

a formula acceptable to all which will facilitate the unification of the two Trust Territories.

*469th plenary meeting,
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B

The General Assembly,

Considering that there is an urgent need to develop fully in the two parts of Togoland a system of universal suffrage and that it is consequently essential to establish effective facilities for electoral registration, with a view to the formation of an electoral body truly representative of the population of each Territory as a whole,

Noting paragraph (b) of the text of the announcement¹⁵ made by the two Administering Authorities on 12 June 1953 concerning the re-establishment of the Joint Council for Togoland Affairs,

Noting further the observations made on this matter by the petitioners heard by the Fourth Committee of the General Assembly, as well as the statements made by the representatives of the Administering Authorities,

1. *Urgently invites* the Administering Authorities to revise the system of electoral qualifications in force in the Territories and to put into effect a method of electoral registration based on personal identification which shall permit all adult persons to qualify for the right to vote and shall ensure that electoral consultations be carried out in accordance with the democratic principles of universal, direct and secret suffrage so as to reflect the opinion of the population as a whole;

2. *Recommends* that the political parties in the two Territories collaborate closely with the respective Administering Authorities with a view to carrying out the identification of the adult persons for electoral purposes.

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C

The General Assembly,

Noting that Togoland under British administration is administered as an integral part of the Gold Coast, the Government of which has published a series of proposals¹⁶ for constitutional changes designed to effect a further transfer of executive and legislative powers from the Administering Authority to the Gold Coast Government and to serve as an interim measure leading towards full self-government for the Gold Coast within the British Commonwealth of Nations,

Noting that in the course of these proposals the Government of the Gold Coast expressed confidence that "the United Nations Organization will not fail to give satisfaction to the frequently reiterated and unanimous demand of the people of the Northern Section for their area to become part of the Northern Territories of the Gold Coast" and stated further that "there is a growing opinion in Southern Togoland in favour of integration with the Gold Coast",

Noting also that, in anticipation of further constitutional changes in the Gold Coast, the 1952 United Nations Visiting Mission, in its report¹⁷ on Togoland under British administration, raised with some urgency the question of the compatibility of the provisions of the Trusteeship Agreement with any further appre-

ciable transfer of executive and legislative authority to the Government of the Gold Coast, and expressed the opinion that the prospect of a further constitutional advance in the Gold Coast may require the position of the Trust Territory to be reviewed with particular care within a relatively short period of time,

Recalling further that the Visiting Missions of 1949 and 1952 and the Trusteeship Council at its eleventh session have recognized that the question of the future constitutional association of Togoland with the Gold Coast depends to a large extent upon the settlement of the unification problem,

1. *Expresses the opinion* that further changes in the Constitution of the Gold Coast, with which Togoland under British administration is administered as an integral part, may, to the extent that they provide for an increased measure of self-government, necessitate revision of the existing Trusteeship Agreement in respect of the Trust Territory in so far as concerns the existing administrative union;

2. *Considers* that, in view of the manifest aspiration of the majority of the population of both the Trust Territories of Togoland for the unification of those Territories, any change in the Trusteeship Agreement for Togoland under British administration will necessarily affect the interests of the inhabitants of Togoland under French administration;

3. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council, at its thirteenth session, to re-examine in all aspects the problem of achieving in the two Trust Territories the basic objectives of the International Trusteeship System as set forth in Article 76 of the Charter and, in particular, the progressive development of the inhabitants towards self-government or independence as may be appropriate to the particular circumstances of the Territories and their peoples and their freely expressed wishes, having particular regard to the special circumstances created by the constitutional and political situation in the Gold Coast as it affects both Togoland under British administration and Togoland under French administration;

4. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to submit to the General Assembly at its ninth session a special report on this problem.

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751 (VIII). Revision of the Questionnaire relating to Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Noting that the Trusteeship Council has adopted the revised Questionnaire,¹⁸

Considering that, under Article 88 of the Charter, the Administering Authorities shall make an annual report to the General Assembly, upon the basis of a questionnaire formulated by the Trusteeship Council, on the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the inhabitants of each Trust Territory,

Considering that, in approving the Provisional Questionnaire, the Trusteeship Council emphasized that it would be adapted, if necessary, to specific Trust Territories,

Considering that the revised Questionnaire is not applicable in its entirety to all Trust Territories,

¹⁸ See document T/1010.

¹⁵ See document T/1067/Rev.1.

¹⁶ See document A/C.4/249.

¹⁷ See document T/1040.

1. *Instructs* a Sub-Committee, consisting of representatives of El Salvador, Haiti, India and Syria, to examine the Questionnaire formulated by the Trusteeship Council, to study such changes as may be necessary to adapt it to the special conditions of each Territory, and to submit its conclusions to the Trusteeship Council;

2. *Invites* the Trusteeship Council to undertake, on the basis of the work of the Sub-Committee established under the preceding paragraph, the preparation of separate questionnaires adapted to the particular circumstances of each Trust Territory.

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752 (VIII). Attainment by the Trust Territories of the objective of self-government or independence

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 558 (VI) of 18 January 1952 by which it invited the Administering Authority of each Trust Territory other than Somaliland under Italian administration to include in each annual report information concerning measures taken or contemplated towards self-government or independence and, *inter alia*, the estimated period of time required for such measures and for the attainment of the ultimate objective,

Having received from the Administering Authorities concerned annual reports covering periods subsequent to 18 January 1952 in respect of all except one of the Trust Territories, namely, the Territories of Western Samoa, New Guinea, Nauru, Tanganyika, Ruanda-Urundi, Togoland under British administration, Togoland under French administration and the Cameroons under French administration,

Noting that the Administering Authorities have not provided in these annual reports the information requested in resolution 558 (VI),

Noting, however, that the Administering Authority of Western Samoa has declared its intention¹⁹ to initiate in 1954 consultations among the representatives of the inhabitants leading to the establishment of a self-governing State,

1. *Reaffirms* resolution 558 (VI) of 18 January 1952;

2. *Commends* to the Administering Authorities of the other Trust Territories the example provided by the Administering Authority of Western Samoa in inviting the inhabitants themselves in 1954 to formulate proposals for the establishment of a self-governing State;

3. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to include in its next and succeeding reports to the General Assembly a separate section dealing with the implementation of resolution 558 (VI) and the present resolution, specifying in particular the measures taken in respect of:

(a) Consultations with the inhabitants of each Trust Territory in regard to the measures taken or contemplated towards self-government;

(b) The development in each Trust Territory of representative, executive and legislative organs and the extension of their powers;

¹⁹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 4*, page 64.

(c) The development in each Trust Territory of universal adult suffrage and direct elections;

(d) The training and appointment of indigenous persons in each Trust Territory for positions of responsibility in the administration;

(e) The development of adequate public revenue; and stating in each case its conclusions and recommendations in the light of resolution 558 (VI) and the present resolution.

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753 (VIII). Educational advancement in Trust Territories: offers by Member States of study and training facilities

The General Assembly,

Noting from the report²⁰ of the Trusteeship Council the results to date of the project of fellowships, scholarships and internships offered by Member States to students from the Trust Territories pursuant to General Assembly resolution 557 (VI) of 18 January 1952,

Considering that the offers thus far made by Member States relate to study and training of university standard and that the inability of the Administering Authorities of the Trust Territories to provide a sufficient number of candidates is due in part to the generally low levels of education prevailing in the Territories and, in particular, to the inadequacy of facilities for post-primary education,

Considering further that the relatively small number of students qualified to take up such fellowships and scholarships requires that the most effective measures be taken to ensure that all potential candidates be given the opportunity to apply and that their applications be duly considered,

1. *Endorses* the tribute paid by the Trusteeship Council to the generosity of those Member States which have offered facilities, and expresses the hope that additional offers will be forthcoming;

2. *Expresses regret* that, in the absence of a sufficient number of qualified candidates, only a small proportion of the fellowships and scholarships offered have been utilized;

3. *Invites* Member States, in renewing or initiating offers of facilities, to take into account the special needs of the Trust Territories arising from their generally low levels of education, and to contemplate the provision of facilities not only for university study but also for post-primary and technical education and training of kinds which may most effectively further the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the Territories;

4. *Invites* Member States offering facilities, in cases where the languages of instruction differ from the languages of the Trust Territories, to consider the possibility of extending the duration of the facilities offered by a preliminary period of language training and other adjustment to the country of study or training;

5. *Recommends* that all Administering Authorities which have not done so give the fullest publicity in the Trust Territories under their administration to all offers of study and training facilities and take such other measures as will ensure that the greatest possible advantage is taken of the offers;

²⁰ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 4*.