

the progress of dependent, colonial or semi-colonial peoples to a position of equality with Member States of the United Nations,

Considering that resolution 494 (V) adopted by the General Assembly on 20 November 1950 requests the appropriate organs of the United Nations to consider those portions of the Secretary-General's memorandum with which they are particularly concerned,

Considering that, under Article 76 b of the Charter, the basic objectives of the International Trusteeship System are to promote the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the inhabitants of the Trust Territories, and their progressive development towards self-government or independence as may be appropriate to the particular circumstances of each Territory and its peoples and the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned, and as may be provided by the terms of each trusteeship agreement,

Considering that the General Assembly on 18 January 1952 adopted⁴ a resolution on the participation of Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories.⁵

Considering that the direct association of the indigenous inhabitants of the Trust Territories in the work of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies is an effective measure of promoting the progress of the indigenous inhabitants of those territories towards a position of equality with Member States of the United Nations,

1. *Notes* that special provisions exist in the constitutions of some of the specialized agencies and of the regional commissions of the United Nations permitting, on the proposal of the Administering Member concerned, the admission to those agencies and commissions of Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories as "associate members";

2. *Commends* the practice referred to in the preceding paragraph;

3. *Invites* the Trusteeship Council to examine the possibility of associating the inhabitants of the Trust Territories more closely in its work and to report the results of its examination of this problem to the General Assembly at its seventh regular session.

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18 January 1952.*

555 (VI). The Ewe and Togoland unification problem

The General Assembly,

Noting that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 441 (V) of 2 December 1950, the Trusteeship Council has devoted a special chapter⁶ of its annual report to setting forth the steps undertaken in

connexion with the Ewe and Togoland unification question,

Noting in particular the endorsement⁷ by the Trusteeship Council of the decision of the Administering Authorities concerned to terminate the activities of the Standing Consultative Commission and to establish a Joint Council for Togoland Affairs to advise them on matters of common concern to the two Trust Territories, and to assist in harmonizing development in these Territories,

Noting that the Trusteeship Council also recommended⁸ that the two Administering Authorities ensure that the scope of responsibilities of the proposed joint council be sufficiently broad to enable it to exercise its functions with respect to all questions of common concern to the people of the two Trust Territories, including questions of political, economic, social, educational and cultural development,

Noting that the Trusteeship Council further recommended⁹ that the method of determining the composition and selecting the members of the joint council be such as to ensure, if possible, the participation of the major groups in the two Trust Territories,

Having examined the arrangements made by the two Administering Authorities concerned for the establishment and operation of the joint council as set out in document A/C.4/198,

Having considered the oral representation¹⁰ made in regard to these arrangements by the representatives of the All-Ewe Conference, the Joint Togoland Congress and the *Comité de l'unité togolaise*,

1. *Notes* the objections raised by those representatives against the proposed arrangements in respect of, firstly, their inadequacy as a means of solving the Ewe and Togoland unification problem and, secondly, their failure to ensure equitable and democratic representation of all sections of the population;

2. *Notes with concern*, from the statements made by those representatives in amplification of petitions received from the Trust Territories, the atmosphere of tension which appears to exist in the Territories as a result of the delay in arriving at an adequate solution, and notes also the statements¹¹ in a different sense made by the representatives of the *Parti togolais du progrès* and the *Union des Chefs et des populations du nord du Togo sous administration française*;

3. *Notes further* the comments¹² of the two Administering Authorities concerned on the observations of the petitioners;

4. *Urges* the two Administering Authorities concerned and the peoples involved to exert every effort to achieve a prompt, constructive and equitable settlement of the problem, taking fully into account the freely expressed wishes of the people concerned;

5. *Recommends* to this end that the Administering Authorities consult fully with the various parties and groups concerned before constituting the proposed joint

⁴ See resolution 566 (VI), p. 60.

⁵ The General Assembly decided, by resolution 569 (VI), p. 63, that the Special Committee on Information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter should henceforth be known as the "Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories".

⁶ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixth Session, Supplement No. 4*, part I, chapter IV.

⁷ See Trusteeship Council resolution 345 (IX).

⁸ *Ibid.*

⁹ *Ibid.*

¹⁰ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixth Session, Fourth Committee*, 226th, 228th, 229th, and 234th meetings.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, 233rd meeting.

¹² *Ibid.*, 229th and 233rd meetings.

council, with a view to devising satisfactory procedures for the election of representatives to the council;

6. *Recommends* that the Administering Authorities, in consultation with the representatives of the peoples concerned, extend the functions and powers of the joint council to enable it to consider all aspects of the Ewe and Togoland unification problem and to make recommendations thereon;

7. *Recommends*, in view of the urgency of this problem, that the Trusteeship Council devote more intensive attention to all aspects of it affecting the two Trust Territories;

8. *Recommends* further that the Trusteeship Council, at its tenth session, arrange for the dispatch to the Trust Territories concerned of a special mission, or alternatively, for its next periodic visiting mission to these two Trust Territories to devote sufficient time to the problem to study it thoroughly, including the functioning of the proposed joint council, and to submit to the Trusteeship Council a detailed report thereon, including specific recommendations, which shall take full account of the real wishes and interests of the peoples concerned;

9. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to instruct the mission so dispatched to submit its report to the Council for consideration at its eleventh session;

10. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to submit to the General Assembly at its seventh regular session a special report covering all aspects of the problem.

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

The General Assembly,

Considering that it is essential that the peoples of Trust Territories should receive adequate information concerning the purposes and operation of the United Nations and of the International Trusteeship System in particular,

Noting that the Trusteeship Council has instructed¹³ the visiting missions to investigate on the spot the best means of disseminating such information,

1. *Recommends* that the Administering Authorities of Trust Territories take all appropriate steps to disseminate information on the United Nations, and on the International Trusteeship System in particular, among the population and in the schools, and report to the Secretary-General details of such steps;

2. *Recommends* that the Trusteeship Council include in its annual reports to the General Assembly all particulars supplied on the subject, together with its remarks.

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557 (VI). Educational advancement in Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the speedy educational advancement of the inhabitants of Trust Territories is essential for

the attainment of the objectives of the International Trusteeship System,

Recognizing that the United Nations has a special responsibility towards the inhabitants of the Territories under the International Trusteeship System,

Desirous of giving all possible assistance to the educational advancement of the inhabitants of these Territories,

Recalling that, by resolution 110 (V) of 19 July 1949, the Trusteeship Council urged that all possible steps be taken to make available to qualified students from Trust Territories fellowships, scholarships and internships which have been or may be established by the United Nations or by its specialized agencies, and recalling that by the same resolution the Council invited the Administering Authorities to give full publicity with regard to all fellowships, scholarships and internships available to the inhabitants of Trust Territories,

1. *Invites* Member States of the United Nations to make available, to qualified students from Trust Territories, fellowships, scholarships and internships, and to notify the Trusteeship Council concerning the availability of such fellowships, scholarships and internships in public as well as private institutions;

2. *Invites* the Trusteeship Council to request the Secretary-General, having in mind the procedures of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the machinery of the Technical Assistance Administration, to make such arrangements as may be necessary to ensure the efficient administration of all offers of scholarships, fellowships and internships for inhabitants of Trust Territories that may be made;

3. *Requests further* that the Trusteeship Council invite the Administering Authorities concerned to avail themselves of such scholarships, fellowships and internships in accordance with procedure to be devised and give full publicity with regard to such fellowships, scholarships and internships in their respective Trust Territories;

4. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to give all appropriate assistance in the implementation of the present resolution;

5. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to report with regard to these matters to the General Assembly at its next regular session.

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558 (VI). Attainment by the Trust Territories of the objective of self-government or independence

The General Assembly,

Considering that in the case of only one Trust Territory, namely Somaliland under Italian administration, the Trusteeship Agreement provides, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 289A (IV) of 21 November 1949, for a specific period of ten years at the end of which the Trust Territory shall be an independent sovereign State,

Considering that under Article 76 b of the Charter one of the basic objectives of the International Trusteeship

¹³ See Trusteeship Council resolution 311 (VIII).