

any form of political association which would involve annexation of the Trust Territories in any sense, or would have the effect of extinguishing their status as Trust Territories, and affirmed the view that measures of customs, fiscal or administrative union must not in any way hamper the free evolution of each Trust Territory toward self-government or independence,

Recalling its resolution 563 (VI) of 18 January 1952, requesting the Trusteeship Council to submit to it, at its seventh session, a special report containing a complete analysis of each of the administrative unions to which a Trust Territory is a party, and of the status of the Cameroons and Togoland under French administration arising out of their membership in the French Union,

Recalling the studies⁶ on administrative unions undertaken by the Trusteeship Council in 1949 and 1950, and in particular the important analysis of administrative unions contained in resolution 293 (VII) adopted by the Council on 17 July 1950,

Recalling the regular annual reports adopted by the Trusteeship Council in 1951 and 1952 on each of the Trust Territories participating in an administrative union,

1. *Takes note* of the special report⁷ submitted by the Trusteeship Council in compliance with General Assembly resolution 563 (VI), and the observations⁸ made thereon by the General Assembly Committee on Administrative Unions;

2. *Calls* to the attention of the Administering Authorities the observations and conclusions contained in the special report of the Trusteeship Council and the observations of the General Assembly Committee on Administrative Unions;

3. *Requests* the Administering Authorities to continue to transmit promptly to the Trusteeship Council information as complete as possible concerning the operation of the administrative unions affecting Trust Territories under their administration, indicating the benefits and advantages derived by the inhabitants of the Trust Territories from administrative unions;

4. *Expresses the hope* that the Administering Authorities concerned will take into account the freely expressed wishes of the inhabitants before establishing or extending the scope of administrative unions;

5. *Expresses the hope* that the Administering Authorities concerned will consult with the Trusteeship Council concerning any change in or extension of existing administrative unions, or concerning any proposal to establish new administrative unions;

6. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to continue its regular examination of each administrative union affecting a Trust Territory, and to study these administrative unions, not only with regard to the four safeguards enumerated in Trusteeship Council resolution 293 (VII), but also with regard to the interests of the inhabitants of the Territory and the terms of the

⁶ See *Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Fifth Session, Annex*, agenda item 10, p. 255 and *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifth Session, Supplement No. 4, annex*.

⁷ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventh Session, Supplement No. 12*.

⁸ See document A/2217.

Charter and the Trusteeship Agreements, as well as any other matters which the Council may deem appropriate.

409th plenary meeting,
20 December 1952.

650 (VII). Cessation of the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter in respect of the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the importance of the question of cessation of the transmission of information and the information⁹ supplied on that subject by the Netherlands Government, and in view of the short time remaining for the conclusion of the work of the seventh session,

Decides that the Committee set up¹⁰ to study the factors which should be taken into account in deciding whether a Territory is or is not a Territory whose people have not yet attained a full measure of self-government, should examine carefully the documents submitted by the Netherlands Government relating to the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam in the light of the resolution on factors adopted by the General Assembly, and report to the Assembly at its next regular session.

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651 (VII). Question of South West Africa

The General Assembly

Decides to postpone consideration of the question of South West Africa until the eighth session of the General Assembly, and requests the *Ad Hoc* Committee on South West Africa, established by General Assembly resolution 570 A (VI) of 19 January 1952, to continue on the same basis as stated in that resolution and further requests the Committee to report to the General Assembly at its eighth session.

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20 December 1952.

652 (VII). The Ewe and Togoland unification problem

The General Assembly,

Having adopted at the sixth session resolution 555 (VI) on the Ewe and Togoland unification problem, which recommended, *inter alia*, that the Trusteeship Council arrange for the dispatch of either a special mission or its next periodic visiting mission to the two Trust Territories concerned to study thoroughly the Ewe and Togoland unification problem, including the functioning of the proposed Joint Council for

⁹ See document A/2177.

¹⁰ See resolution 648 (VII).

Togoland Affairs and 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, and requested the Trusteeship Council to submit to the General Assembly at its seventh session a special report covering all aspects of the problem,

Having received and examined the special report¹¹ of the Trusteeship Council, including the resolution¹² adopted by the Council at the second part of its eleventh session on 25 November 1952,

Having similarly received and examined the special report¹³ of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in West Africa, 1952, on the Ewe and Togoland unification problem, transmitted to the Assembly by the Council with its aforementioned special report,

Having heard the statements¹⁴ of Mr. Olympio (All-Ewe Conference), Mr. Antor and Mr. Odame (Joint Togoland Congress), and Mr. Kpodar (Parti togolais du progrès),

Having heard the observations¹⁵ of the representatives of the two Administering Authorities and taken note of the written observations¹⁶ of the United Kingdom Government on the special report of the Visiting Mission,

Noting the view set forth in paragraph 7 of the observations of the United Kingdom that "During this period of trust the Administering Authority must provide political institutions, systems of education and information, and freedom of speech and political activity; which will enable the various political parties to place their programmes before the people of the Trust Territory and, by democratic methods, to seek to enlist the support of a majority of that people",

Recalling statements of representatives of France in the Trusteeship Council and the General Assembly to the effect that it is the policy of their Government to promote the development of representative political institutions and democratic political activity in the Trust Territories under French administration and that the people of these Territories will, when the period of trusteeship comes to an end, have full freedom of choice as to the future political status of these Territories, whether in association with another political entity or otherwise,

Bearing in mind that the unification of the two Togolands is the manifest aspiration of the majority of the population of both Trust Territories,

Desiring to promote the political advancement of the two Trust Territories and their freely expressed wishes in conformity with the basic objectives of the Trusteeship System as set forth in Article 76 of the Charter,

1. *Continues to urge*, as set out in its resolution 555 (VI), that the two Administering Authorities concerned and the peoples involved 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;

2. *Regrets* that the consultations undertaken by the Administering Authorities did not achieve the purpose of paragraph 5 of resolution 555 (VI) inasmuch as the election procedures devised did not result in the participation of all the major groups in the two Trust Territories;

3. *Recommends* that the two Administering Authorities concerned carry on full and extensive consultations with the principal political parties in the two Territories and make every effort to bring about the re-establishment of the Joint Council for Togoland Affairs, or a similar body, on a basis which will enlist the co-operation of all major segments of the population so that it may be an effective and representative organ for the consideration of the common problems of the two Territories;

4. *Urges* all the principal parties in the Two Territories to make every effort to assist constructively in these consultations;

5. *Recommends further* that the terms of reference of the Joint Council or similar body should be such as to enable it to consider and make recommendations upon all political, economic, social and educational matters affecting the two Trust Territories, including the question of the unification of the two Territories, and that, as a first stage, the Joint Council should be reconstituted, and re-established as soon as possible, by means of direct elections on the basis of universal adult suffrage exercised by secret ballot;

6. *Invites* the two Administering Authorities to give increasing attention to the possibilities of promoting and expediting the general development of Togoland under British administration and Togoland under French administration provided by the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance for the economic development of under-developed countries adopted by the United Nations;

7. *Urges* the two Administering Authorities to intensify their efforts to bring about the more rapid evolution of the northern parts of both Territories so that the peoples of these sections will be better qualified to play their role and express their views in the political development of the Territories;

8. *Recommends* that the two Administering Authorities concerned examine further all the frontier difficulties complained of in the various petitions and communications on this matter sent to the Trusteeship Council and to the Visiting Mission and that they take all possible steps to reduce or eliminate them;

9. *Expresses its conviction* that the implementation of the declared policies of the Administering Authorities will provide conditions in which the inhabitants of the Trust Territories can determine their own political destiny, and considers that this freedom of choice should be exercised through accepted democratic processes;

¹¹ See document A/2289.

¹² See Trusteeship Council resolution 643 (XI).

¹³ See document T/1034.

¹⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventh Session, Fourth Committee, 300th, 301st, 302nd, 304th and 305th meetings.*

¹⁵ See *Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Eleventh Session, 457th and 458th meetings.*

¹⁶ See document T/1039.

10. *Recommends* that the two Administering Authorities, through the Joint Council or otherwise, take steps to promote common policies on political, economic, and social matters of mutual concern to the two Trust Territories;

11. *Notes* that resolution 643 (XI) of the Trusteeship Council requests the Administering Authorities to report fully to the Council in advance of the eighth session of the General Assembly on all steps taken by them pursuant to the special report of the 1952 Visiting Mission;

12. *Requests* the Administering Authorities to include in such reports accounts of steps taken by them pursuant to the present resolution, as well as a full account of all factors affecting the unification question;

13. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to submit to the General Assembly at its next regular session a special report on the implementation by the Administering Authorities concerned of the present resolution and the action taken by the Council thereon.

*409th plenary meeting,
20 December 1952.*

653 (VII). Participation of the indigenous inhabitants of the Trust Territories in the government of those Territories and in the work of the Trusteeship Council

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 554 (VI) of 18 January 1952 inviting the Trusteeship Council to examine the possibility of associating the inhabitants of the Trust Territories more closely in its work,

Bearing in mind the basic objectives of the International Trusteeship System enumerated in Article 76 of the Charter,

Considering it both desirable and necessary that the indigenous inhabitants of the Trust Territories should have every opportunity of developing their ability to take charge in due course of the public affairs of their Territories,

Noting the consideration¹⁷ given to this question by the Trusteeship Council at its tenth and eleventh sessions, and resolution 466 (XI) adopted by the Council on 23 July 1952.

Taking into account the fact that there has not yet been opportunity for action to be taken pursuant to this resolution,

1. *Expresses the opinion* that the objects of resolution 554 (VI) would be better achieved through the active participation of members of the indigenous population of the Trust Territories in the government of those Territories and in the work of the Trusteeship Council;

2. *Shares the hope* expressed by the Trusteeship Council in resolution 466 (XI) that the Administering Authorities will find it appropriate to associate suitably

¹⁷ See *Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Tenth Session*, 388th, 389th, 408th and 409th meetings, and *Eleventh Session*, 454th meeting.

qualified indigenous inhabitants of the Trust Territories in the work of the Trusteeship Council as part of their delegations or in any other manner which they deem desirable;

3. *Invites* the Administering Authorities to give careful attention to Trusteeship Council resolution 466 (XI) and to the present resolution with a view to giving effect to the suggestions contained therein;

4. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to include in its reports to the General Assembly information on action taken pursuant to resolution 466 (XI) and to the present resolution.

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21 December 1952.*

654 (VII). Report of the Trusteeship Council

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the report¹⁸ of the Trusteeship Council covering its fourth special session and its tenth and eleventh sessions;

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 of the Council at the seventh session of the General Assembly.

*410th plenary meeting,
21 December 1952.*

655 (VII). Hearing of petitioners from the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under French administration

The General Assembly,

Having granted oral hearings¹⁹ to representatives of organizations in the Cameroons under French administration,

Considering that the Trusteeship Council has not yet examined the reports of the Administering Authorities on the Trust Territories of the Cameroons under British and French administration for 1952, and also has not yet received the reports of the Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in West Africa, 1952, and that these reports may give a fuller account of the matter,

Considering that on several of the more important matters raised by the petitioners the Trusteeship Council, and in some cases the General Assembly, has previously made observations and recommendations in the light of the considered views of the Administering Authority,

1. *Takes note* of the statements²⁰ of the representatives of organizations in the Cameroons under French administration, which constitute a valuable contribution to an understanding of the problems in the Trust Territory;

¹⁸ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventh Session, Supplement No. 4*, and document A/2150/Add.1.

¹⁹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventh Session, Fourth Committee*, 309th to 312th meetings inclusive.

²⁰ *Ibid.*