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PROPOSALS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
UNDER ITEM 4 OF THE AGENDA

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1. Establish two ad hoc/working groups on Bermuda and American Samoa with the mandate to develop a case-by-case programme for each of those territories. The groups could include three members of the Committee on as wide geographical base as possible. Each group could start making contacts at the experts level with permanent missions of the United Kingdom and the United States to initiate a discussion on the case-by-case approach.
2. Identify the candidate NSGTs for subsequent case-by-case programmes based on their readiness for self-government in accordance with the United Nations criteria, established by the Chapter XI, article 73 of the Charter and the resolutions 1514 (XV) and 1541 (XV) as well as all other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly.
3. Establish contacts with the non-governmental organizations primarily based in the NSGTs and encourage establishing United Nations associations in the NSGTs with a view of assisting in the educational campaign in the NSGTs regarding the options and choices of the future political status.
4. Continue contacts and discussions with the administering Powers regarding visiting missions and/or mission of observation (in case of popular consultation exercises being held in the NSGTs) along the lines of the UN Missions to observe referenda in Tokelau and the relevant resolutions on specific territories..
5. Based on the past experience of the Special Committee, to re-establish a Working Group mandated to discuss and recommend improvement in the methods of work of the Special Committee.