

evolves in each Trust Territory, it will be brought effectively to bear on the examination by the Council of conditions in that Territory,

1. *Recommends* to the Trusteeship Council that, in order to develop further the participation of the indigenous inhabitants in its work through the medium of visiting missions, it instruct each mission:

(a) Not only to consider such expressions of public opinion as may be spontaneously brought before it by all sections of the population, but also to take the initiative in seeking out public opinion on all important problems and to undertake popular consultations in whatever forms it may deem appropriate;

(b) To report fully on the development of the free expression of the wishes of the people and on the main trends of their opinions and to make recommendations concerning the further development of a free public opinion;

2. *Recommends* to the Council that, in order to develop further the participation of the indigenous inhabitants in its work through the medium of their right of petition, it should:

(a) Examine and propose concrete action upon, as part of its examination of conditions in each Trust Territory, petitions which may reflect public opinion on questions of general concern to the development of the Territory;

(b) Request the Administration Authorities to make copies of their annual reports promptly available to the peoples of the Territories;

(c) Instruct each visiting mission to encourage in the Trust Territories public discussion of and expression of views on the annual reports, and to report on the extent to which facilities have been made available to the population for the purpose;

3. *Recommends* to the Council that, as a means of ensuring, in cases which it deems urgent, that a given situation in a Trust Territory meets with the freely expressed wishes of the people, it should immediately grant a hearing to those qualified representatives of public opinion who apply for one, or in the case of representatives who are unable to travel, the Council should examine all communications, letters or telegrams expressing their points of view;

4. *Reiterates* the views and recommendations put forward in its resolutions 554 (VI) of 18 January 1952 and 653 (VII) of 21 December 1952.

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14 December 1954.*

854 (IX). Question of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, in its resolution 392 (V) of 15 December 1950, it recommended that the boundary between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia should be delimited by bilateral negotiations between the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory and the Government of Ethiopia and that, in order to resolve any and all differences arising in the course of such negotiations, the parties to such bilateral negotiations should agree, on the request of either party, to a procedure of me-

diation by a United Nations Mediator to be appointed by the Secretary-General and, further, in the event of the inability of the parties to accept the recommendations of the Mediator, to a procedure of arbitration,

Recalling further that, in its resolution 755 (VIII) of 9 December 1953, it recommended to the two Governments that they should intensify their efforts to achieve a final, just, equitable and friendly settlement of the question,

Having taken note of the conclusion of the Trusteeship Council, contained in its resolution 1000 (XIV) of 6 July 1954, that the delimitation of the frontier is a matter of the utmost urgency in view both of the approach of the date of the attainment of independence by the Trust Territory and of the continuing political, economic and social difficulties in the area of the present provisional frontier,

Having taken note of the information¹² submitted by the Governments of Ethiopia and Italy concerning the progress of the direct negotiations between them on the delimitation of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia,

Having further taken note of the information¹³ submitted by the United Nations Advisory Council for the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration concerning the situation in the frontier area,

1. *Notes with concern* that no progress has been made to date in the direct negotiations between the Governments of Ethiopia and Italy on the delimitation of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia;

2. *Urges* the Governments of Ethiopia and Italy to exert their utmost efforts to achieve a final settlement of the frontier question by direct negotiations;

3. *Recommends* that, should direct negotiations fail to achieve any results by July 1955, the two Governments agree to the procedure outlined in General Assembly resolution 392 (V) of 15 December 1950.

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14 December 1954.*

855 (IX). Financing of the economic development plans of the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration

The General Assembly,

Having considered Trusteeship Council resolution 1001 (XIV) of 7 July 1954 on the financing of the economic development plans of the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration,

Bearing in mind the fact that a United Nations Visiting Mission has just travelled through the Territory and will have to submit to the Trusteeship Council a full report on the general situation there, including reference to the economic development plans prepared by the Administering Authority,

1. *Takes sympathetic note* of Trusteeship Council resolution 1001 (XIV) of 7 July 1954;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider in agreement with the Italian Government the advisability

¹² See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 13, document A/C.4/277.

¹³ *Ibid.*

of asking the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to send a mission of experts to study the situation and the possibilities of economic development in the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration;

3. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to continue its study of the question and on the basis of the conclusions of the 1954 Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in East Africa and the report of the Bank, if the plan for the mission referred to in the preceding paragraph is carried out, to endeavour to decide on practical measures for financing the economic development plans for Somaliland and to report to the General Assembly at its next session;

4. *Expresses the hope* that, in the meantime, the Administering Authority will continue unremittingly in its efforts to further the economic development of the Trust Territory.

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14 December 1954.*

856 (IX). Form of the annual report of the Trusteeship Council to the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 433 (V) of 2 December 1950 on the annual reports of the Trusteeship Council,

Recalling its resolution 789 (VIII) of 9 December 1953 on the control and limitation of documentation,

Having taken note of the conclusions of the Council on this question as contained in its report¹⁴ covering the period from 22 July 1953 to 16 July 1954,

1. *Approves*, on a trial basis, the proposals of the Trusteeship Council concerning the form of its report to the General Assembly to the effect that a comprehensive report on a given Trust Territory should be presented by the Council only every third year coinciding with the Council's examination of the report on the Territory by a visiting mission, and that the Council should submit a shorter report in the intervening years, giving only an account of the developments and progress made during the year under review but including such background materials as would enable the Assembly to appreciate the significance of important developments, the comments and observations of Member States and the conclusions and recommendations of the Council;

2. *Requests, however*, that in view of the time-limit set for the attainment by 1960 of independence by the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration, the Council annually submit a comprehensive report on that Trust Territory.

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14 December 1954.*

857 (IX). Report of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 22 July 1953 to 16 July 1954

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the report¹⁵ of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 22 July 1953 to 16 July 1954;

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 4.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*

2. *Recommends* that the Council, in its future deliberations, take into account the comments and suggestions made in the course of the discussions of its report at the ninth session of the General Assembly.

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14 December 1954.*

858 (IX). 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,

Recalling further its resolution 752 (VIII) of 9 December 1953 by which it requested the Trusteeship Council to include in its next and succeeding reports to the General Assembly a separate section dealing with the implementation of resolutions 558 (VI) and 752 (VIII), specifying the various measures taken or contemplated towards self-government or independence and stating in each case its conclusions and recommendations in the light of these resolutions,

Considering that one of the most effective means of assisting the peoples of the Trust Territories to achieve the objectives set forth in Article 76 b of the Charter is to provide them with an opportunity to obtain experience in the work of government and administration by participation in representative bodies with adequate powers to carry out such work,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* that, in response to the request of the General Assembly, the Trusteeship Council has included in its report covering the period from 22 July 1953 to 16 July 1954 a separate section¹⁶ dealing with the attainment by the Trust Territories of the objective of self-government or independence;

2. *Notes, however*, that the Council has not formulated in this report any conclusions or recommendations on the measures taken or contemplated towards self-government or independence;

3. *Expresses the hope* that the Council will include its conclusions and recommendations on this question in its next and succeeding reports to the General Assembly;

4. *Recommends* that the Council instruct its visiting missions to give special attention in their reports to the Council to the question of attainment by the Trust Territories of self-government or independence in the light of resolutions 558 (VI) and 752 (VIII) and of the present resolution;

5. *Recommends* to the Administering Authorities that, as a means to facilitate an approximate determination of the date on which the populations of the Trust Territories would be prepared for self-government or independence, they should intensify their efforts to the utmost to bring about the establishment of new representative organs of government and administration

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, p. 279 et seqq.