

1205 (XII). Report of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 15 August 1956 to 12 July 1957

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 15 August 1956 to 12 July 1957,²³

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Trusteeship Council;

2. *Recommends* that the Trusteeship Council, in its future deliberations, take into account the comments and suggestions made in the course of the discussion of the report at the twelfth session of the General Assembly.

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13 December 1957.*

1206 (XII). Economic advancement of Somaliland under Italian administration

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 855 (IX) of 14 December 1954, in which it requested the Trusteeship Council, on the basis of the conclusions of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in East Africa, 1954, and the report of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, to endeavour to decide on practical measures for financing the economic development plans for Somaliland under Italian administration,

Having examined with interest the report of the Mission of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development,²⁴ and the observations thereon of the Administering Authority, the Government of Somalia and the United Nations Advisory Council for the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian Administration,

Having taken note of the statement of the Administering Authority that the Territory would require, after 1960, external financial assistance, excluding technical assistance, amounting to about \$4 million to \$5 million annually,

Having considered the various possibilities suggested by the Trusteeship Council of furnishing technical and financial assistance to Somaliland under Italian Administration after 1960, and noting the conclusion of the Council, with which the Administering Authority is in agreement, that it is premature to make any specific recommendation as to the amount of external assistance which might be required after 1960,

1. *Notes* from the report of the Trusteeship Council²⁵ that the Administering Authority, in consultation with the Government of Somalia, will continue to assess all requirements for a viable, independent Somalia, explore all possible ways of meeting the requirements indicated by these assessments and submit a report thereon to the Council at its twenty-second session;

2. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to continue its study of this question, in consultation with the Administering Authority and the Government of Somalia, and, in particular, to explore further the possibilities suggested by the Council and to report thereon for the

²³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/3595 and Corr.1).*

²⁴ *Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Twentieth Session, Annexes, agenda item 4, document T/1296.*

consideration of the General Assembly at its thirteenth session.

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1207 (XII). Attainment of self-government or independence by Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Considering that, in accordance with the provisions of Article 76 b of the Charter of the United Nations, one of the basic objectives of the International Trusteeship System is the progressive development of the inhabitants of Trust Territories towards self-government or independence,

Recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolution 558 (VI) of 18 January 1952, invited the Administering Authority of each Trust Territory, *inter alia*, to estimate the period of time in which the Trust Territories concerned would attain self-government or independence,

Recalling also that the General Assembly, in its resolution 1064 (XI) of 26 February 1957, recommended that the Administering Authorities concerned take the necessary measures to ensure that the Trust Territories of Tanganyika, the Cameroons under British administration, the Cameroons under French administration, Togoland under French administration and Ruandi-Urundi achieve self-government or independence at an early date, and further invited the Administering Authorities concerned to estimate the period of time required for the attainment of self-government or independence by all Trust Territories, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 558 (VI),

Having examined part III of the report of the Trusteeship Council,²⁶

Noting with satisfaction that the Trusteeship Council has recommended that the Administering Authorities indicate such successive intermediate targets and dates in the political, economic, social and educational development of the Trust Territories as will create the pre-conditions for their attainment of self-government or independence,

Noting with disappointment that the Administering Authorities concerned have not yet submitted the estimates of the periods of time required by the Trust Territories for the attainment of the final objective of trusteeship, namely, self-government or independence,

Conscious of the importance of estimating the time required for the attainment by Trust Territories of self-government or independence,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolutions 558 (VI) of 18 January 1952 and 1064 (XI) of 26 February 1957, and once again invites the Administering Authorities to implement the terms of those resolutions;

2. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to report to the General Assembly, at its thirteenth session, on the progress made in implementing the present resolution.

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13 December 1957.*

1208 (XII). Rural economic development of the Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 438 (V) of 2 December 1950, recommending that the Trusteeship Council consider

the prevailing policies, laws and practices which, in the Trust Territories, relate to land, land utilization and the alienation of land, taking into account the present and future needs of the indigenous inhabitants from the standpoint of the basic objectives of the International Trusteeship System and the future economic requirements of the Territories, as well as the social and economic consequences of the transfer of land to non-indigenous inhabitants,

Having noted the actions of the Trusteeship Council in this field, both through its regular procedures for the examination of conditions in the Trust Territories and through the establishment of the Committee on Rural Economic Development of the Trust Territories,

Bearing in mind the technical difficulties that the Committee has encountered in the various aspects of the study entrusted to it,

Noting with regret that the Committee has not yet been able to carry out the aforementioned study,

Considering that the questions of land tenure, land utilization and land alienation call for analysis and opinion of a technical and expert nature, and recalling in this connexion General Assembly resolution 561 (VI) of 18 January 1952,

Considering that, in the meantime, it would be appropriate for the Trusteeship Council, with the assistance of the Committee, to continue to devote particular attention to the question of the alienation of land in the Trust Territories,

1. *Decides*, in order to facilitate the eventual study by the General Assembly of problems of land tenure, land utilization and land alienation in the Trust Territories, to invite the appropriate specialized agencies, particularly the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the International Labour Organisation to submit to the Trusteeship Council their observations and suggestions concerning these problems;

2. *Recommends* to the Trusteeship Council that it ensure, through the Committee on Rural Economic Development of the Trust Territories or by such other means as it deems appropriate, the early submission of its study of the prevailing policies, laws and practices relating to land tenure, land utilization and land alienation in Trust Territories, taking into account the present and future needs of the indigenous inhabitants from the standpoint of the basic objectives of the International Trusteeship System and the future economic requirements of the Territories, as well as the social and economic consequences of the transfer of land to non-indigenous inhabitants;

3. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to include the results of this study in its next report to the General Assembly.

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1209 (XII). Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Having examined chapter V, section D, of part I of the report of the Trusteeship Council²³ and the report of the Secretary-General on offers by Member

States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories²⁵,

Recalling that, in its resolutions 753 (VIII) of 9 December 1953 and 1063 (XI) of 26 February 1957, the General Assembly recommended that the Administering Authorities of the Trust Territories take all such measures as would ensure the greatest possible use by inhabitants of the Trust Territories of the scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States,

Noting that the major part of the scholarships offered by Member States remains unutilized,

1. *Takes note* of chapter V, section D, of part I of the report of the Trusteeship Council and of the report of the Secretary-General on offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories;

2. *Reaffirms* its resolution 1063 (XI) of 26 February 1957 and once again invites the Administering Authorities to take all necessary measures to ensure that scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States may be utilized by inhabitants of the Trust Territories and to render every assistance to those persons who have applied for, or have been granted, scholarships or fellowships;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give such assistance as is possible, and as may be sought by the Members concerned and by the applicants, within the framework of the procedures laid down by the Trusteeship Council;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include, in his future reports to the Trusteeship Council, detailed information concerning the actual use of scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States for the education of inhabitants of the Trust Territories;

5. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to resume, at its sessions held in 1958, the consideration of this question and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session.

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1210 (XII). Effects of the European Economic Community on the development of certain Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report of the Trusteeship Council,²³

Having observed that the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community provides that certain Trust Territories are to be associated with the Community,

Believing that this association may have significant effects on the development of such Territories,

1. *Invites* the Administering Authorities concerned to submit information to the Trusteeship Council on the association of the Trust Territories under their administration with the European Economic Community and on the possible effects of the Treaty establishing the Community on the development of those Territories;

2. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to include in its report to the General Assembly, at its thirteenth

²³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Annexes, agenda item 13, document A/3718.*