

of the administration of these Territories when they emerge from trusteeship to independence,

Considering also that it is equally necessary and desirable that, before the accession of Trust Territories to independence, positions of high responsibility should be held by suitably trained indigenous persons so that the transfer of power from the Administering Authorities to the Administrations of the Territories upon the termination of trusteeship should take place smoothly without causing administrative dislocation,

Considering further that, while the Administering Authorities are becoming increasingly aware of the vital need of developing civil and technical cadres of indigenous persons and are taking steps to fulfil it, the measures adopted for the training of indigenous personnel in various fields of administration and for transferring positions of high responsibility to them are inadequate and need to be expanded and accelerated,

1. *Urges* the Administering Authorities to take expeditious measures on a planned basis aimed at the rapid development of indigenous civil and technical cadres and for the replacement of expatriate personnel by local officers;

2. *Draws the attention* of the Administering Authorities to the facilities provided by the United Nations under the programmes of technical assistance and public administration for training in administration and related functions, and requests them to make fuller use of these facilities;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the utilization by the Administering Authorities of the facilities for training offered by the United Nations in this field and to submit it to the Trusteeship Council at its twenty-sixth session.

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1413 (XIV). Attainment of self-government or independence by Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Considering that the basic objective of the International Trusteeship System under the Charter of the United Nations is the progressive development of the inhabitants of Trust Territories towards self-government or independence,

Recalling its resolutions 558 (VI) of 18 January 1952, 1064 (XI) of 26 February 1957, 1207 (XII) of 13 December 1957 and 1274 (XIII) of 5 December 1958,

Noting with satisfaction that the dates for the attainment of independence of Togoland under French administration, the Cameroons under French administration and Somaliland under Italian administration have already been set,

Noting further that the time-table proposed by the Administering Authority provides for the attainment of independence by Western Samoa under New Zealand administration in the course of 1961, and that processes leading to the termination of trusteeship over the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration in 1961 have already been set in motion,

Believing that the formulation of plans and targets in advance can assist in the acceleration of the progress of the inhabitants of Trust Territories towards independence,

Considering therefore that at this stage it is both necessary and desirable to foresee the course of developments leading to the attainment of independence by the Trust Territories of Tanganyika and Ruanda-Urundi in the near future,

Having examined part I, chapter V, of the report of the Trusteeship Council,¹⁸

1. *Requests* the Administering Authorities concerned to propose, after consultation with the representatives of the inhabitants, for the consideration of the General Assembly at its fifteenth session, time-tables and targets for the attainment of independence by the Trust Territories of Tanganyika and Ruanda-Urundi in the near future;

2. *Invites* the Administering Authorities concerned to formulate, in respect of the remaining Trust Territories, early successive intermediate targets and dates in the fields of political, economic, social and educational development so as to create, as soon as possible, favourable conditions for the attainment of self-government or independence;

3. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council, in its examination of the annual reports submitted by the Administering Authorities and in formulating the terms of reference of the 1960 visiting mission to Trust Territories in Africa, to keep in view the provisions of the present resolution.

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1414 (XIV). Study of opportunities for international co-operation on behalf of the former Trust Territories which have become independent

The General Assembly,

Noting that three Trust Territories—the Cameroons under French administration, Togoland under French administration and Somaliland under Italian administration—will attain independence during 1960 and that other Trust Territories will also attain independence during the following years,

Considering that the United Nations, under the Trusteeship System and in co-operation with the Administering Authorities, has contributed to ensuring this attainment of independence in the best possible circumstances,

Considering also that these countries, generally speaking, are under-developed, and that during the first years of their independence they will have to find speedy solutions to a considerable number of problems in the administrative, economic, social and educational fields,

Considering that it would be necessary and normal for the international community to continue to show special concern for the former Trust Territories and to be prepared to grant every possible assistance if those countries, having become independent and sovereign, should desire such assistance,

Considering that it would be appropriate to survey the various ways and means of providing international assistance,

1. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to make a study, under Article 62, paragraph 1, of the Charter of the United Nations, of all opportunities for international co-operation which could be of interest to the