

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.

*410th plenary meeting,
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.*

2. *Decides*, without prejudice to future requests for oral hearings before the Fourth Committee, to transmit these statements, together with the observations²¹ made by members of the Fourth Committee, to the Trusteeship Council with a request that these questions be further investigated, in particular as to the implementation of recommendations already made on them, and that the Council report upon them in a report to the General Assembly at its eighth session.

*410th plenary meeting,
21 December 1952.*

656 (VII). Hearing of petitioners from the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration

The General Assembly,

Having granted oral hearings²² to representatives of organizations in Somaliland under Italian administration,

Considering that the Trusteeship Council has not yet examined the Administering Authority's report for 1952 in respect of the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration,

Considering that with respect to a number of questions 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,

²¹ *Ibid.*

²² See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventh Session, Fourth Committee, 313th and 314th meetings.*

Considering that, in the particular case of this Trust Territory, the General Assembly established an Advisory Council which is entitled to speak in the Trusteeship Council and the authoritative opinion of which should be heard for a better understanding of the Territory's problems,

1. *Takes note* of the statements²³ of the representatives of organizations in Somaliland under Italian administration;

2. *Decides*, without prejudice to future requests for oral hearings before the Fourth Committee, to transmit the said statements to the Trusteeship Council together with the comments²⁴ of members of the Fourth Committee and to request the Council to give special attention to these questions, particularly with respect to the application of past recommendations relating to these questions, in the light of the statements of the petitioners and of the observations made in the Fourth Committee, and to request the Council further to report on these matters to the General Assembly at its eighth session;

3. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council further to consider the desirability of preparing a special questionnaire for Somaliland and of sending a separate visiting mission to that Territory in view of its special position and of the fact that it will acquire its independence in the next eight years, and further requests that this matter be reported upon in the Council's next report.

*410th plenary meeting,
21 December 1952.*

²³ *Ibid.*

²⁴ *Ibid.*