

ance that may be made by the Government of Togoland, and that the Secretary-General, the Special Fund, the Technical Assistance Board and the specialized agencies will give urgent and sympathetic consideration to these requests.

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

1418 (XIV). Date of the independence of the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration

The General Assembly,

Recalling the terms of article 24 of the Trusteeship Agreement with respect to the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration (hereinafter referred to as Somalia) which provides that the Agreement shall cease to be in force ten years after the date of the approval of the Trusteeship Agreement by the General Assembly, at the conclusion of which the Territory shall become an independent sovereign State,

Recalling its resolution 442 (V) of 2 December 1950, by which it approved the Trusteeship Agreement,

Having considered the information submitted by the Administering Authority²⁰ to the effect that the Government of Somalia has conveyed the wish expressed by the Legislative Assembly that the Trusteeship Agreement be terminated as soon as possible so that the Trust Territory may achieve independence at a date earlier than 2 December 1960, as well as the statement of the representative of the Italian Government that the Administering Authority is prepared to support this wish,

Having heard the statements made by the Chairman of the United Nations Advisory Council for Somalia,

Having heard the views of the petitioners,

Noting the wish expressed by the Government of Somalia that, as soon as possible after the date of attainment of its independence, Somalia should be admitted to membership in the United Nations, and noting further that the Government of Italy has expressed its readiness to sponsor the application that will be made by the Government of Somalia to be admitted to membership in the United Nations,

1. *Takes note* of the statements made by the representative of Italy and the representative of the Government of Somalia that the preparations for independence will be completed by 1 July 1960 and that independence will be proclaimed on that date;

2. *Congratulates* the Government of Italy, as Administering Authority, and the Government and the people of Somalia on taking steps in order to attain the basic objectives of the International Trusteeship System in advance of 2 December 1960;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* for the aid and advice provided by the United Nations Advisory Council for Somalia to the Administering Authority and also to the Government and the people of Somalia in their progress towards independence;

4. *Expresses its confidence* that the recommendations and observations of the Trusteeship Council, which have been accepted by the Administering Authority and by the Government of Somalia, concerning the broadening of the composition of the Political Committee and the Constituent Assembly, a popular confirmation of

the constitution now under preparation through a referendum, and a modification of the existing electoral law will be implemented before the date on which the Trusteeship Agreement is terminated, and that the Administering Authority will furnish a report on the implementation of these recommendations to the Trusteeship Council at its twenty-sixth session;

5. *Resolves accordingly*, in agreement with the Administering Authority, that on 1 July 1960, when Somalia shall become independent, the Trusteeship Agreement approved by the General Assembly on 2 December 1950 shall cease to be in force, the basic objectives of trusteeship having been attained;

6. *Recommends* that, upon the attainment of independence, Somalia shall be admitted to membership in the United Nations in accordance with Article 4 of the Charter of the United Nations.

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

1419 (XIV). Plans of political reforms for the Trust Territory of Ruanda-Urundi

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the statement of the Administering Authority²¹ concerning the political reforms envisaged for the Trust Territory of Ruanda-Urundi under Belgian administration,

Having taken note of the petitions and communications dealing with the recent outbreak of violence in the Territory,²²

Having taken note also of the statement of the Administering Authority on the incidents leading to the outbreak of violence which have resulted in the sending of troops to the Territory,

Having heard the views of the petitioners,

1. *Draws the attention* of the Trusteeship Council to the statements of the petitioners on the Trust Territory of Ruanda-Urundi;

2. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to consider in detail the plans of political reforms envisaged for the Territory by the Administering Authority and to include the Council's observations and recommendations on the plans in its report to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session, taking into account the provisions of Assembly resolution 1413 (XIV) on the attainment of self-government or independence by Trust Territories;

3. *Further requests* the Trusteeship Council to dispatch its 1960 visiting mission to Trust Territories in East Africa early in 1960 so as to make it possible for the mission to report to the Council, at its twenty-sixth session, on the conditions and causes of the recent disturbances in the Territory.

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

1461 (XIV). Progress achieved by the Non-Self-Governing Territories in pursuance of Chapter XI of the Charter

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 932 (X) of 8 November 1955, in which it expressed the opinion that an examination

²¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Fourth Committee*, 947th meeting.

²² T/PET.3/95, T/PET.3/96 and Add.1, T/PET.3/97-99; T/COM.3/L.32.

²⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 13, document A/4262.

of the progress achieved in the Non-Self-Governing Territories since the establishment of the United Nations, based on the information received from the Administering Members under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations, would be highly desirable and should make it possible to ascertain the extent to which the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories are advancing towards the attainment of the goals set in Chapter XI of the Charter,

Further recalling its resolution 1053 (XI) of 20 February 1957, in which it invited the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the specialized agencies concerned, to prepare a report on the progress that has taken place in the Non-Self-Governing Territories in those fields on which information has been transmitted, in accordance with the objectives set forth in Chapter XI of the Charter, since the establishment of the United Nations,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the work of the Secretary-General and of the specialized agencies in preparing the report on the progress achieved by the Non-Self-Governing Territories;²³

2. *Requests* the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to examine the above-mentioned report at its next session, in addition to its regular programme of work, with a view to ascertaining the progress made by the inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the light of the objectives set forth in Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations;

3. *Further requests* the Committee to submit its observations and conclusions on the report to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session, in order to assist the Assembly in its consideration of the report;

4. *Requests* the Committee, in so doing, to be guided by the terms of all relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, in particular resolutions 932 (X) and 1053 (XI), as well as by the provisions of Chapter XI of the Charter.

*855th plenary meeting,
12 December 1959.*

1462 (XIV). Report on educational conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Considering that, by resolution 445 (V) of 12 December 1950, it approved the special report on educational conditions prepared in 1950 by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories²⁴ as a brief but considered indication of the importance of educational advancement and of the problems of education still to be faced in the Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Considering that, by resolution 743 (VIII) of 27 November 1953, it approved a further report on education²⁵ as a supplement to the report approved in 1950,

²³ A/4105-A/4109, A/4114, A/4124, A/4128 and Corr.1, A/4129, A/4131, A/4134, A/4136, A/4137, A/4142, A/4144, A/4152, A/4162 and Corr.1, A/4165-A/4167, A/4178, A/4181, A/4192-A/4195.

²⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/1303/Rev.1), part two.*

²⁵ *Ibid., Eighth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/2465), part two.*

Considering that, by resolution 1048 (XI) of 20 February 1957, it approved another report on education drawn up in 1956,²⁶

Noting the report on educational conditions prepared in 1959 by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories,²⁷

1. *Approves* the report on educational conditions prepared in 1959 by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories, and considers that it should be studied in conjunction with the reports approved in 1950, 1953 and 1957;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to communicate the 1959 report to Member States responsible for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories, to the Economic and Social Council, to the regional economic commissions, to the Trusteeship Council and to the specialized agencies concerned, for their consideration;

3. *Expresses its confidence* that the Members responsible for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories will bring the report to the attention of the authorities responsible for education in those Territories.

*855th plenary meeting,
12 December 1959.*

1463 (XIV). Development of primary education in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling the obligations which, under Article 73 of the Charter of the United Nations, are incumbent upon Members administering Territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government to ensure, with due respect for the culture of the peoples concerned, their political, economic, social, and educational advancement, their just treatment, and their protection against abuses,

Considering in the spirit of those principles that, in order to develop primary education and to combat illiteracy among the peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories, the Administering Members should endeavour to create in those Territories conditions which are not less favourable than those enjoyed by the peoples of the advanced countries,

Reaffirming its resolutions 743 (VIII) of 27 November 1953 and 1049 (XI) of 20 February 1957, by which it recommended, *inter alia*, the establishment or extension of universal, free and compulsory primary education in the Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Noting, ten years after the adoption of resolution 330 (IV) of 2 December 1949 in which the General Assembly recognized that one of the fundamental problems in Non-Self-Governing Territories is illiteracy, that the progress made in this field has been very slow,

Having noted that, in its report on educational conditions, the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories was obliged to reiterate the view expressed in 1950 that the eradication of illiteracy is a problem of the utmost urgency in the majority of the Non-Self-Governing Territories,²⁸

1. *Recommends* that the Administering Members take all necessary steps to develop the primary education

²⁶ *Ibid., Eleventh Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/3127), part two.*

²⁷ *Ibid., Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/4111), part two.*

²⁸ *Ibid., part two, para. 44.*