

tion of Human Rights, the advisory opinions of the International Court of Justice, and the resolutions of the General Assembly,

Having received from the Committee on South West Africa the sixth report⁹ submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953,

Noting further the conclusion of the Committee that it is essential to the welfare and security of the peoples of South West Africa that the administration of the Territory be altered without undue delay,¹⁰

Having also heard the statements of petitioners which further corroborate the conclusions and opinions formed by the Committee on South West Africa concerning political, social, economic and educational conditions prevailing in the Territory,

Considering further that, while the former Mandated Territories placed under the International Trusteeship System have rapidly progressed towards independence, the conditions in the Territory of South West Africa present a totally different picture,

1. *Notes* the statement made by the representative of the Union of South Africa at the 924th meeting of the Fourth Committee on 26 October 1959 expressing, *inter alia*, the Union's readiness to enter into discussions with the United Nations;

2. *Invites* the Government of the Union of South Africa to enter into negotiations with the United Nations through the Committee on South West Africa, which is authorized under its terms of reference to continue negotiations with the Union, or through any other committee which the General Assembly may appoint, with a view to placing the Mandated Territory under the International Trusteeship System;

3. *Requests* the Government of the Union of South Africa to formulate for the consideration of the General Assembly, at its fifteenth session, proposals which will enable the Mandated Territory of South West Africa to be administered in accordance with the principles and purposes of the Mandate, the supervisory functions being exercised by the United Nations according to the terms and intent of the Charter;

4. *Approves* the report of the Committee on South West Africa and commends it to the urgent attention of the Government of the Union of South Africa;

5. *Requests* the Committee on South West Africa, or any other committee which may be appointed in pursuance of paragraph 2 above, to submit to the General Assembly, at its fifteenth session, a report on the negotiations with the Union Government in addition to the annual report on conditions in the Territory of South West Africa.

838th plenary meeting,
17 November 1959.

1361 (XIV). Legal action to ensure the fulfilment of the obligations assumed by the Union of South Africa in respect of the Territory of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice of 11 July 1950 concerning the international status of South West Africa,²

Recalling that, by its resolution 449 A (V) of 13 December 1950, it accepted the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice,

Recalling further that, by its resolution 1142 A (XII) of 25 October 1957, it commended the special report of the Committee on South West Africa¹¹ on legal action which might be taken for that purpose, and in particular drew the attention of Member States to the legal action provided for in article 7 of the Mandate read with Article 37 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice,

Draws the attention of Member States to the conclusions of the special report of the Committee on South West Africa covering the legal action open to Member States to refer any dispute with the Union of South Africa concerning the interpretation or application of the Mandate for South West Africa to the International Court of Justice for adjudication in accordance with article 7 of the Mandate read in conjunction with Article 37 of the Statute of the Court.

838th plenary meeting,
17 November 1959.

1362 (XIV). Report of the Good Offices Committee on South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Good Offices Committee on South West Africa,¹² prepared in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1243 (XIII) of 30 October 1958,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Good Offices Committee on South West Africa;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the members of the Committee for their efforts.

838th plenary meeting,
17 November 1959.

1409 (XIV). Report of the Trusteeship Council

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 2 August 1958 to 6 August 1959,¹³

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Trusteeship Council;

2. *Recommends* that the Trusteeship Council, in its future deliberations, should take into account the comments and suggestions made during the discussion of its report at the fourteenth session of the General Assembly.

846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.

1410 (XIV). Dissemination of information on the United Nations and on the International Trusteeship System in Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1276 (XIII) of 5 December 1958, whereby the General Assembly, *inter alia*, requested the Secretary-General to prepare, for the twenty-fourth session of the Trusteeship Council, a

¹¹ *Ibid.*, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 12A (A/3625).

¹² *Ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 38, document A/4224.

¹³ *Ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/4100).

⁹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12 (A/4191).

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12 (A/4191), para. 233.

report on the early establishment of United Nations information centres in or near the Trust Territories,

Noting from the report¹⁴ submitted by the Secretary-General to the Trusteeship Council pursuant to General Assembly resolution 1276 (XIII) that information centres may be established only after the State concerned has requested or agreed to the establishment of these centres and after the Assembly has provided the necessary funds, and that thus far no requests have been received by the Secretary-General from the Administering Authorities for the establishment of information centres in any of the Trust Territories,

Having perused the report¹⁵ submitted by the Secretary-General to the Trusteeship Council at its twenty-fourth session under Council resolution 36 (III) of 8 July 1948 and observing therefrom that the dissemination of information on the United Nations among the peoples of the Trust Territories is still far from satisfactory,

Keeping in view the special status of Trust Territories and their inhabitants and also the General Assembly's own special responsibilities under Chapters XII and XIII of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reiterating that it is essential, in the General Assembly's view, that the peoples of Trust Territories should receive adequate information concerning the purposes and operation of the United Nations and of the International Trusteeship System,

Noting the recommendation of the Committee of Experts on United Nations Public Information that United Nations information centres constitute the most important means of disseminating information about the United Nations,¹⁶

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to initiate discussions with the Administering Authorities concerned with a view to establishing, during 1960, in at least some of the larger Trust Territories, such as Tanganyika, Ruanda-Urundi and New Guinea, United Nations information centres in which the responsible positions would be occupied preferably by indigenous inhabitants of the Trust Territories concerned;

2. *Also requests* the Administering Authorities to extend their co-operation and assistance to the Secretary-General in implementing the recommendations made in paragraph 1 above;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, for the fifteenth session of the General Assembly, a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

1411 (XIV). Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind that most of the Trust Territories do not have sufficient facilities for higher education which would ensure the education of highly qualified indigenous cadres,

¹⁴ *Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 13, document T/1467.*

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, document T/1463.

¹⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 55, document A/3928, para. 227 (e).*

Considering the urgent need in the Trust Territories for indigenous personnel who could take over the functions held by those non-indigenous persons who up to now have occupied the most important positions in the administration of these Territories,

Expressing regret that the greater part of the scholarships offered by Member States remain unutilized,

Expressing regret also that some Administering Authorities do not provide all students who have been accorded scholarships with facilities to leave the Trust Territories in order to take advantage of such scholarships, as attested by the periodic report of the Secretary-General on the progress of the scholarship programme,¹⁷

Recalling its resolution 557 (VI) of 18 January 1952, inviting the Member States to make scholarships available to qualified students from the Trust Territories,

1. *Takes note* of part I, chapter VII, section D, of the report of the Trusteeship Council,¹⁸ as well as of the periodic report of the Secretary-General on the progress of the scholarship programme;

2. *Reaffirms* its resolution 1277 (XIII) of 5 December 1958 and once again invites the Administering Authorities to take all necessary measures consistent with the interests and needs of the Trust Territories and their peoples to ensure that scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States may be utilized by inhabitants of these Territories, and to render every assistance to those persons who have applied for or have been granted scholarships or fellowships, particularly with regard to facilitating their travel formalities;

3. *Requests* all Administering Authorities which have not done so to give the fullest publicity in the Trust Territories under their administration to all offers of study and training facilities made by Member States;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give such assistance as is possible and as may be sought by the Member States concerned and by the applicants;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, for the fifteenth session of the General Assembly, a report concerning the actual use of scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States to students from the Trust Territories;

6. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to resume, at its sessions to be held in 1960, the consideration of this question and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session;

7. *Decides* to place this question as a separate item on the provisional agenda of its fifteenth session.

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

1412 (XIV). Preparation and training of indigenous civil cadres in the Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Noting from chapters on individual Trust Territories in part II of the report of the Trusteeship Council¹⁹ that there are serious shortages of qualified civilian and technical personnel in all these Territories,

Considering that appropriately trained indigenous civil and technical cadres are essential to the functioning

¹⁷ *Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 14, document T/1462.*