

respect of Greenland as terminated and had, therefore, decided to bring to an end the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter,

Considering that resolution 742 (VIII) adopted by the General Assembly on 27 November 1953 instructs the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to study any documentation transmitted under resolution 222 (III) in the light of the list of factors approved by resolution 742 (VIII) and other relevant considerations that may arise from each concrete case,

Having studied the report⁸ prepared by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories during its session of 1954 on the question of the cessation of the transmission of information on Greenland and presented to the General Assembly in conformity with paragraph 2 of resolution 448 (V) of 12 December 1950,

Having examined the communication of the Government of Denmark in the light of the basic principles and objectives embodied in Chapter XI of the Charter, the criteria established by the list of factors, and of all the other elements of judgment pertinent to the issue,

Bearing in mind the competence of the General Assembly to decide whether a Non-Self-Governing Territory has or has not attained a full measure of self-government as referred to in Chapter XI of the Charter,

1. *Takes note* of the conclusions set forth by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories in its resolution;⁹

2. *Takes note* of the opinion of the Government of Denmark that due to the new constitutional status of Greenland the Government of Denmark regards its "responsibilities according to Chapter XI of the Charter as terminated" and that consequently the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter in respect of Greenland should be brought to an end;

3. *Commends* the action of the Member State concerned in including in its delegation to the General Assembly representatives elected by the National Council of Greenland for the purpose of furnishing information on constitutional changes in Greenland;

4. *Takes note* that when deciding on their new constitutional status, through their duly elected representatives, the people of Greenland have freely exercised their right to self-determination;

5. *Expresses the opinion* that, from the documentation and the explanations provided, Greenland freely decided on its integration within the Kingdom of Denmark on an equal constitutional and administrative basis with the other parts of Denmark;

6. *Notes with satisfaction* the achievement of self-government by the people of Greenland;

7. *Considers* that due to these circumstances the Declaration regarding Non-Self-Governing Territories with the provisions established under it in Chapter XI of the Charter can no longer be applied to Greenland;

8. *Considers* it appropriate that the transmission of information in respect of Greenland under Article 73 e of the Charter should now cease.

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22 November 1954.

⁸ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 18, part one, section IX.

⁹ Ibid., para. 61.

850 (IX). Consideration of communications relating to the cessation of the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter

The General Assembly,

Considering that, by resolutions 222 (III), 448 (V) and 742 (VIII), it has approved principles which should be followed in evaluating situations indicative of the attainment of a full measure of self-government by the peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories and the consequent cessation of the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter,

Having approved in 1953 and 1954 resolutions¹⁰ relating to the cessation of the transmission of information concerning Puerto Rico and Greenland respectively.

Considering that the experience gained should be used by the General Assembly to perfect the methods and procedures to be followed in such cases,

Considering further the necessity of laying down procedures enabling the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to discharge its functions under General Assembly resolution 742 (VIII),

1. *Expresses the opinion* that communications received from the Members concerned relating to the cessation of the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter in respect of any Non-Self-Governing Territory should be examined, as indicated in resolution 742 (VIII), with particular emphasis on the manner in which the right of self-determination has been attained and freely exercised;

2. *Considers* that, in order to evaluate as fully as possible the opinion of the population as to the status or change in status which they desire, a mission, if the General Assembly deems it desirable, should, in agreement with the Administering Member, visit the Non-Self-Governing Territory before or during the time when the population is called upon to decide on its future status or change in status;

3. *Considers* that the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories might study means by which it could, at the appropriate time, draw the attention of the General Assembly to the forthcoming changes in the status of the Territory concerned;

4. *Invites* the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to include in its report to the General Assembly at its tenth session any proposals that it considers desirable concerning the implementation of the present resolution.

499th plenary meeting,
22 November 1954.

851 (IX). Report of the Committee on South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having established by resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953, "until such time as an agreement is reached between the United Nations and the Union of South Africa, a Committee on South West Africa",

¹⁰ See resolutions 748 (VIII) and 849 (IX).

Having requested that Committee to "examine, within the scope of the Questionnaire adopted by the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations in 1926, such information and documentation as may be available in respect of the Territory of South West Africa" and to "transmit to the General Assembly a report concerning conditions in the Territory taking into account, as far as possible, the scope of the reports of the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations",

Having considered the report¹¹ of the Committee on South West Africa,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the work of the Committee;

2. *Notes* the report and observations regarding conditions in the Territory of South West Africa, contained in annex V of the report of the Committee;

3. *Notes with concern* that, in the opinion of the Committee, the administration of South West Africa is in several aspects not in conformity with the obligations of the Government of the Union of South Africa under the Mandate;

4. *Notes with satisfaction* that the representative of the Union of South Africa participated in the substantive discussion in the Fourth Committee of the report on conditions in the Territory of South West Africa;

5. *Invites therefore* the Government of the Union of South Africa to co-operate with the Committee on South West Africa and, in particular, to submit to the Committee reports on its administration of the Territory of South West Africa and to assist the Committee on South West Africa in the examination of such reports or such information and documentation as may be available to that Committee;

6. *Requests* the Committee on South West Africa to analyse and summarize the substantive discussion of the South West African question in the Fourth Committee of the General Assembly and to transmit this analysis and summary to the Government of the Union of South Africa for its information;

7. *Requests further* the Committee on South West Africa to examine the extent to which and the manner in which the specialized agencies and extra-budgetary organs of the United Nations might contribute to the social, economic and educational advancement of the inhabitants of the Territory.

501st plenary meeting,
23 November 1954.

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At its 512th plenary meeting on 14 December 1954, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fourth Committee to the President, approved the nomination of THAILAND and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA to fill the vacancies occurring in the Committee on South West Africa.

852 (IX). Status of the Territory of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having recommended, by its resolutions 65 (I) of 14 December 1946, 141 (II) of 1 November 1947, 227

¹¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 14*, and documents A/2666/Corr.1 and A/2666/Add.1.

(III) of 26 November 1948, 337 (IV) of 6 December 1949, 449 B (V) of 13 December 1950, 570 B (VI) of 19 January 1952 and 749 B (VIII) of 28 November 1953, that the Mandated Territory of South West Africa be placed under the International Trusteeship System, and having repeatedly invited the Government of the Union of South Africa to propose, for the consideration of the General Assembly, a Trusteeship Agreement for South West Africa,

Having accepted, by its resolution 449 A (V) of 13 December 1950, the advisory opinion of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice concerning South West Africa, *inter alia*, to the effect that:

(a) While "the provisions of Chapter XII of the Charter do not impose on the Union of South West Africa a legal obligation to place the Territory under the Trusteeship System", they "are applicable to the Territory of South West Africa in the sense that they provide a means by which the Territory may be brought under the Trusteeship System",

(b) "... the Union of South Africa acting alone has not the competence to modify the international status of the Territory of South West Africa", and "... the competence to determine and modify the international status of the Territory rests with the Union of South Africa acting with the consent of the United Nations",

Considering that, in accordance with Chapter XII of the Charter, all Mandated Territories which have not achieved independence have been brought under the Trusteeship System with the sole exception of the Territory of South West Africa,

1. *Reiterates* its resolutions 65 (I) of 14 December 1946, 141 (II) of 1 November 1947, 227 (III) of 26 November 1948, 337 (IV) of 6 December 1949, 449 B (V) of 13 December 1950, 570 B (VI) of 19 January 1952 and 749 B (VIII) of 28 November 1953, to the effect that the Territory of South West Africa be placed under the International Trusteeship System;

2. *Reasserts* that the normal way of modifying the international status of the Territory would be to place it under the Trusteeship System by means of a Trusteeship Agreement in accordance with the provisions of Chapter XII of the Charter.

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23 November 1954.

853 (IX). Participation of the indigenous inhabitants of the Trust Territories in the work of the Trusteeship Council

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 554 (VI) of 18 January 1952 and 653 (VII) of 21 December 1952 in so far as they concern the participation of the indigenous inhabitants of the Trust Territories in the work of the Trusteeship Council,

Concerned to ensure that the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the inhabitants of the Trust Territories and their progressive development towards self-government or independence shall be attained in accordance with the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned,

Considering that it is essential to employ to their fullest extent the means which are already enumerated in the Charter to ensure that, as free public opinion