

562 (VI). Abolition of corporal punishment in Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 440 (V) of 2 December 1950 in which it recommended that measures should be taken immediately to bring about the complete abolition of corporal punishment in all Trust Territories where it still existed,

Considering that the said resolution does not establish any distinction between the native and territorial judicial authorities which are empowered, by law or by custom, to award such punishment,

Having noted the reports¹⁷ submitted in pursuance of the said resolution by the Administering Authorities concerned,

1. Notes that measures have been taken to reduce the number of offences in respect of which the penalty is applied;

2. Notes the arguments presented by the Administering Authorities concerned to explain why this penalty has not yet completely disappeared;

3. Is of the opinion nevertheless that these considerations should not prevent the complete abolition of corporal punishment in the Trust Territories where it still exists;

4. Urges that corporal punishment (by whip, cane or any other means) should be completely abolished as a disciplinary punishment in all prisons of the Trust Territories where it still exists;

5. Recommends that Administering Authorities should enforce immediately legislation with a view to replacing corporal punishment in all cases by methods of modern penology;

6. Repeats its previous recommendations and urges the Administering Authorities concerned to comply with them without delay.

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563 (VI). Administrative unions affecting Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Having by resolution 443 (V) of 12 December 1950 decided to carry over the item relating to administrative unions affecting Trust Territories for consideration at the sixth session of the General Assembly,

Recalling that by its resolution 224 (III) of 18 November 1948 the General Assembly recommended that the Trusteeship Council should investigate the question of administrative unions in all its aspects, and that by its resolution 326 (IV) of 15 November 1949 it recommended that the Trusteeship Council should complete its investigation,

Recalling further that by resolution 326 (IV) the General Assembly noted that the Trusteeship Agreements do not authorize any form of political association which would involve annexation of the Trust Territories in any sense, or would have the effect of extinguishing their status as Trust Territories, and affirmed the view that measures of customs, fiscal or

administrative union must not in any way hamper the free evolution of each Trust Territory towards self-government or independence,

Having examined the reports¹⁸ of the Trusteeship Council concerning administrative unions and the manner in which the Council has continued to observe the development of such unions;

1. Notes that the Trusteeship Council has not as yet been able to examine fully all the aspects of administrative unions;

2. Notes further that some of the recommendations of the Council have not yet been fully implemented;

3. Requests the Trusteeship Council, in order to enable the General Assembly to arrive at conclusions concerning existing administrative unions affecting Trust Territories, to submit to the General Assembly at its seventh regular session, a special report containing a complete analysis of each of the administrative unions to which a Trust Territory is a party, and of the status of the Cameroons and Togoland under French administration arising out of their membership in the French Union, with special reference to:

(a) The considerations enumerated in paragraph 1 of resolution 326 (IV) of the General Assembly;

(b) The compatibility of the arrangements already made with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the Trusteeship Agreement;

4. Establishes a Committee on Administrative Unions, which shall meet three weeks before the next regular session of the General Assembly, composed of Belgium, Brazil, India and the United States of America, to make a preliminary examination of the special report prepared by the Trusteeship Council and to present its observations thereon to the General Assembly at its seventh regular session.

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564 (VI). Economic conditions and problems of economic development in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Noting the report¹⁹ prepared by the Special Committee on Information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter on economic conditions and problems of economic development in Non-Self-Governing Territories,

1. Approves the report of the Special Committee as a brief but considered indication of economic conditions in the Non-Self-Governing Territories and the problems of economic development;

2. Invites the Secretary-General to communicate this report for their consideration 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.

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¹⁷ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixth Session, Supplement No. 4, part II.

¹⁸ Ibid., Fifth Session, Supplement No. 4, p. 180-183, 185-215. Ibid., Sixth Session, Supplement No. 4, p. 22.

¹⁹ Ibid., Sixth Session, Supplement No. 14, part three.