the principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter and the relevant General Assembly resolutions."

—United Nations Secretary-General February 2015

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TERRITORIES TO WHICH THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES CONTINUES TO APPLY (AS OF 2016)

TERRITORY	LISTING AS NSGT	ADMINISTERING POWER	LAND AREA (SQ.KM.)	POPULATION!			
AFRICA							
WESTERN SAHARA	SINCE 1963	II	266,000	586,000			
ATLANTIC AND CARIBBEAN							
ANGUILLA	SINCE 1946	UNITED KINGDOM	96	15,700			
BERMUDA	SINCE 1946	UNITED KINGDOM	53.35	65,187			
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	SINCE 1946	UNITED KINGDOM	153	28,200			
CAYMAN ISLANDS	SINCE 1946	UNITED KINGDOM	264	58,238			
FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS)"	SINCE 1946	UNITED KINGDOM	12,173	2,500			
MONTSERRAT	SINCE 1946	UNITED KINGDOM	103	5,000			
SAINT HELENA	SINCE 1946	UNITED KINGDOM	310	5,765			
TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS	SINCE 1946	UNITED KINGDOM	948.2	36,689			
UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS	SINCE 1946	UNITED STATES	352	105,080			

TERRITORY	LISTING AS NSGT	ADMINISTERING POWER	LAND AREA (SQ.KM.)	POPULATION			
EUROPE							
GIBRALTAR	SINCE 1946	UNITED KINGDOM	5.8	33,140			
PACIFIC							
AMERICAN SAMOA	SINCE 1946	UNITED STATES	200	55,170			
FRENCH POLYNESIA	1946-1947 AND SINCE 2013	FRANCE	3,600	271,800			
GUAM	SINCE 1946	UNITED STATES	540	159,358			
NEW CALEDONIA	1946-1947 AND SINCE 1986	FRANCE	18,575	268,767			
PITCAIRN	SINCE 1946	UNITED KINGDOM	35.5	39			
TOKELAU	SINCE 1946	NEW ZEALAND	12.2	1,411			

- All data is from United Nations Secretariat 2016 Working Papers on Non-Self-Governing Territories (NSGTs), and for Western Sahara, from UN data (http://data.un.org), a database by the United Nations Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations.
- II. On 26 February 1976, Spain informed the Secretary-General that as of that date it had terminated its presence in the Territory of the Sahara and deemed it necessary to place on record that Spain considered itself thenceforth exempt from any responsibility of any international nature in connection with the administration of the Territory, in view of the cessation of its participation in the temporary administration established for the Territory. In 1990, the General Assembly reaffirmed that the question of Western Sahara was a question of decolonization which remained to be completed by the people of Western Sahara.
- III. A dispute exists between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (see ST/CS/SER.A/42).

Non-Self-Governing **Territories** UNITED STATES Bermuda OF AMERICA Turks and Caicos Islands British Virgin Islands U.S. Virgin Islands Anguilla Islands Montserrat Tokelau French Polynesia American Samoa Pitcairn Falkland Islands (Malvinas)* → Non-Self-Governing Territories **ADMINISTERING POWERS**



HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

HEN the United Nations was established in 1945, 750 million people—almost a third of the world's population—lived in Territories that were non-self-governing, dependent on colonial Powers. Today, fewer than 2 million people live in such Territories.

The Charter of the United Nations established, in Chapter XI (Articles 73 and 74), the principles that continue to guide United Nations decolonization efforts, including respect for self-determination of all peoples.

The United Nations Charter also established the International Trusteeship System in Chapter XII (Articles 75-85) and the Trusteeship Council in Chapter XIII (Articles 86-91) to monitor certain Territories, known as "Trust" Territories. Those Territories, each subject to

separate agreements with administering States, were formally administered under Mandates from the League of Nations, or were separated from countries defeated in the Second World War, or were voluntarily placed under the system by States responsible for their administration. Eleven Territories were placed under this system.

Since the creation of the United Nations, more than 80 former colonies have gained their independence. Among them, all eleven Trust Territories have achieved self-determination through independence or free association with an independent State. There are 17 Non-Self-Governing Territories remaining today.

The Charter binds administering
Powers to recognize that the interests
of the inhabitants of the dependent
Territories are paramount, to agree
to promote social, economic, political
and educational progress in the
Territories, to assist in developing
appropriate forms of self-government
and to take into account the political



aspirations and stages of development and advancement of each Territory.

Administering Powers are also obliged under the Charter to convey to the United Nations information on conditions in the Territories. The United Nations monitors progress towards self-determination in the Territories.

Hoping to speed the progress of decolonization, the General Assembly



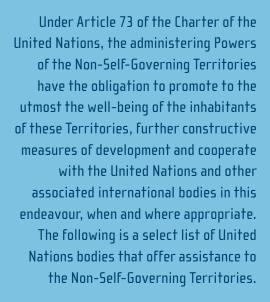
adopted, in 1960, the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. Known as the Declaration on decolonization, it stated that all people have a right to self-determination and proclaimed that colonialism should be brought to a speedy and unconditional end.

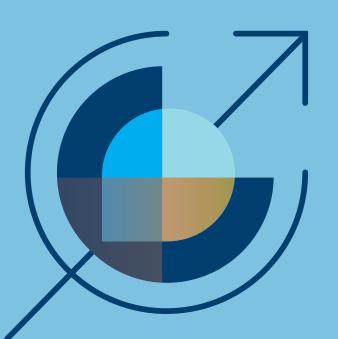
In 1962 the General Assembly established the Special Committee on Decolonization (formally the Special Committee on the Situation with Regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples) to monitor implementation of the Declaration and to make recommendations on its application.

In 1990, the General Assembly proclaimed 1990-2000 as the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism and adopted a Plan of Action. In 2001, the Second International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism was proclaimed. In 2011, the General Assembly proclaimed 2011-2020 as the Third International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism.



What the United Nations Can Do to Assist Non-Self-Governing Territories





United Nations

The Special Committee on the Situation with Regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, known as the Special Committee on Decolonization or C-24, is mandated to promote the full implementation of the General Assembly's 1960 Declaration on decolonization. To that end, on a caseby-case basis and in accordance with the relevant UN resolutions on decolonization, the Special Committee: (i) keeps the political, economic and social situation



in Non-Self-Governing Territories under review; (ii) provides information on territorial developments; (iii) facilitates Territory-specific decolonization processes under way; (iv) offers advice on the decolonization options under the Declaration; (v) conducts annual regional seminars for face-to-face discussion with territorial and civil society representatives as well as experts; and (vi) dispatches fact-finding and advisory visiting missions to Territories.

The Department of Political Affairs, Decolonization Unit,

provides substantive support to the Special Committee on Decolonization, as well as to the General Assembly, including in its deliberations on the situation in the remaining 17 Non-Self-Governing Territories at the annual sessions; during the preparation and conduct of its seminars held alternately in the Caribbean and the Pacific regions;

Opening session of the Decolonization Committee (C-24), on 25 February 2016.

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during visiting missions; and in any other activity carried out to implement the mandated programme of work of the Committee. Assistance is also provided in improving the Committee's cooperation with the administering Powers, maintaining contacts with the representatives of the Non-Self-Governing Territories and developing relations with the organizations and agencies of the United Nations system, in accordance with the relevant General Assembly resolutions, aimed at achieving further progress in decolonization and bringing a complete end to colonialism. Supportive actions include closely following the developments in the Non-Self-Governing Territories, conducting research and preparing working papers, reports and analytical and briefing materials.

The Department's **Electoral Assistance Division** can provide technical advice on a referendum to decide on the future status of a Territory or to observe the referendum process,



An election officer verifies the ballot papers of a voter at the portable voting booth set up in the grounds of Nukunonu hospital. Fakaofo, Tokelau 24 October 2007 © UN/Ariane Rummery

should such a request come from the administering Power and the people of the Territory. For example, an electoral expert of the Electoral Assistance Division was invited in February 2006 and October 2007, along with members of the Special Committee on Decolonization, to monitor the referendum in Tokelau on self-government in free association with New Zealand.

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traditional as well as new information and communications technologies. Furthermore, the Department, including through its United Nations information centers worldwide, utilizes all of its communications platforms to disseminate information on and to the Non-Self-Governing Territories. It works closely with the Decolonization Unit of the Department of Political Affairs to update and maintain the United Nations website on decolonization in the UN six official languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish).



The UN General Assembly marks 50th anniversary of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. 14 December 2010, United Nations, New York © UN Photo/Evan Schneider



ECLAC Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, November 2015

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The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) has accepted several Non-Self-Governing Territories as associate members. As associate members of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC), which is the permanent subsidiary body of ECLAC, Non-Self-Governing Territories can participate in United Nations global conferences as official observers, receive technical and advisory services, and benefit from training workshops and seminars. The following Territories enjoy associate

member status: Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Montserrat, Turks and Caicos Islands and United States Virgin Islands.^[1]

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- 2 Source: http://www.cepal.org/en
- 3 Source: http://www.unescap.org/about/member-states



Participants in the ESCAP Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on HIV/ AIDS, Bangkok, 27 January 2015 © Saskia Ketz

American Samoa, French Polynesia, Guam and New Caledonia as associate members of its Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries. [3] The Special Body, which meets every two years, provides a focused forum for addressing the special issues and problems facing this group of countries and associate members in the spirit of regional cooperation. Through their status with ESCAP, they can participate in United Nations global conferences as official observers, receive technical and advisory services, and benefit

from training workshops and seminars. ESCAP also undertakes advisory missions to Non-Self-Governing Territories in economic and social areas.

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The Office of the High
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(OHRLLS) can assist relevant NonSelf-Governing Territories through its
mandate to provide coordination in the

4 Source: http://www.unescap.org/subregional-office/pacific/contact-us



Cultural Opening Ceremony of the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, in Aipa, Samoa. 31 August 2014 © UN Photo/Evan Schneider

implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (SIDS). The Programme of Action focuses on seven areas of commitment aimed at reducing poverty and the promotion of sustainable development. The OHRLLS can provide coordinated follow-up, undertake appropriate advocacy work, mobilize resources and provide support to group consultations of Small Island Developing States.



MINURSO observer, Western Sahara

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5 Source: http://unohrlls.org/press-releases/media-contacts/

The United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara [MINURSO] was established by Security Council resolution 690 (1991) of 29 April 1991 in accordance with settlement proposals accepted on 30 August 1988 by Morocco and the Frente Popular para la Liberación de Saguia el-Hamra y de Río de Oro (Frente POLISARIO). The settlement plan, as approved by the Security Council, provided for a transitional period for the preparation of a referendum in which the people of Western Sahara would choose between independence and integration with Morocco. While the organization of the referendum has not been possible to date, other requirements of the Mission's mandate have been pursued. Currently, MINURSO continues to be engaged in a number of activities in the Territory that include monitoring the ceasefire, reducing the threat of mines and unexploded ordnances, and supporting the confidence-building measures.

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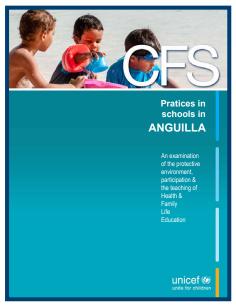
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The UNICEF Office for the Eastern
Caribbean Area covers eight countries and four Non-Self-Governing
Territories: Anguilla, the British Virgin
Islands, Montserrat, and the Turks
and Caicos Islands. The programme

focuses on early childhood development, education, system reforms including child-friendly schools, strengthening data systems, child protection, social and economic policy reforms; and on advocacy and capacity-building within the context of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).



UNICEF report: Practices in Schools in Anguilla 2014 © UNICEF

The UNICEF Pacific Office covers

fourteen Pacific Island countries and Territories, including Tokelau. The overall goal of the programme is to work with partners to ensure a better outcome for Pacific children and women as reflected in improved policies and legislation, greater access to quality social services and more accurate data for planning and monitoring. In addition, the UNICEF Pacific multi-country programme focuses on: early childhood development; education; health including HIV/AIDS; nutrition; water and sanitation; child protection; rights advocacy and behavior change communication; and collection and analysis of data related to children and women. UNICEF facilitates Tokelau's participation in Pacific regional meetings related to the above programme areas.

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United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) can provide



Tomasi Tafia, General Manager of Energy, explains how the solar generated power is converted to electricity in the pilot renewable energy project, supported by UNDP, in Fakaofo, Tokelau. © UN/Ariane Rummery

technical assistance and policy advice in the areas of macroeconomic, financial and fiscal management, production and management of economic statistics, disaster mitigation and resettlement and recovery programmes, and capacity-building in environmental sustainability.

Through its Caribbean Regional Technical Assistance Centre (CARTAC) project, established in 2002, UNDP provided Anguilla with assistance in financial sector supervision and development of risk management guidelines. It has also assisted Montserrat through the project "Disaster Mitigation, Capacity-building and Institutional Strengthening in Support of Montserrat's Post-Emergency Resettlement Programme."

UNDP's assistance to **Tokelau** has been focused on strengthening the overall capacity for self-government, including funding support for public administration reform, capacity-building and telecommunications, and on addressing critical environmental management challenges with the necessary funding and projects, such as sustainable natural resources management and disaster mitigation measures.

UNDP also provides non-project support to a number of initiatives and activities in the Non-Self-Governing Territories.

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In a world facing unprecedented environmental challenges and opportunities, the **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** works to provide leadership and encourage partnership in caring for the environment by inspiring, informing and enabling nations and peoples to improve their quality of life without compromising that of future generations.

UNEP Medium-term Strategy (2014-2017) focuses efforts on seven thematic

- 6 Source: http://www.ws.undp.org/content/samoa/en/home/operations/contact_us.html
- 7 Source: http://www.jm.undp.org/content/ jamaica/en/home/operations/contact_us.html
- **8** Source: http://www.jm.undp.org/content/jamaica/en/home/operations/contact_us.html



Nukunonu Atoll seaside, one of the regions of the world, vulnerable to the impact of the climate change.
Nukunonu Atoll, Tokelau. © UN/Ariane Rummery

areas to enable UNEP to work more efficiently and effectively to achieve its goals: climate change; disasters and conflicts; ecosystem management; environmental governance; chemical and waste; resource efficiency; and environment under review.

Through six Regional Offices for: Africa in Nairobi, Kenya; Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok, Thailand; Europe in Geneva, Switzerland; Latin America and the Caribbean in Panama City, Panama; North America in Washington D.C., U.S.A. and West Asia in Manama, Bahrain, UNEP promotes intergovernmental policy dialogue and regional cooperation; increases national capacity for environmental management and emergency response; raises awareness and enhances information exchange; and translates global policies into regional and country action.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION



WWW.UNHCR.ORG



UNFPA's State of World Population 2015 report: Shelter from the storm—A transformative agenda for women and girls in a crisis-prone world.

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

The United Nations Population
Fund (UNFPA) can provide assistance in capacity building to Non-Self-Governing Territories in logistics, forecasting and management of reproductive health commodities, as well as in planning and questionnaire design for

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Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

can promote coordinated (and locally owned and led) responses to AIDS. Its focus areas are: leadership and advocacy; strategic information and technical support; tracking, monitoring and evaluation; civil society engagement; and mobilization of resources. It brings together the efforts and resources of ten UN system organizations to the global AIDS response.

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Five Non-Self-Governing Territories have the status of Associate

Members to the **United Nations**

10 Source: http://www.unaids.org/en/regionscountries/countries/barbados

11 Source: http://www.unaids.org/en/regionscountries/countries/fiji



Satellite image acquired by NASA on 24 April 2003 of the Turks and Caicos Islands © UN Photo/USGS/NASA

Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), namely, Anguilla, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Montserrat and Tokelau.

UNESCO employs every opportunity to engage with Non-Self-Governing Territories in any platform of action, information and cooperation established, or capacity-building activity organized at the regional, sub-regional and national levels. To name a few examples, UNESCO assigned a consultant, who was an expert in the area of Memory of the World, to visit eight Caribbean countries and Territories, including Anguilla and the British Virgin Islands (December 2014 -January 2015), to identify and select documentary heritage and prepare nominations for registering these documents in national, regional and international Memory of the World Registers.

In addition, American Samoa
Community College has been participating in a regional project for the safeguarding of the Pacific Tapa as a focal point at the American Samoa for the Association Tapa du Pacifique (ATAPAC) based in Tahiti, French Polynesia, within the framework of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) Safeguarding Programme in the Pacific.

And in French Polynesia, the authorities have been working closely with UNESCO on the development of nomination files on Taputapuatea/Te Po, Opoa valley and the Marquises Island for inscription on the World Heritage List.

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Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United **Nations (FAO)** provides support for sustainable rural development policies and practices in agriculture, forestry, fisheries and food security and nutrition. One of the priority areas of work is increasing food security and nutrition resilience to the impacts of disasters and climate change. FAO's assistance to Non-Self-Governing Territories is facilitated by its field offices, including the Sub-Regional Office for the Caribbean located in Barbados and the Sub-Regional Office for the Pacific Islands located in Samoa. Among the Non-Self-Governing Territories, Tokelau



"Lady Naomi", a ferry-boat sailing between Samoa and American Samoa, anchored off Atafu, one of the three atolls that make up Tokelau. © UN Photo/Denise Cook

is an associate member of the FAO Sub-Regional Office for the Pacific Islands.

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Health Organization (PAHO)
provides technical cooperation to
countries of the Americas for their
national health development. For over
110 years, PAHO also serves as the
specialized organization for health
of the Inter-American System.

The PAHO/WHO Office of Eastern Caribbean Countries, located in

14 Source: http://www.fao.org/americas/caribe/en/

15 Source: http://www.fao.org/asiapacific/pacific-islands/en/



Dr. Carissa Etienne, WHO Regional Director for the Americas addresses delegates at the technical briefing on "Health in the post-2015 sustainable development goals". © WHO/Violaine Martin

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The International Labour
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international labour standards. It
provides Non-Self-Governing Territories
with technical and advisory services
on labour matters. It also invites them,
where possible, to participate in ILOsponsored subregional meetings,
seminars and workshops. In some cases,
the Organization carries out missions to
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Non-Self-Governing Territories (NSGTs)



AFRICA

WESTERN SAHARA

BASIC FACTS

Population*: 586,000 Land area*: 266,000 км²

LISTING AS A NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORY

Western Sahara has been on the United Nations list of Non-Self-Governing Territories since 1963 following the transmission of information on Spanish Sahara by Spain under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations. See: A/5514, annex III

ADMINISTERING POWER**

UNITED NATIONS-RELATED ACTION

The General Assembly adopts on an annual basis a resolution devoted to Western Sahara. *See:* General Assembly resolution 70/98 of 9 December 2015.

Most recent United Nations Secretariat annual Working Paper on Western Sahara: A/AC.109/2016/17

LINKS

United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO): http://www.un.org/en/ peacekeeping/missions/minurso/

Profile of Western Sahara on the United Nations and Decolonization website: http://www.un.org/en/decolonization/nonselfgovterritories

- * Data is from UNdata (http://data.un.org), a database by the United Nations Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations.
- ** On 26 February 1976, the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations informed the Secretary-General that "the Spanish Government, as of today, definitely terminates its presence in the Territory of the Sahara and deems it necessary to place the following on record: ... (a) Spain considers itself henceforth exempt from any responsibility of an international nature in connection with the administration of the said Territory, in view of the cessation of its participation in the temporary administration established for the Territory ..." [A/31/56-5/11997].

ATLANTIC AND CARIBBEAN

ANGUILLA

BASIC FACTS

Population: 15,700 (2013 ESTIMATE)

Land area: 96 km²

Exclusive economic zone: 92,178 km²

LISTING AS A NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORY

Anguilla has been on the United Nations list of Non-Self-Governing Territories since 1946, following the transmission of information on the Leeward Islands (which had included Anguilla) by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations. See: General Assembly resolution 66 (I) of 14 December 1946

ADMINISTERING POWER

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

UNITED NATIONS-RELATED ACTION

The General Assembly adopts on an annual basis a resolution with a section specifically devoted to Anguilla. *See:* Section II of General Assembly resolution 70/102 B of 9 December 2015

Most recent United Nations Secretariat annual Working Paper on Anguilla: A/AC.109/2016/2

LINKS

Government of Anguilla: http://www.gov.ai/

Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: https://www. gov.uk/government/organisations/ foreign-commonwealth-office

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Profile of Anguilla on the United Nations and Decolonization website: http://www.un.org/en/ decolonization/nonselfgovterritories

BERMUDA

BASIC FACTS

Population: 65,187(2015 ESTIMATE)

Land area: 53.35 km²

Exclusive economic zone: 450,370 km²

LISTING AS A NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORY

Bermuda has been on the United Nations list of Non-Self-Governing Territories since 1946, following the transmission of information by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland pursuant to obligations under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations. See: General Assembly resolution 66 (I) of 14 December 1946

ADMINISTERING POWER

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

UNITED NATIONS-RELATED ACTION

The General Assembly adopts on an annual basis a resolution with a section specifically devoted to Bermuda.

See: Section III of General Assembly resolution 70/102 B of 9 December 2015

Most recent United Nations Secretariat annual Working Paper on Bermuda: A/AC.109/2016/3

LINKS

Government of Bermuda: http://www.gov.bm/

Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: https://www. gov.uk/government/organisations/ foreign-commonwealth-office Profile of Bermuda on the United Nations and Decolonization website: http://www.un.org/en/ decolonization/nonselfgovterritories

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

BASIC FACTS

Population: 28,200 (2010 CENSUS)

Land area: 153 km²

Exclusive economic zone: 80,117 km²

LISTING AS A NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORY

The British Virgin Islands has been on the United Nations list of Non-Self-Governing Territories since 1946, following the transmission of information on the Leeward Islands (which had included the British Virgin Islands) by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations. See: General Assembly resolution 66 (I) of 14 December 1946

ADMINISTERING POWER

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

UNITED NATIONS-RELATED ACTION

The General Assembly adopts on an annual basis a resolution with a section specifically devoted to the British Virgin Islands. *See:* Section IV of General Assembly resolution 70/102 B of 9 December 2015

Most recent United Nations Secretariat annual Working Paper on the British Virgin Islands: A/AC.109/2016/4

LINK5

Government of the British Virgin Islands: http://www.bvi.gov.vg/

Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: https://www. gov.uk/government/organisations/ foreign-commonwealth-office

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Profile of the British Virgin Islands on the United Nations and Decolonization website: http://www.un.org/en/ decolonization/nonselfgovterritories

CAYMAN ISLANDS

BASIC FACTS

Population: 58,238 (2014 ESTIMATE)

Land area: 264 km²

Exclusive economic zone: 119,137 km²

LISTING AS A NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORY

The Cayman Islands has been on the United Nations list of Non-Self-Governing Territories since 1946, following the declaration of the intention by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to transmit information on Jamaica (under which the Cayman Islands had fallen) under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations. See: General Assembly resolution 66 (I) of 14 December 1946

ADMINISTERING POWER

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

UNITED NATIONS-RELATED ACTION

The General Assembly adopts on an annual basis a resolution with a section specifically devoted to the Cayman Islands. *See:* Section V of General Assembly resolution 70/102 B of 9 December 2015

Most recent United Nations Secretariat annual Working Paper on the Cayman Islands: A/AC.109/2016/5

LINKS

Government of the Cayman Islands: http://www.gov.ky/ portal/page/portal/cighome

Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: https://www. gov.uk/government/organisations/ foreign-commonwealth-office Profile of the Cayman Islands on the United Nations and Decolonization website: http://www.un.org/en/decolonization/nonselfgovterritories

FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS)*

BASIC FACTS

Population: 2,500 Land area: 12,173 km²

LISTING AS A NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORY

The Falkland Islands (Malvinas) has been on the United Nations list of Non-Self-Governing Territories since 1946, following the transmission by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of information under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations.** See: General Assembly resolution 66 (I) of 14 December 1946

ADMINISTERING POWER

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

UNITED NATIONS-RELATED ACTION

The General Assembly's subsidiary organ, the Special Committee on Decolonization (a.k.a. C-24), has been considering the question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) since 1964. Following the C-24's recommendation, in 1965, the General Assembly adopted resolution 2065 (XX).

The C-24 adopts on an annual basis a resolution devoted to the Falkland Islands (Malvinas). *See:* C-24 resolution of 23 June 2016 (A/71/23, para. 206)

- * A dispute exists between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Malvinas).
- ** At the 25th meeting of the Fourth Committee in the 1st session of the General Assembly, held on 6 December 1946, the delegation of Argentina made a reservation to the effect that the Argentine Government did not recognize British sovereignty in the Falkland Islands (Malvinas). The delegation of the United Kingdom made a parallel reservation, not recognizing Argentine sovereignty in these islands.

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Most recent United Nations Secretariat annual Working Paper on the Falkland Islands (Malvinas): A/AC.109/2016/6

Profile of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) on the United Nations and Decolonization website: http://www.un.org/en/decolonization/nonselfgovterritories

MONTSERRAT

BASIC FACTS

Population: 5,000 (2012 ESTIMATE)

Land area: 103 km²

Exclusive economic zone: 7,582 km²

LISTING AS A NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORY

Montserrat has been on the United Nations list of Non-Self-Governing Territories since 1946, following the transmission of information on the Leeward Islands (which had included Montserrat) under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations. See: General Assembly resolution 66 (I) of 14 December 1946

ADMINISTERING POWER

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

UNITED NATIONS-RELATED ACTION

The General Assembly adopts on an annual basis a resolution with a section specifically devoted to Montserrat. See: Section VII of General Assembly resolution 70/102 B of 9 December 2015

Most recent United Nations Secretariat annual Working Paper on Montserrat: A/AC.109/2016/10

LINKS

Government of Montserrat: http://www.gov.ms/

Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: https://www. gov.uk/government/organisations/ foreign-commonwealth-office Profile of Montserrat on the United Nations and Decolonization website: http://www.un.org/en/ decolonization/nonselfgovterritories

SAINT HELENA

BASIC FACTS

Population: 5,765 (4,580 on Saint Helena (September 2015 estimate); 917 on Ascension; and 268 on Tristan da Cunha (November 2015 estimates))

Land area: 310 km²

Exclusive economic zone: 1,641,294 km²

LISTING AS A NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORY

Saint Helena has been on the United Nations list of Non-Self-Governing Territories since 1946, following the declaration of the intention by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to transmit information on St. Helena and Dependencies under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations. See: General Assembly resolution 66 (I) of 14 December 1946

ADMINISTERING POWER

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

UNITED NATIONS-RELATED ACTION

The General Assembly adopts on an annual basis a resolution with a section specifically devoted to Saint Helena. *See:* Section IX of General Assembly resolution 70/102 B of 9 December 2015

Most recent United Nations Secretariat annual Working Paper on Saint Helena: A/AC.109/2016/13

LINKS

Government of Saint Helena: http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/

Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: https://www. gov.uk/government/organisations/ foreign-commonwealth-office

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Profile of Saint Helena on the United Nations and Decolonization website: http://www.un.org/en/ decolonization/nonselfgovterritories

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

BASIC FACTS

Population: 36,689 (2015 ESTIMATE)

Land area: 948.2 km²

Exclusive economic zone: 154,068 km²

LISTING AS A NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORY

The Turks and Caicos Islands has been on the United Nations list of Non-Self-Governing Territories since 1946, following the transmission of information on Jamaica (under which the Turks and Caicos had fallen) by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Island under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations. See: General Assembly resolution 66 (I) of 14 December 1946

ADMINISTERING POWER

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

UNITED NATIONS-RELATED ACTION

The General Assembly adopts on an annual basis a resolution with a section specifically devoted to the Turks and Caicos Islands. *See:* Section X of General Assembly resolution 70/102 B of 9 December 2015

Most recent United Nations Secretariat annual Working Paper on the Turks and Caicos Islands: A/AC.109/2016/15

LINKS

Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands: http://www.gov.tc/

Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: https://www. gov.uk/government/organisations/ foreign-commonwealth-office Profile of the Turks and Caicos Islands on the United Nations and Decolonization website: http://www.un.org/en/ decolonization/nonselfgovterritories

UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

BASIC FACTS

Population: 105,080 (2012 DATA)

Land area: 352 km²

Exclusive economic zone: 33,744 km²

LISTING AS A NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORY

The United States Virgin Islands has been on the United Nations list of Non-Self-Governing Territories since 1946, following the transmission of information by the United States of America under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations. *See*: General Assembly resolution 66 (I) of 14 December 1946

ADMINISTERING POWER

United States of America

UNITED NATIONS-RELATED ACTION

The General Assembly adopts on an annual basis a resolution with a section specifically devoted to the United States Virgin Islands. *See:* Section XI of General Assembly resolution 70/102 B of 9 December 2015

Most recent United Nations Secretariat annual Working Paper on the United States Virgin Islands: A/AC.109/2016/16

LINKS

Government of the United States
Virgin Islands: https://www.vi.gov/

Office of Insular Affairs of the Department of Interior of the United States of America: https://www.doi.gov/oia/

Profile of the United States Virgin
Islands on the United Nations and
Decolonization website:
http://www.un.org/en/decolonization/
nonselfgovterritories

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GIBRALTAR

BASIC FACTS

Population: 33,140 (2015)

LISTING AS A NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORY

Gibraltar has been on the United Nations list of Non-Self-Governing Territories since 1946, following the transmission of information by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations. See: General Assembly resolution 66 (I) of 14 December 1946

ADMINISTERING POWER

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

UNITED NATIONS-RELATED ACTION

The General Assembly adopts on an annual basis a decision on the question

of Gibraltar. *See*: General Assembly decision **70/520** of 9 December 2015

Most recent United Nations Secretariat annual Working Paper on Gibraltar: A/AC.109/2016/8

LINKS

Government of Gibraltar: https://www.gibraltar.gov.gi/new/

Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: https://www. gov.uk/government/organisations/ foreign-commonwealth-office

Profile of Gibraltar on the United Nations and Decolonization website: http://www.un.org/en/ decolonization/nonselfgovterritories

PACIFIC

AMERICAN SAMOA

BASIC FACTS

Population: 55,170 (2013 ESTIMATE)

Land area: 200 km²

Exclusive economic zone: 404,391 km²

LISTING AS A NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORY

American Samoa has been on the United Nations list of Non-Self-Governing Territories since 1946, following the transmission of information by the United States of America under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations. See: General Assembly resolution 66 (I) of 14 December 1946

ANMINISTERING POWER

United States of America

UNITED NATIONS-RELATED ACTION

The General Assembly adopts on an annual basis a resolution with a section

specifically devoted to American Samoa. See: Section I of General Assembly resolution 70/102 B of 9 December 2015

Most recent United Nations Secretariat annual Working Paper on American Samoa: A/AC.109/2016/1

LINKS

Office of Insular Affairs of the Department of Interior of the United States of America: https://www.doi.gov/oia/

Profile of American Samoa on the United Nations and Decolonization website: http://www.un.org/en/ decolonization/nonselfgovterritories

FRENCH POLYNESIA

BASIC FACTS

Population: 271,800 (2014) Land area: 3.600 κm²

Exclusive economic zone: 4,767,242 km²

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LISTING AS A NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORY

French Polynesia was on the United Nations list of Non-Self-Governing Territories from 1946 to 1947, following transmission of information on French Establishments in Oceania by France under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations. In 2013, the General Assembly re-inscribed French Polynesia, by recognizing that "French Polynesia remains a Non-Self-Governing Territory within the meaning of the Charter". See: General Assembly resolutions 66 (I) of 14 December 1946 and 67/265 of 17 May 2013

ADMINISTERING POWER

France

UNITED NATIONS-RELATED ACTION

The General Assembly adopts on an annual basis a resolution devoted to French Polynesia. *See*: General Assembly resolution 70/100 of 9 December 2015

Most recent United Nations Secretariat annual Working Paper on French Polynesia: A/AC.109/2016/7

LINKS

Government of French Polynesia: http://www.presidence.pf/

Ministry of Overseas Territories of France: http://www.outre-mer.gouv.fr/

Profile of French Polynesia on the United Nations and Decolonization website: http://www.un.org/en/ decolonization/nonselfgovterritories

GUAM

BASIC FACTS

Population: 159,358 (2010 CENSUS)

Land area: 540 km²

Exclusive economic zone: 214,059 km²

LISTING AS A NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORY

Guam has been on the United Nations list of Non-Self-Governing Territories

since 1946, following the transmission of information by the United States of America under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations. See: General Assembly resolution 66 (I) of 14 December 1946

ADMINISTERING POWER

United States of America

UNITED NATIONS-RELATED ACTION

The General Assembly adopts on an annual basis a resolution with a section specifically devoted to Guam.

See: Section VI of General Assembly resolution 70/102 B of 9 December 2015

Most recent United Nations Secretariat annual Working Paper on Guam: A/AC.109/2016/9

LINKS

Government of Guam: http://www.guam.gov/

Office of Insular Affairs of the Department of Interior of

the United States of America: https://www.doi.gov/oia/

Profile of Guam on the United Nations and Decolonization website: http://www.un.org/en/decolonization/nonselfgovterritories

NEW CALEDONIA

BASIC FACTS

Population: 268,767 (2014 CENSUS)

Land area: 18,575 km²

Exclusive economic zone: 1,422,543 km²

LISTING AS A NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORY

New Caledonia was on the United Nations list of Non-Self-Governing Territories from 1946 to 1947, following transmission of information on New Caledonia and Dependencies by France under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations. In 1986, the General Assembly re-inscribed New Caledonia, by considering that "New Caledonia is a Non-Self-Governing

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Territory within the meaning of the Charter". See: General Assembly resolutions 66 (I) of 14 December 1946 and 41/41 of 2 December 1986

ADMINISTERING POWER

France

UNITED NATIONS-RELATED ACTION

The General Assembly adopts on an annual basis a resolution devoted to New Caledonia. *See*: General Assembly resolution 70/99 of 9 December 2015

Most recent United Nations Secretariat annual Working Paper on New Caledonia: A/AC.109/2016/11

LINKS

Government of New Caledonia: http://www.gouv.nc/portal/page/portal/gouv/

Ministry of Overseas Territories of France: http://www.outre-mer.gouv.fr/

Profile of New Caledonia on the United Nations and Decolonization

website: http://www.un.org/en/decolonization/nonselfgovterritories

PITCAIRN

BASIC FACTS

Population: 39 (2015) Land area: 35.5 km²

(PITCAIRN ISLAND: 4.35 KM²)

Exclusive economic zone: 800,000 km²

LISTING AS A NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORY

Pitcairn has been on the United
Nations list of Non-Self-Governing
Territories since 1946, following the
declaration of the intention by the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Island to transmit information
on the High Commission Territories
of the Western Pacific (which had
included the Pitcairn Islands) under
Article 73 e of the Charter of the United
Nations. See: General Assembly resolution 66 (I) of 14 December 1946

ADMINISTERING POWER

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

UNITED NATIONS-RELATED ACTION

The General Assembly adopts on an annual basis a resolution with a section specifically devoted to Pitcairn. See: Section VIII of General Assembly resolution 70/102 B of 9 December 2015

Most recent United Nations Secretariat annual Working Paper on Pitcairn: A/AC.109/2016/12

LINKS

Government of Pitcairn: http://www.government.pn/

Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: https://www. gov.uk/government/organisations/ foreign-commonwealth-office Profile of Pitcairn on the United Nations and Decolonization website: http://www.un.org/en/decolonization/nonselfgovterritories

TOKELAU

BASIC FACTS

Population: 1,411

(October 2011 census)

Land area: 12.2 km²

Exclusive economic zone: 318,990 km²

LISTING AS A NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORY

Tokelau has been on the United Nations list of Non-Self-Governing Territories since 1946, following the declaration of the intention by New Zealand to transmit information on the Tokelau Islands under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations. See: General Assembly resolution 66 (I) of 14 December 1946

ADMINISTERING POWER

New Zealand

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UNITED NATIONS-RELATED ACTION

The General Assembly adopts on an annual basis a resolution specifically devoted to Tokelau. See: General Assembly resolution 70/101 of 9 December 2015

Most recent United Nations Secretariat annual Working Paper on Tokelau: A/AC.109/2016/14

LINKS

Government of Tokelau: http://www.tokelau.org.nz/

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of New Zealand: https://www.mfat.govt.nz/

Profile of Tokelau on the United Nations and Decolonization website: http://www.un.org/en/decolonization/ nonselfgovterritories



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