

Recalling that in 1960 the Committee included a survey of social conditions in its observations and conclusions on the report on progress in the Non-Self-Governing Territories since the beginning of the United Nations,¹⁰

Having received a report on social advancement prepared by the Committee in 1961,¹¹

1. Approves the report on social advancement prepared in 1961 by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories, and considers that it should be read with the earlier reports approved in 1952, 1955 and 1958 and with the survey included in the report on progress achieved in the Non-Self-Governing Territories;

2. Invites the Secretary-General to transmit the 1961 report to the Members 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 appropriate authorities.

1083rd plenary meeting,
19 December 1961.

1695 (XVI). Dissemination of information on the United Nations in the Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Considering that it is essential that the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories be widely acquainted with the Declaration,

1. Invites the Administering Members to take immediate steps, with the active participation of the representative bodies and organizations of the indigenous inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, for the widest possible circulation and dissemination in those Territories of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples;

2. Further invites the Administering Members to take immediate steps for the inclusion of the Declaration in the curricula of all educational institutions in all Non-Self-Governing Territories;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure the immediate and large-scale circulation and dissemination of the Declaration, through all the appropriate media of mass communication, in all the Non-Self-Governing Territories;

4. Invites the Administering Members to extend to the Secretary-General their fullest co-operation in the circulation and dissemination of the Declaration in all the Non-Self-Governing Territories;

5. Requests that the Declaration be circulated and disseminated in the principal local languages as well as in the languages of the Administering Members;

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/4371), part two, section C.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/4785), part two.

6. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the implementation of the present resolution for the General Assembly at its seventeenth session.

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1696 (XVI). Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples,

Recognizing the importance of rendering assistance to colonial countries and peoples in the field of general and specialized education,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories under General Assembly resolution 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954,¹²

Noting with satisfaction the further response to its resolution 845 (IX) inviting Member States to extend their offers of study and training facilities to the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Expressing regret that, despite the increased interest among inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in such offers, a large number of the scholarships offered by Member States remain unutilized,

Further expressing regret that in several instances students who have been granted scholarships have not been accorded facilities to leave the Non-Self-Governing Territories in order to take advantage of such scholarships,

Recalling paragraph 5 of its resolution 845 (IX) by which the Secretary-General is requested, in consultation with the Administering Members and specialized agencies concerned, to establish a simple procedure which would enable offers and applications made through the United Nations or the specialized agencies to be brought to the attention of the Administering Members, and thereafter, in the case of applications, to the attention of the offering States concerned together with any observations the Administering Members may have submitted,

Considering that the procedure requiring the transmission of observations by the Administering Members prior to the submission of the application to the offering State causes a serious delay in the processing of those applications,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on offers of study and training facilities under General Assembly resolution 845 (IX);

2. Reaffirms its resolution 1540 (XV) of 15 December 1960;

3. Invites once again the Administering Members concerned to take all necessary measures to ensure that all scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States are utilized by the inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories and to render effective assistance to those persons who have applied for, or

¹² *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda items 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44, documents A/4862 and Add.1 and 2.