

of information does not remove the obligations which the Netherlands Government has assumed under the Charter to promote the achievement of a full measure of self-government.

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(NOTE - The following is the text of the resolution on agenda item 34(a) adopted by the Fourth Committee of the General Assembly on October 29, 1953. The voting was 30 in favour, 13 against (including Canada) and 9 abstentions (Soviet bloc, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Peru and Thailand). Canada objected principally to paragraph 6 which implies that the General Assembly rather than the administering power has the right to decide when an administering power should cease transmitting information under Article 73(e) of the United Nations Charter.)

The General Assembly,

Recalling that in its resolution 650 (VII) it invited the Committee set up to study the factors which should be taken into account in deciding whether a territory is or is not a territory whose people have not yet attained a full measure of self-government to examine carefully the documents submitted by the Netherlands Government relating to Surinam and the Netherlands Antilles in the light of resolution 648 (VII),

Having received and considered the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Factors established by resolution 648 (VII),

Having taken note of the statement of the representatives of the Netherlands that the negotiations between representatives of the Netherlands, Surinam and the Netherlands Antilles which were adjourned in the year 1952, will shortly be resumed,

Notes with satisfaction the progress made by Surinam and the Netherlands Antilles towards self-government;

Considers that the new status of Surinam and the Netherlands Antilles can only be rightly appraised after the said negotiations have led to a final result and this has been embodied in constitutional provisions;

Expresses to the Netherlands Government its confidence that as a result of the negotiations a new status will be attained by the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam representing a full measure of self-government in fulfilment of the objectives set forth in Chapter XI of the Charter;

4. Invites the Government of the Netherlands to communicate to the Secretary-General the result of these negotiations and the provisions mentioned in paragraph 2;