

Taking note of the important assistance already given by France to the Trust Territory of Togoland under French administration,

Considering the useful and constructive role that the United Nations and the specialized agencies have played in the past in assisting various countries in their development plans,

Recalling the recent establishment of the Special Fund and of the Economic Commission for Africa,

Considering that requests for assistance to Trust Territories deserve sympathetic consideration by the United Nations,

Invites the Secretary-General, the Special Fund, the Technical Assistance Board and the specialized agencies to give urgent and sympathetic consideration to any requests for assistance concerning Togoland, submitted through the Administering Authority.

*780th plenary meeting,
14 November 1958.*

1274 (XIII). Attainment of self-government or independence by Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 558 (VI) of 18 January 1952 and subsequent resolutions on the same subject, inviting the Administering Authority of each Trust Territory, *inter alia*, to estimate the period of time in which it would attain self-government or independence, and recommending that the Administering Authorities take the necessary measures for the attainment of this goal at an early date,

Having examined part I, chapter V, of the report of the Trusteeship Council,¹¹

1. *Notes* that by the measures already taken or to be taken by some Administering Authorities in consultation with the United Nations and the peoples of the Territories concerned, Togoland under French administration, the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration, the Cameroons under French administration, Somaliland under Italian administration and Western Samoa under New Zealand administration, are expected to achieve in 1960 the objective of the Trusteeship System laid down in Article 76 b of the Charter of the United Nations;

2. *Invites* the Administering Authorities concerned to formulate, in respect of the remaining Trust Territories, early successive intermediate targets and dates in the fields of political, economic, social and educational development of these Territories so as to create, as soon as possible, the pre-conditions for the attainment of self-government or independence;

3. *Reaffirms* its resolutions 558 (VI) of 18 January 1952, 1064 (XI) of 26 February 1957, 1207 (XII) of 13 December 1957 and other pertinent resolutions on the same subject, and once again urges the Administering Authorities to implement the terms of those resolutions;

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

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5 December 1958.*

¹¹ *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 4, (A/3822), vol. I.

1275 (XIII). Effects of the European Economic Community on the development of certain Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Referring to its resolution 1210 (XII) of 13 December 1957,

Noting with concern that the Administering Authorities having thus far submitted no information on the possible effects of the association with the European Economic Community of the Trust Territories under their administration,

Considering that the association of Trust Territories with the European Economic Community may have a significant impact upon their development towards independence or self-government,

1. *Requests again* the Administering Authorities to include in their annual reports information concerning the effects of the association with the European Economic Community of the Trust Territories under their administration on the economic development of these Territories and on their development towards independence or self-government;

2. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to examine this question at its next session and to report to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session;

3. *Resolves* to resume consideration of this question at its fourteenth session.

*782nd plenary meeting,
5 December 1958.*

1276 (XIII). Dissemination of information on the United Nations and on the International Trusteeship System in Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the opinions expressed in its resolutions 556 (VI) of 18 January 1952 and 754 (VIII) of 9 December 1953 that it is essential that the peoples of the Trust Territories should receive adequate information concerning the United Nations and the International Trusteeship System,

Recalling that in resolution 754 (VIII) the General Assembly, *inter alia*, requested the Secretary-General to initiate at the earliest possible date, on the basis of the suggestions furnished by the Administering Authorities or of his own knowledge of appropriate information channels, or by making use of both of these sources together, a direct flow of information material addressed to the general public in Trust Territories,

Noting the report submitted by the Secretary-General to the Trusteeship Council¹² under Council resolution 36 (III) of 8 July 1948,

1. *Considers* that the task of dissemination of information on the United Nations and on the International Trusteeship System could be substantially facilitated by the establishment of United Nations information centres in or near the Trust Territories;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, taking into account the report of the Committee of Experts on United Nations Public Information¹³ and the decision, if any,

¹² *Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Twenty-second Session, Annexes*, agenda item 10, document T/1378.

¹³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 55, document A/3928.

taken upon that report by the General Assembly at its current session,¹⁴ to prepare for the twenty-fourth session of the Trusteeship Council a report on the early establishment of such information centres in which the responsible positions would be occupied preferably by indigenous inhabitants of the Trust Territories, and further requests the Council to report on this matter to the Assembly at its fourteenth session.

*782nd plenary meeting,
5 December 1958.*

1277 (XIII). Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Having examined chapter VII, section C, of part I of the report of the Trusteeship Council¹¹ and the report of the Secretary-General on offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories,¹⁵

Recalling that, in its resolutions 753 (VIII) of 9 December 1953, 1063 (XI) of 26 February 1957 and 1209 (XII) of 13 December 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 remain unutilized,

1. *Takes note* of chapter VII, section C, 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 1209 (XII) of 13 December 1957, and once again invites the Administering Authorities to take all necessary measures consistent with the interests and needs of the Territories and their peoples 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, particularly with regard to facilitating their travel formalities;

3. *Requests* the Member States offering scholarships to take into account, whenever possible, the need to provide travel funds to prospective students;

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

5. *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;

6. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to resume, at its sessions held in 1959, the consideration of this question

¹⁴ See resolution 1335 (XIII).

¹⁵ *Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Twenty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 12, document T/1377.*

and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session;

7. *Decides* to place this question as a separate item on the provisional agenda of its fourteenth session.

*782nd plenary meeting,
5 December 1958.*

1278 (XIII). Economic aid for Somalia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1206 (XII) of 13 December 1957 in which it requested the Trusteeship Council to explore the possible means of furnishing, after 1960, the necessary technical and financial assistance to Somali-land under Italian administration,

Noting the special report made to the Trusteeship Council by the Administering Authority on the extent of the assistance which will be necessary, and the estimate made therein of an annual budget deficit of \$5 million,¹⁶

Bearing in mind the encouraging trends in the economic development of the Territory, and the statement of the Government of Somalia¹⁷ that these trends may mean that external financial assistance will be required for a period considerably less than the twenty years forecast by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development,

1. *Notes* from the report of the Trusteeship Council that the Administering Authority and the Government of Somalia are continuing to explore possible sources of financial aid for the Territory after 1960, and that they will inform the Trusteeship Council, when conditions in the Territory are next considered, regarding the results of these consultations;

2. *Welcomes* the statement of the representative of Italy⁹ in regard to the various sources from which assistance has been secured or is in prospect, thus indicating that the problem is progressing satisfactorily towards its solution;

3. *Expresses the hope* that, at the appropriate time, the authorities of the Special Fund, already established under General Assembly resolution 1240 (XIII) of 14 October 1958, the Secretary-General, the specialized agencies concerned and the Technical Assistance Board will give sympathetic consideration to the requests for assistance made on behalf of the Government of Somalia, taking into account the needs of the country and the principles of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, in accordance with the request made by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 660 (XXIV) of 30 July 1957;

4. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council at its twenty-fourth session to consider the prospects of further assistance from the Special Fund, from the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and from the specialized agencies, and to report to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session so that the Assembly may have a complete picture of the economic prospects of Somalia when that Territory achieves independence in 1960.

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¹⁶ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/3822)*, vol. I, part II, chap. I, paras. 106-127.

¹⁷ See *Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Twenty-second Session, 921st meeting.*