

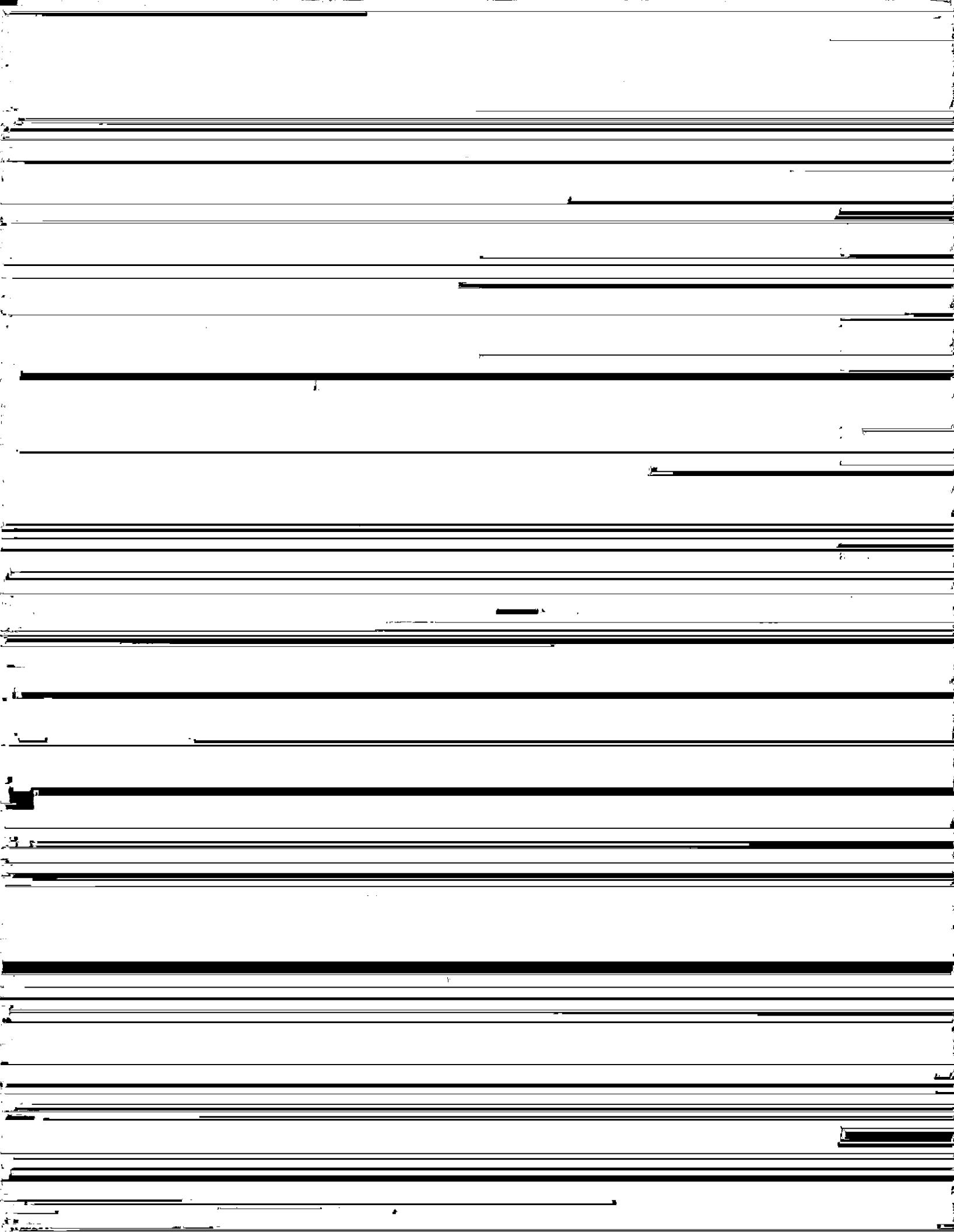
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I. BACKGROUND OF THE DECLARATION

From its inception the United Nations has regarded the question of

Puerto Rico, Greenland, the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam, Alaska and Hawaii, the General Assembly adopted resolutions accepting the cessation of the transmission of information, while in others, such as the French Territories and Departments in the Caribbean, the South Pacific and the

Integration should come about only after the integrating Territory has attained an advanced stage of self-government with free political institutions and should be the result of the freely expressed wishes of the Territory's peoples "acting with full knowledge of the change in their status, their wishes having been expressed through informed and democratic processes, impartially conducted and based on universal adult

its supervision.

Applying these principles, the General Assembly determined at the

II. ADOPTION OF THE DECLARATION

The admission of 16 newly independent African States to membership

and co-operation; (b) "all peoples" have the right to self-determination by virtue of which they freely determine their political status and



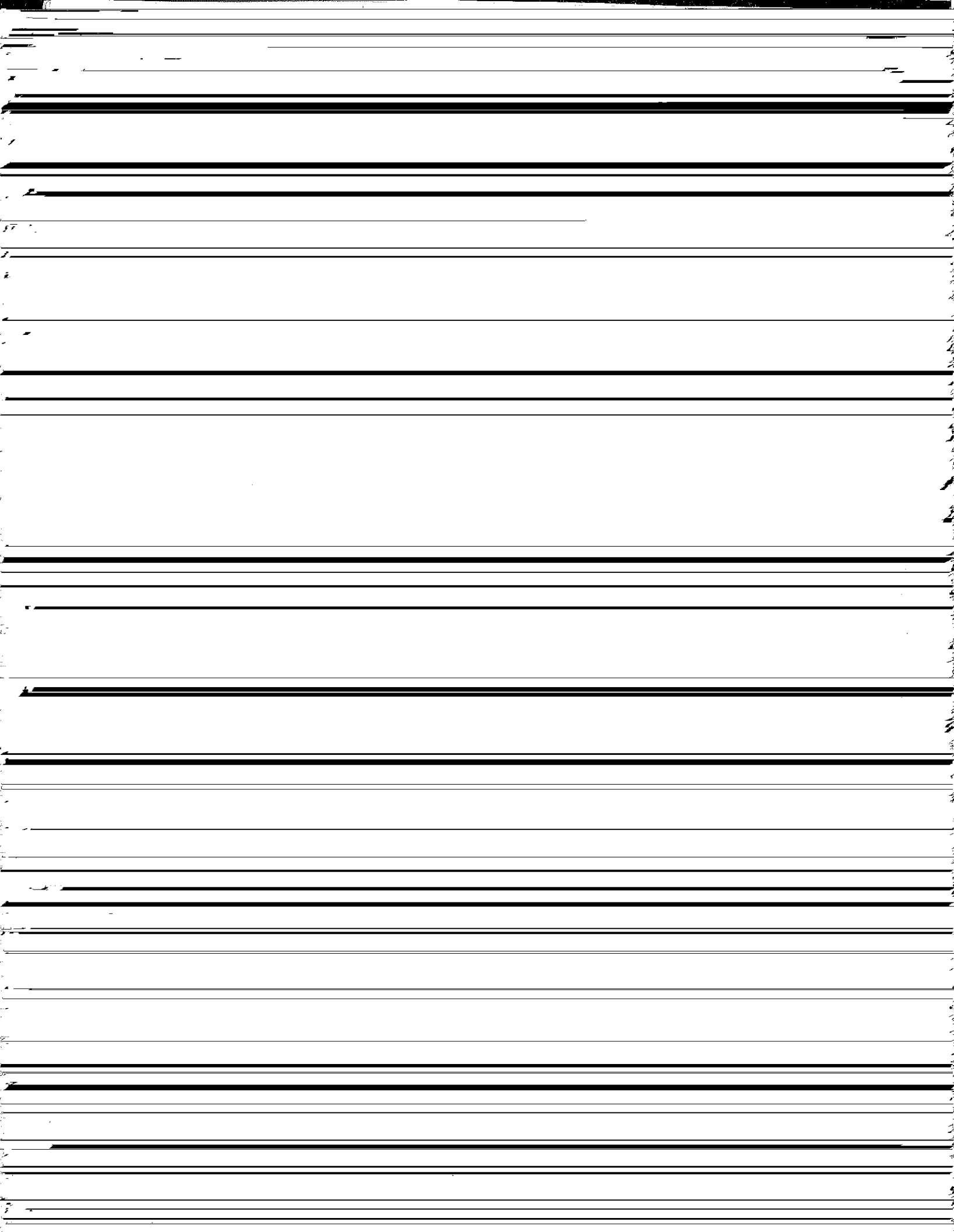
At the following session the General Assembly decided to expand the size and scope of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to

established on the basis of universal adult suffrage. 16/ The Assembly

(d) Respect for the unity and territorial integrity of the Non-Self-Governing Territory concerned and the repudiation of any acts

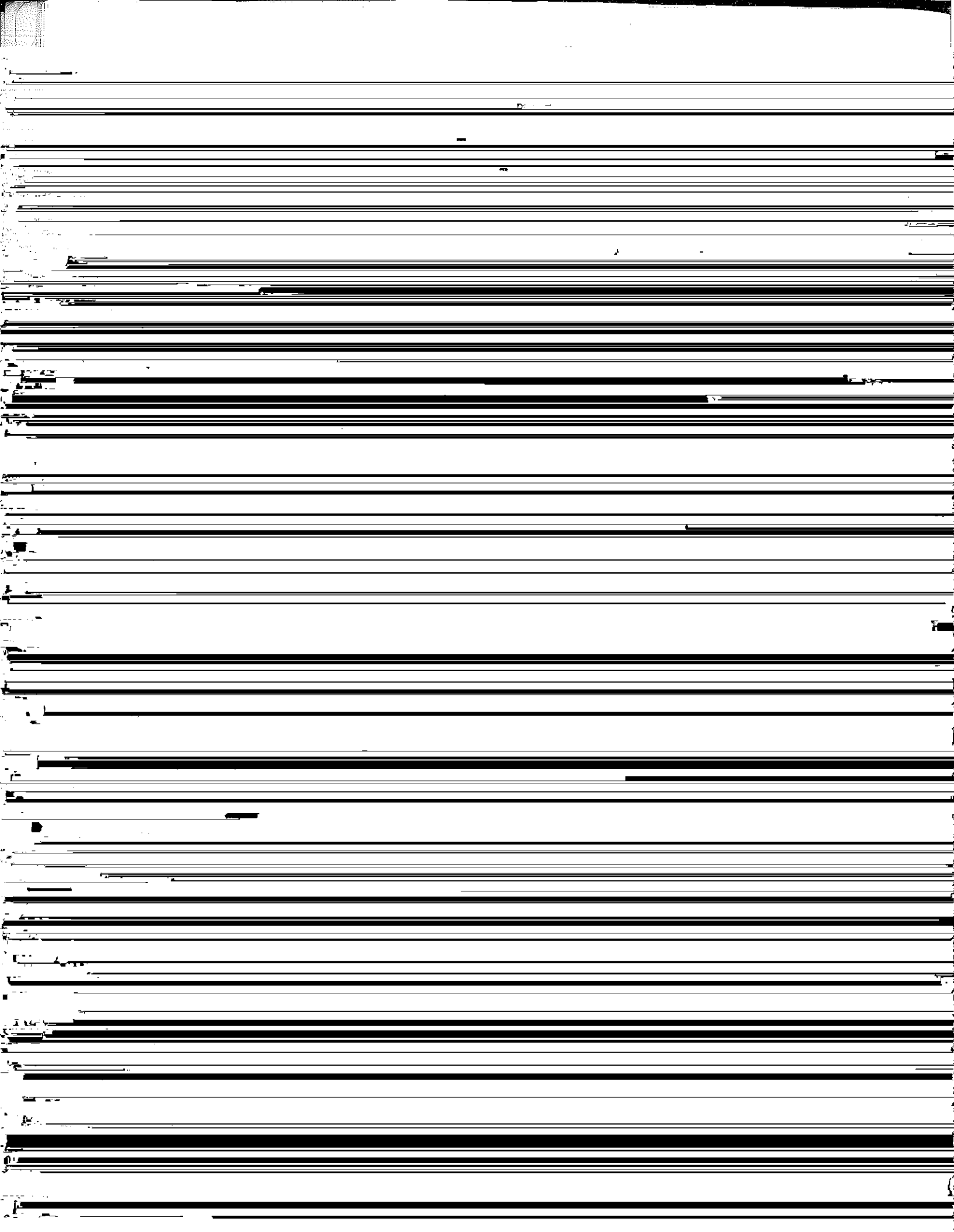
(e) The obligation of the administering Powers to create such conditions in the Territories concerned as would enable their peoples to exercise freely their inalienable right to self-determination and independence and the importance of fostering an awareness among those peoples of the possibilities open to them in the exercise of that right;

(f) The convening of a constitutional conference; the cessation of repressive acts by the colonial Powers; the recognition of all racialist



by colonial and racist Powers which ignored, violated, denied or conflicted with the inalienable right of peoples under colonial domination to self-determination and independence. The Assembly further stated that Member States should render all necessary moral and material

exercise their right to self-determination and independence; and that



F. Requests to specialized agencies and other

international organizations

The Special Committee has also worked with various of the specialized

in view of the implementation of the provisions of article 13 of the 1966 (1)

G. Problems of small Territories

The principles set out in the Declaration apply no less to small Territories in the Caribbean, Atlantic or Pacific oceans. The Special Committee and the General Assembly have recognized that these Territories, because of their size, geographical location, population and limited natural resources, present special problems but that none the less the Declaration is entirely applicable to them.

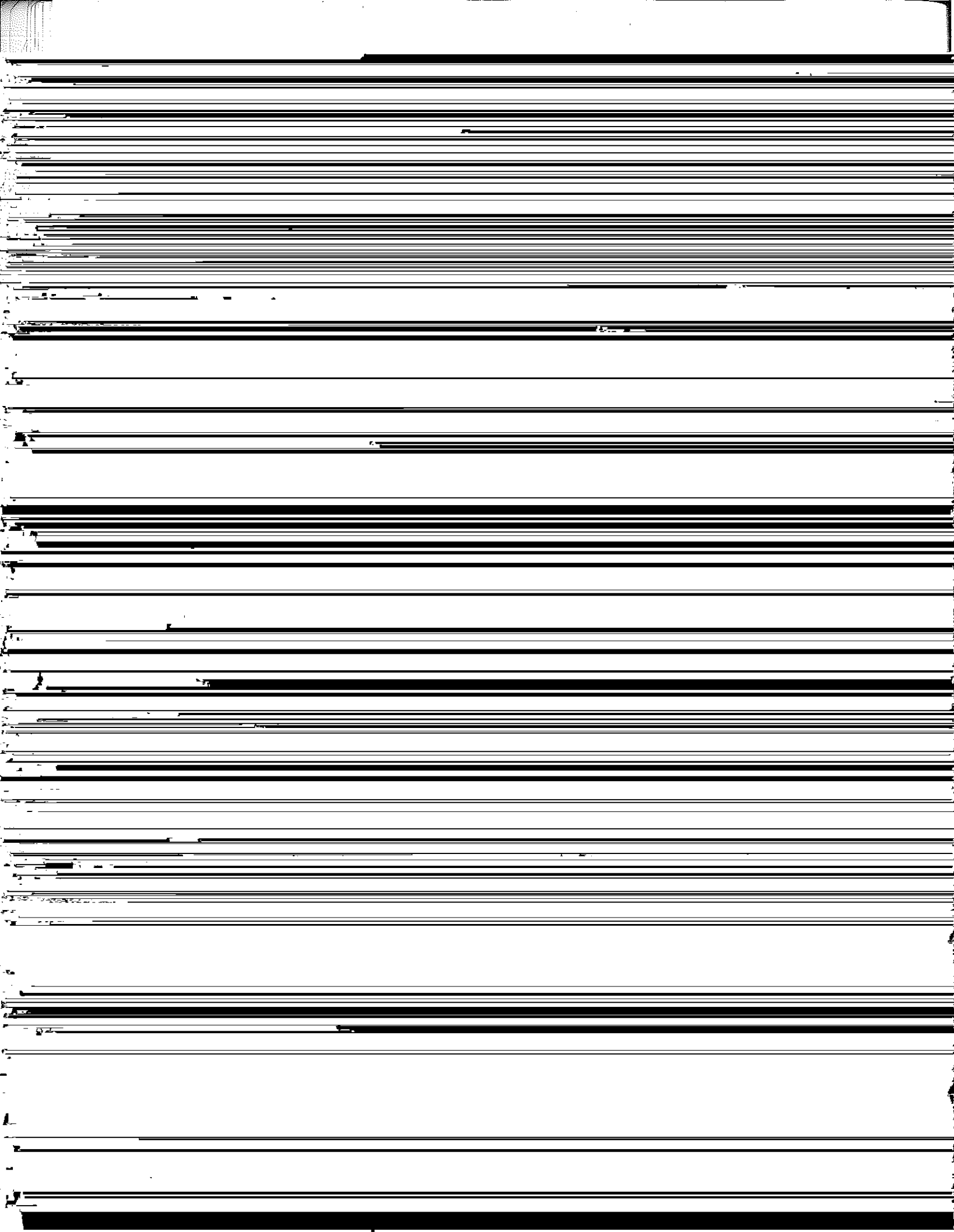
In 1965 and subsequent years the General Assembly requested the Special Committee to pay particular attention to the small Territories. In its Plan of Action for the Full Implementation of the Declaration 21 / the







In the 30 years since the adoption of the Declaration, 53  
Territories have attained self-government either as independent States or



Most of the petitioners ask for an opportunity to exercise their inalienable right to self-determination in accordance with the provisions of the Charter and the Declaration; express their concerns regarding the economic, social and educational conditions in their respective

Notes

1/ Chapters XI, XII and XIII of the Charter.

2/ See table 1. The list was based on the replies sent by Member States to a letter from the Secretary-General requesting them to enumerate the Non-Self-Governing Territories under their jurisdiction.

7/ Resolution 742 (VIII).





TABLE I