**Declaration on the Granting of Independence to**

**Colonial Countries and Peoples**

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***2.*** All peoples have the right to self-determination; by virtue of that right they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development.

***3.*** Inadequacy of political, economic, social or educational preparedness should never serve as a pretext for delaying independence.