

743 (VIII). Educational conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Considering that, by resolution 445 (V) adopted on 12 December 1950, it approved the special report² on education drawn up in 1950 as a brief but considered indication of the importance of educational advancement and of the problems still to be faced in the Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Noting the further report prepared in 1953 by the Committee on Information³ from Non-Self-Governing Territories on educational conditions in these Territories,

1. *Approves* this further report of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories as a supplement to the report approved in 1950;

2. *Emphasizes* that the objectives of education in Non-Self-Governing Territories are:

(a) To develop moral and civic consciousness and responsibility among the peoples, and to enable them to take an increasing share of responsibility in the conduct of their own affairs;

(b) To raise the standards of living of the peoples by helping them to improve their economic productivity and standards of health;

(c) To promote the social progress of the Territories, taking into account the basic cultural values and the aspirations of the peoples concerned;

(d) To secure the extension of the intellectual development of the peoples so as to provide for them access to all levels of culture;

3. *Affirms* that, in accordance with the above objectives, the process of education should be designed to familiarize the inhabitants with and train them in the use of the tools of economic, social and political progress, with a view to the attainment of a full measure of self-government;

4. *Recommends* to the Administering Members that, in order to carry out the said objectives and in general to solve the educational problems of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, they should seek the technical advice of the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration and make the greatest possible use of the facilities of the specialized agencies;

5. *Recommends further* to the Administering Members that they similarly make the greatest possible use of offers that may be made to them by other States Members of the United Nations through the Secretary-General or through the specialized agencies concerned or in other appropriate ways, for the purpose of facilitating the educational advancement of the Non-Self-Governing Territories by such means as making available fellowships, scholarships and internships to qualified students from these Territories;

6. *Invites* the Secretary-General to communicate the report on education and the present resolution to the Members of the United Nations responsible for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories, to the Economic and Social Council, to the Trusteeship Council and to the specialized agencies concerned for their consideration.

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27 November 1953.

² See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifth Session, Supplement No. 17, part II.*

³ *Ibid.*, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 15, part II.

744 (VIII). Association of representatives from Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Whereas the direct association of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies has been considered as an effective means of promoting the progress of the populations of these Territories towards a status of equality with the States Members of the United Nations,

Whereas it has been recognized that the direct association of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories can be of further assistance in promoting the progress of these Territories and their peoples towards the goals set forth in Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations,

Whereas the Administering Members have been invited to make possible the association of qualified representative inhabitants of the Territories in the work of the Committee,

Considering the technical difficulties advanced by the Administering Members on the question of accepting the collaboration in the work of the Committee of Non-Self-Governing Territories as "associate members",

Considering that the principle of unity of representation must be maintained,

Noting that the Member States administering Non-Self-Governing Territories have from time to time attached representative inhabitants of the Territories to their delegations,

Considering that this practice should be stimulated and developed,

1. *Invites* the Member States administering Non-Self-Governing Territories, the inhabitants of which have attained a large measure of responsibility for economic, social and educational policies, to attach to their delegations, without prejudice to the principle stated in the fifth paragraph of the preamble, indigenous representatives specially qualified to speak on these matters as they relate to these Territories;

2. *Requests* the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to continue, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 647 (VII) of 10 December 1952, the study of means of securing a progressive increase in the participation of duly qualified representatives of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in its work.

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745 (VIII). Representation on the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Noting that the work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories, particularly in relation to the special studies of certain functional fields initiated under General Assembly resolution 333 (IV) of 2 December 1949, has been materially assisted by the action of States members of the Committee, including certain non-administering Members, in associating with their delegations persons with special

qualifications in the functional fields studied by the Committee,

Considering that this is a practice which might be extended with advantage to the work of the Committee, in that the pooling and exchange of knowledge and experience thus achieved will enable it more efficaciously to assess the economic, social and educational problems of Non-Self-Governing Territories in the light of the solutions being found to those problems elsewhere in the world,

1. *Commends* the action of those Members which have included specialist advisers in their delegations to the Committee;

2. *Expresses the hope* that those Members which have not hitherto found it possible to do so, will find it appropriate to associate with their delegations persons specially qualified in the functional fields within the Committee's purview.

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27 November 1953.*

746 (VIII). Employment of international staff from Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Considering that the paragraph 3 of Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations, regarding the employment of the staff of the United Nations, states that, in addition to the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity in employment of Secretariat staff, due regard should be paid to the importance of recruiting the staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible,

Having regard to the objectives set forth in Chapters XI and XII of the Charter in respect of the advancement of the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories,

Considering that the services of individuals from Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories in the Secretariat of the United Nations will contribute to a wider geographical coverage in the recruitment of staff,

Considering the statement⁴ made by the Secretary-General that he has already taken note of the wishes expressed in the Fourth Committee on this matter,

1. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General consider the desirability of continuing and increasing the recruitment of suitably qualified inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories for the Secretariat of the United Nations;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to draw the attention of the specialized agencies to the present resolution with a view to a similar policy being followed as far as possible in the secretariats of those agencies.

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27 November 1953.*

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

The General Assembly,

Recalling that in its resolution 650 (VII) of 20 December 1952 it invited the Committee set up to study

⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Fourth Committee, 342nd meeting.*

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 to examine carefully the documents submitted by the Netherlands Government relating to the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam in the light of resolution 648 (VII) of 10 December 1952,

Having received and considered the report⁵ of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Factors (Non-Self-Governing Territories) established by resolution 648 (VII),

Having taken note of the statement⁶ of the representative of the Netherlands that the negotiations between representatives of the Netherlands, the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam, which were adjourned in the year 1952, will shortly be resumed,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the progress made by the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam towards self-government;

2. *Considers* that the new status of the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam can only be rightly appraised after the said negotiations have led to a final result and this has been embodied in constitutional provisions;

3. *Expresses* to the Netherlands Government its confidence that, as a result of the negotiations, a new status will be attained by the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam representing a full measure of self-government in fulfilment of the objectives set forth in Chapter XI of the Charter;

4. *Invites* the Government of the Netherlands to communicate to the Secretary-General the result of these negotiations as well as the provisions mentioned in paragraph 2 above;

5. *Invites* the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to examine these communications in connexion with the information already transmitted and to report thereon to the General Assembly;

6. *Requests* the Government of the Netherlands to transmit regularly to the Secretary-General the information specified in Article 73 e of the Charter in regard to the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam until such time as the General Assembly takes a decision that the transmission of information in regard to these Territories should be discontinued.

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748 (VIII). Cessation of the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter in respect of Puerto Rico

The General Assembly,

Considering that, in resolution 222 (III) of 3 November 1948, the General Assembly, while welcoming any development of self-government in Non-Self-Governing Territories, considers it essential that the United Nations be informed of any change in the constitutional status of any such Territory as a result of which the government responsible for the transmission, under Article 73 e of the Charter, of information in respect of that Territory thinks it unnecessary or inappropriate to continue such a practice,

Having received the communications⁷ dated 19 January and 20 March 1953 informing the United Nations

⁵ See document A/2428.

⁶ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Fourth Committee, 343rd meeting, para. 70.*

⁷ See document A/AC.35/L.121.