

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*.

6. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to undertake such amendment of its procedure for the administration of the project as may be necessary to permit applications to be made through the Secretary-General as well as through the territorial authorities, it being understood that upon receipt of any such applications the Secretary-General will transmit them simultaneously to the Administering Authorities and the offering States concerned;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in United Nations information material prepared for dissemination in the Trust Territories details of all such offers and of the procedures to be followed in submitting applications.

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

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the opinion expressed in its resolution 556 (VI) of 18 January 1952 that it is essential that the peoples of Trust Territories should receive adequate information concerning the United Nations,

Observing that the existing arrangements for the supply of such information are based on Trusteeship Council resolution 36 (III) of 8 July 1948, which invites the Administering Authorities to furnish the Secretary-General (a) with the names and addresses of officials in the Trust Territories to whom suitable material should be sent for information, and (b) with suggestions as to the appropriate channels through which information concerning the United Nations may be communicated to the general public,

Noting, however, from the most recent report²¹ submitted to the Council by the Secretary-General on the implementation of the above-mentioned resolution, that while the Administering Authorities have submitted lists of names and addresses in accordance with the first part of the resolution, they have in no case made any specific suggestions concerning the dissemination of information to the inhabitants of the Trust Territories and to the general public,

Noting from the report that, as the Secretary-General had pointed out in his previous reports on the subject, and as had been emphasized by the observations of the Visiting Missions to West Africa and to the Pacific, which are summarized in the report, the dissemination of information on the United Nations to the peoples of the Trust Territories is still far from satisfactory,

1. *Expresses the opinion* that the existing arrangements for the dissemination in the Trust Territories of information on the United Nations are, in general, inadequate and of limited effectiveness;

2. *Invites* the Administering Authorities to furnish the Secretary-General, in accordance with Trusteeship Council resolution 36 (III) of 8 July 1948, with suggestions as to the appropriate channels through which information on the United Nations and on the International Trusteeship System may be communicated to the general public in the Trust Territories (e.g., Press, radio, non-governmental organizations, trade unions, libraries, cultural, educational and religious institutions, teachers, missionaries, etc.);

²¹ See document T/1073.

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to initiate at the earliest possible date, on the basis of the suggestions furnished by the Administering Authorities or his own knowledge of appropriate information channels, or by making use of both of these sources together, a direct flow of information material addressed to the General public in the Trust Territories;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his periodic reports on this matter to the Trusteeship Council lists of the channels of dissemination which he has established in pursuance of the present resolution.

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755 (VIII). Attainment of independence by the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration by 1960

The General Assembly,

Taking into consideration the fact that, under General Assembly resolution 289 A (IV), adopted on 21 November 1949, the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration is to attain complete independence by 1960,

Mindful that it is necessary for that purpose that the people of Somaliland shall be prepared for self-government,

Considering that it is the duty of both the United Nations and the Administering Authority to take the necessary measures for the implementation of that decision,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts made by the Administering Authority in Somaliland to fulfil the obligations laid down in the Charter and in the Trusteeship Agreement;

2. *Recommends* that the Administering Authority, in consultation with the Advisory Council, should continue to take the necessary steps to prepare the Somali people progressively for the attainment of complete independence, and to that end:

(a) The Territorial Council should be granted the powers of a legislative organ and its members should be elected by the people on the basis of universal adult suffrage;

(b) The administration of Somaliland should be progressively transferred to the indigenous inhabitants as a necessary preliminary to its assumption of independence;

(c) A general economic plan for the Territory should be completed without delay, taking into account the recommendations²² of the United Nations Technical Assistance Mission to the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration, particular attention being paid to methods for developing basic economic resources such as agriculture and stock-breeding, and to possibilities for improving and expanding existing industries;

(d) Efforts should be made to increase the revenue in order to balance the budget as soon as possible, and to that effect expenditures for military and police forces should be reduced to the indispensable minimum;

(e) Use of technical assistance facilities provided by the United Nations and the specialized agencies to assist in economic development and the improvement of social and educational conditions in the Territory should be encouraged;

²² See United Nations Publication, Sales Number: 1953.II.H.2.