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Pursuant to Puerto Rican law (Political Status Plebiscite Law 1, December 23, 1966), a plebiscite was held in Puerto Rico July 23, 1967, offering the alternative choice of Commonwealth, statehood and independence. Sixty per cent of the ballots in the plebiscite were in favor of the ballot proposition using the further growth of the Commonwealth.<sup>1</sup>

In July, 1973, negotiations were initiated between the President of the United States and the Governor of Puerto Rico and as a result, the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Puerto Rico was created. Its Charter filed on September 20, 1973. The Advisory Group, in addition to the directive to develop the maximum of self-govern-

Ballot proposition was:

vote in favor of Commonwealth shall mean:

- (1) The reaffirmation of the Commonwealth established by mutual agreement under the terms of Act 600 of 1950 and Joint Resolution 447 of 1952 of the Congress of the United States as an autonomous community permanently associated with the United States of America;
- (2) The inviolability of common citizenship as the primary and indispensable basis of the permanent union between Puerto Rico and the United States;
- (3) The authorization to develop Commonwealth in accordance to its fundamental principles to a maximum of self-government compatible with a common defense, a common market, a common currency and the indissoluble link of the citizenship of the United States;
- (4) That no change in the relations between the United States and Puerto Rico shall take place unless previously approved by a majority of the electors voting in a referendum held to that effect."

Source: Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Puerto Rico (1975), appointed by the President of the United States and the Governor of Puerto Rico.