

with the independent countries of the region provided the people chose to do so. The draft resolution was not put to a vote and the Assembly requested the Special Committee to consider the views expressed during the debate on the draft resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly.

From 1973 to 1982, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Committee, decided to defer consideration of the question of St. Kitts-Nevis.

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14/ The West Indies: A Nation in the Making, op. cit., p. 5.

15/ Sires, op. cit., p. 111.

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- 22/ Ibid., p. 23.
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- 27/ The Constitution of the West Indies, article. 43.
- 28/ Ibid., article 45.
- 29/ Ibid., article 53.
- 30/ Ibid., article 59.
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- 32/ Ibid., article 61.
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- 34/ Following significant constitutional and other changes in the region, the Council of Ministers of the West Indies Associated States converted the Council in 1981 into the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS). The aim of OECS was to promote co-operation and unity among the member states and to defend their sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence.
- 35/ Proposals for a Federation of East Caribbean Territories, Colonial No. 359 (London, HM Stationery Office, 1965).
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- 37/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-second Session, Annexes, addendum to agenda item 23 (Part III), (A/6700/Rev.1), chap. XXIII, paras. 125-132.
- 38/ Constitutional Proposals for Antigua, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, Dominica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Grenada, Cmd. 2865 (London, HM Stationery Office, 1965), para. 3.
- 39/ Ibid., para. 4.

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41/ Ibid., para. 5.

42/ Associated States: The Saint Christopher, Nevis and Anguilla Constitution Order 1967, Statutory Instrument No. 228 (London, HM Stationery Office, 1967), p. 594.

43/ Ibid. sect. 19.

44/ Ibid., sect. 55.

45/ Ibid., sects. 65-66.

46/ Ibid., sect. 52.

47/ Ibid., sect. 35.

48/ Originally 10 members; with the secession of Anguilla (see sect. F below), the number of elected members was reduced to 9.

49/ Associated States: The Saint Christopher, Nevis and Anguilla Constitution Order 1967, op. cit., sects. 24 and 28.

50/ Ibid., sect. 30.

51/ Mitchell, op.cit., pp. 181-183.

52/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/32/23/Rev.1), vol. IV, chap. XXX, annex, paras. 9-10.

53/ Article 1 of the Anguilla Act, 1980, of 16 December 1980, provides that "On such day as Her Majesty may by Order in Council appoint ('the appointed day') Anguilla shall cease to form part of the Associated State of St. Christopher, Nevis and Anguilla".

54/ Grenada was the first Associated State to attain independence, upon the termination of its associated status on 7 February 1974, followed by Dominica (now known as the Commonwealth of Dominica) on 3 November 1978; Saint Lucia on 22 February 1979; and St. Vincent (now known as Saint Vincent and the Grenadines) on 27 October 1979, and Antigua (now known as Antigua and Barbuda) on 1 November 1981.

55/ Premier Bradshaw made independence for the Territory an issue in the election on 1 December 1975. After winning seven of the nine seats, he stated that independence for the Territory was now a question of mechanics and time. He also indicated that the Territory should seek independence alone.

56/ See A/AC.109/633, paras. 34 and 37.

57/ Ibid., para. 38.

58/ Keessing's Contemporary Archives, 30 May 1980. p. 3027A.

59/ Ibid., 5 March 1982, p. 3136A.

60/ White Paper entitled "Constitutional Proposals for Saint Christopher and Nevis, 26 July 1982", p. 1. Earlier, Nevis had wanted to secede from St. Kitts and had held a referendum in which the local voters had expressed their desire to attain political separation from St. Kitts. The United Kingdom Government had informed them that it would not accept Nevis as a British dependency and that it (Nevis) would not be eligible for British aid if it sought independence separately from St. Kitts.

61/ "Constitutional Proposals for Saint Christopher and Nevis, 26 July 1982", annex I, para.3.

62/ Ibid., para. 10 and 21.

63/ Ibid., para. 6.

64/ Ibid., para. 23.

65/ Ibid., para. 24.

66/ Ibid., para. 28.

67/ Ibid., para. 34.

68/ Ibid., para. 35.

69/ Ibid., annex II, para. 2.

70/ Ibid., para. 3.

71/ Ibid., para. 4.

72/ Ibid., para. 9.

73/ Ibid., para. 5.

74/ Ibid., para. 10.

75/ Ibid., para. 11.

76/ Ibid., para. 18.

77/ Ibid., para. 14.

78/ Ibid., para. 15.

79/ Ibid., paras. 24-29.

80/ The Democrat, St. Kitts, 7 August 1982.

81/ Report of the Saint Christopher and Nevis Constitutional Conference, December 1982, Cmnd. 8796 (London, HM Stationery Office, 1982), annex B, p. 18.

82/ The Democrat, St. Kitts, 27 November 1982

83/ Based on the Report of the Saint Christopher and Nevis Constitutional Conference, op.cit.

84/ Ibid., para. 8.

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86/ Ibid., paras. 10, 12 and 13.

87/ Ibid., para. 14.

88/ Ibid., para. 13.

89/ Ibid., para. 17.

90/ Ibid., para. 11.

91/ Ibid., para. 18.

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93/ Ibid., paras. 19 and 21.

94/ Augier, op.cit., p. 282.

95/ See Official Record of the General Assembly, Nineteenth Session, Annexes, annex No. 8 (Part No. I) (A/5800/Rev.1), chap. XXV, paras. 153 and 155.

96/ Ibid., Twenty-second Session, Annexes, addendum to agenda item 23 (Part III) (A/6700/Rev.1), chap. XXIII, paras. 296-298.

97/ Ibid., Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/9023/Rev.1). vol. V, chap. XXVI, annex, paras. 178-179.

98/ See A/AC.109/711, paras. 5-6.

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- 101/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/8023/Rev.1), vol. IV, chap XVII, annex I, sect. E, para. 33.
- 102/ Ibid., Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/34/23/Rev.1), vol. IV, chap. XXX, annex, para. 81.
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- 105/ Ibid., Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/9623/Rev.1), vol. VI, chap. XXVIII, annex, paras. 7-21.
- 106/ Ibid., Twenty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/8023/Rev.1), vol. IV, chap. XVII, annex. I, sect. E, para. 58.
- 107/ Caribbean Yearbook, 1979/80, p. 697.
- 108/ General Assembly resolution 66 (1) of 14 December 1946. See also Decolonization, vol. II, No. 6 of December 1975, table. 1.
- 109/ On 14 December 1960, the General Assembly adopted the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (resolution 1514 (XV)), by which it solemnly proclaimed the necessity of bringing to a speedy and unconditional end colonialism in all its forms and manifestations.
- 110/ Decolonization, op.cit., table III.
- 111/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, addendum to agenda item 23 (A/7200/Rev.1), chap. XXVI, para. 13 (4).
- 112/ See resolution 2069 (XX) of 16 December 1965, 2232 (XXI), of 20 December 1966, 2357 (XXII) of 16 December 1967, 2430 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968, 2592 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969 and 2709 (XXV) of 14 December 1970.
- 113/ See resolution 2593 (XXIV).
- 114/ One of the Main Committees of the General Assembly, which considers agenda items referred to it by the Assembly, in particular on the questions of decolonization and Trusteeship.

115/ Including Anguilla, Antigua, Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia and St. Vincent.

116/ A/C.4/L.958/Rev.1; see also Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 23, document A/7896, paras, 18, 19 and 24. The draft resolution read, among other things, that the General Assembly would recognize that "the present constitutional arrangements make provision for Antigua, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia and St. Vincent to terminate the existing relationship with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and to proceed to full independence as separate States or in association with independent countries of the region, or in a political association among themselves" and would affirm "its support for any such measures that the people of Antigua, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia and St. Vincent may themselves choose to adopt pursuant to these constitutional arrangements to terminate their relationship with the United Kingdom".

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