

of the Committee on South West Africa concerning the transfer of "Native" administration to the Minister of Native Affairs of the Union of South Africa and concerning the rights and freedoms of the inhabitants of the Territory of South West Africa.

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1059 (XI). Solution of the question of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Considering that, of the Territories that were under class B and class C Mandate of the League of Nations at the time of the League's demise, the Territory of South West Africa remains the only one that has not been placed under the International Trusteeship System established by the Charter of the United Nations,

Considering it in the best interest of all parties concerned that a satisfactory solution of the question of South West Africa should be reached as soon as possible,

Having accepted, by its resolution 449 A (V) of 13 December 1950, the advisory opinion¹⁵ of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa,

Bearing in mind the various resolutions of the General Assembly concerning the Territory of South West Africa and the desire expressed by Member States that all possible efforts be made to bring this problem to a satisfactory conclusion in the spirit of harmony that prevails in the United Nations,

Expressing the hope that the Government of the Union of South Africa will offer to the United Nations its full co-operation,

1. *Draws the attention* of the Secretary-General to the discussions in the Fourth Committee and in the General Assembly in plenary meeting on the question of South West Africa;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore ways and means of solving satisfactorily the question of South West Africa and to take whatever steps he shall deem necessary with a view to finding such a solution in line with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on this matter to the General Assembly at his earliest convenience.

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1060 (XI). Study of legal action to ensure the fulfilment of the obligations assumed by the Mandatory Power under the Mandate for South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having regard to the provisions of the Mandate for South West Africa, the Covenant of the League of Nations, the Charter of the United Nations and the resolutions of the General Assembly in regard to South West Africa,

Noting that its resolutions endorsing and accepting the advisory opinion¹⁵ of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice and urging the Union of

South Africa to place the Territory of South West Africa under trusteeship have been of no avail,

1. *Requests* the Committee on South West Africa to study the following question:

"What legal action is open to the organs of the United Nations, or to the Members of the United Nations, or to the former Members of the League of Nations, acting either individually or jointly, to ensure that the Union of South Africa fulfils the obligations assumed by it under the Mandate, pending the placing of the Territory of South West Africa under the International Trusteeship System?"

2. *Further requests* the Committee on South West Africa to submit to the General Assembly at its twelfth session a special report containing conclusions and recommendations on the question.

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1061 (XI). Composition of the Committee on South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, by its resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953, it established, until such time as an agreement is reached between the United Nations and the Union of South Africa concerning the question of South West Africa, a Committee on South West Africa consisting of seven Members.

Considering that the continuing absence of such an agreement requires that the Committee on South West Africa should remain in existence for the purposes set forth in resolution 749 A (VIII),

Decides that:

(a) The composition of the Committee on South West Africa shall be increased to nine members appointed by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Fourth Committee;

(b) One-third of the membership of the Committee shall be renewed by the same procedure annually.

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At its 661st plenary meeting on 26 February 1957, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fourth Committee, appointed Ethiopia and Finland as additional members of the Committee on South West Africa. The Committee is therefore composed as follows: BRAZIL, ETHIOPIA, FINLAND, MEXICO, PAKISTAN, SYRIA, THAILAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and URUGUAY.

1062 (XI). Travel documents of petitioners from Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Having received and granted several requests for hearings from petitioners in the Trust Territories of the Cameroons under British administration and the Cameroons under French administration,¹⁹

Having also received a memorandum by the Secretary-General²⁰ on this question,

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, *Eleventh Session, Annexes*, agenda item 13, document A/C.4/330 and Add.1 to 26.

²⁰ *Ibid.*, document A/C.4/333.

Noting that the petitioners are finding it difficult to obtain travel documents,

Considering that the exercise of the right of oral petition to the United Nations by the inhabitants of Territories under the International Trusteeship System should be facilitated,

Invites the Administering Members concerned to grant the petitioners referred to in the present resolution travel documents to enable them to appear before the proper organs of the United Nations for hearings, when granted by such organs, and to return thereafter to their places of residence.

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1063 (XI). Offers by States Members of the United Nations of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Noting from the report of the Trusteeship Council the results of the programme of scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States to inhabitants of Trust Territories pursuant to General Assembly resolution 557 (VI) of 18 January 1952,²¹

Noting that the major part of the scholarships offered by Member States remains unutilized,

Recalling that, in its resolution 753 (VIII) of 9 December 1953, the General Assembly recommended that the Administering Authorities of the Trust Territories take all such measures as would ensure the greatest possible use by inhabitants of the Trust Territories of the scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States,

1. *Requests* the Member States administering Trust Territories to take all the necessary measures to ensure that scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States be utilized by inhabitants of the Trust Territories, and to render every assistance to those persons who have been granted scholarships or fellowships;

2. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to consider, at its sessions in 1957, the question of the way in which the scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States are being utilized by inhabitants of Trust Territories and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twelfth session;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twelfth session a detailed report on the actual use of scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States for the education of the inhabitants of Trust Territories.

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1064 (XI). Attainment of self-government or independence by Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Taking into account that, in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, one of the basic objectives of the International Trusteeship System is the progressive development of the popula-

²¹ *Ibid.*, Eleventh Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/3170), part I, chapter V, section 5.

tions of Trust Territories towards self-government or independence,

Taking into account that, under General Assembly resolution 289 A (IV) of 21 November 1949, the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration is to attain complete independence by 1960, and that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1044 (XI) of 13 December 1956, the Trust Territory of Togoland under British administration is to attain independence in 1957 through union with an independent Gold Coast,

Recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolution 558 (VI) of 18 January 1952, invited the Administering Authority of each Trust Territory to determine the period of time in which it was expected that the Trust Territory concerned should attain self-government or independence, and also taking into account that this question has been repeatedly discussed at subsequent sessions of the General Assembly,

Noting that the Trusteeship Council, in its report to the eleventh session of the General Assembly,²² drew the attention of the Assembly to the fact that up to now the Administering Authorities have not fixed such time-limits,

Attaching great importance to the fixing of definite time-limits for the termination of trusteeship in Trust Territories and for the granting of self-government or independence to the peoples of these Territories,

1. *Recommends* that the Administering Authorities take the necessary measures to ensure that the Trust Territories of Tanganyika, the Cameroons under British administration, the Cameroons under French administration, Togoland under French administration and Ruanda-Urundi achieve self-government or independence at an early date;

2. *Invites* the Administering Authorities to estimate the period of time required for the attainment of self-government or independence by all Trust Territories, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 558 (VI) of 18 January 1952 and the present resolution;

3. *Invites* the Administering Authorities to submit appropriate information to the Trusteeship Council at its nineteenth and twentieth sessions on the implementation of paragraphs 1 and 2 above;

4. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to report to the General Assembly at its twelfth session on the progress made in implementing the present resolution.

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1065 (XI). The future of the Trust Territory of Tanganyika

The General Assembly,

Having noted, during a hearing granted by the Fourth Committee, the statements of Mr. Julius Nyerere, President of the Tanganyika African National Union, on the situation and the future of the Trust Territory of Tanganyika,²³

Having noted in particular the views expressed by the petitioner to the effect that:

²² *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 4 (A/3170).

²³ *Ibid.*, Eleventh Session, Fourth Committee, 579th and 582nd meetings.