

Assembly in the performance of its functions by transmitting information of a political and constitutional character on developments in the Territories under their respective administration;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the progress report and the observations and conclusions prepared by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to the Member States responsible for the administration of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, to the Economic and Social Council, to the regional economic commissions and to the specialized agencies concerned, for necessary action.

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15 December 1960.*

1536 (XV). Racial discrimination in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling that it is among the purposes and principles of the United Nations to ensure equal rights, and to promote respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Recalling further that in its resolutions 644 (VII) of 10 December 1952 and 1328 (XIII) of 12 December 1958 it recommended the adoption of certain measures for the abolition of all practices and policies of discrimination on racial grounds in the Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Noting with deep concern, from the information available in the report on the progress achieved in the Non-Self-Governing Territories, that racial discrimination persists in several Territories and that in some cases discriminatory practices continue to be reinforced by law and regulation,⁴

1. *Endorses* the view of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories that not only is racial discrimination a violation of human rights, but it also constitutes a deterrent to progress in all fields of development in the Non-Self-Governing Territories;⁵

2. *Recommends* that the Administering Members immediately rescind or revoke all laws and regulations which tend to encourage or sanction, directly or indirectly, discriminatory policies and practices based on racial considerations, and that they do their utmost to discourage such practices by all other means possible;

3. *Urges* the Administering Members to give full and immediate effect to the recommendation of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories that measures to solve the problem of race relations should include the extension to all inhabitants of the full exercise of basic political rights, in particular the right to vote, and the establishment of equality among the members of all races inhabiting the Non-Self-Governing Territories;

4. *Requests* the Administering Members to furnish all relevant information relating to the present resolution to the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories so as to enable the latter to submit a report to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session.

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⁴ *Ibid.*, part two, para. 177.

⁵ *Ibid.*, para. 188.

1537 (XV). Report on economic conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling that by resolution 564 (VI) of 18 January 1952 it approved the special report drawn up in 1951⁶ as a brief but considered indication of economic conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories and the problems of economic development,

Recalling further that by resolution 846 (IX) of 22 November 1954 it approved another special report on economic conditions⁷ as a supplement to the 1951 report,

Recalling also that by resolution 1152 (XII) of 26 November 1957 it approved a further special report on economic conditions,⁸

Having received and considered a further report on economic conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories⁹ prepared by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories at its eleventh session, in 1960,

1. *Takes note* of the report on economic conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories prepared in 1960 by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories and considers that this report should be studied in connexion with the other reports mentioned above;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to communicate this report to Member States responsible for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories, to the Economic and Social Council, to the regional economic commissions, to the Trusteeship Council and to the specialized agencies concerned, for their consideration;

3. *Expresses its confidence* that the Members responsible for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories will bring the report to the attention of the authorities responsible for economic development in those Territories.

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1538 (XV). Dissemination of information on the United Nations in the Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1465 (XIV) of 12 December 1959 on the dissemination of information on the United Nations in the Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Reiterating the principle that the interests of the inhabitants of these Territories are paramount,

Considering that the story of the United Nations, its purposes and principles, as well as the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, would greatly stimulate the interest of the adult populations of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the political activities and peaceful objectives of the Organization,

Keeping in mind the ever-growing needs for the dissemination of information on the United Nations, particularly as the increased tempo of change has

⁶ *Ibid.*, Sixth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/1836), part three.

⁷ *Ibid.*, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/2729), part two.

⁸ *Ibid.*, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/3647 and Corr.1), part two.

⁹ *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/4371), part three.

necessitated the immediate launching of public information activities on as wide a scale as possible,

Having examined the special report of the Secretary-General on the present state of dissemination of information on the United Nations in these Territories,¹⁰

Considering that the dissemination of information in pursuance of its resolution 1465 (XIV) is still far from satisfactory,

1. *Takes note* of the special report of the Secretary-General on the dissemination of information on the United Nations in the Non-Self-Governing Territories;

2. *Considers* that measures adopted thus far by some Administering Members for the dissemination of information on the United Nations among the inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories do not include steps to secure the active support and participation of representative organizations of these inhabitants for the purpose of spreading such information;

3. *Invites* the Administering Members to make further efforts to secure the active support and participation of the aforementioned representative organizations;

4. *Further invites* the Administering Members to broaden the scope and accelerate the process of dissemination of information and to develop public awareness of, and interest in, the United Nations by making full use of facilities provided by the United Nations Office of Public Information for the purpose of disseminating information;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the quantity, quality and content of the material distributed, in order to meet the growing demand for such material and to assist the inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories towards an easy and intelligent understanding of the aims and activities of the United Nations;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take action towards the establishment of information centres in Territories such as those in Eastern and Central Africa, Papua and the Caribbean Territories;

7. *Invites* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session a report on the progress made in implementing the present resolution.

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1539 (XV). Participation of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 566 (VI) of 18 January 1952, 647 (VII) of 10 December 1952, 744 (VIII) of 27 November 1953 and 1466 (XIV) of 12 December 1959,

Considering that the direct participation of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies is an effective means of promoting the progress of those Territories and their people towards the attainment of the objectives set forth in Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing that the participation of duly qualified indigenous representatives of the dependent peoples in the consideration of questions of fundamental concern to their welfare is not only useful and desirable but also essential at the present stage of development of the Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Noting that the participation of some Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of certain regional economic commissions and specialized agencies has proved a useful means of promoting the progress of the peoples of those Territories towards complete self-government or independence,

1. *Considers* that the direct participation of representatives of the indigenous peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the appropriate organs of the United Nations is in the interest of the peoples of those Territories and can do much to accelerate the process of their emancipation;

2. *Invites* the Administering Members to arrange for the participation of such representatives of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the appropriate organs of the United Nations;

3. *Further invites* such Administering Members as have not already done so to propose to the specialized agencies and the regional economic commissions that the Non-Self-Governing Territories participate in the work of those organs as members or associate members, according to the constitution of each organ, through such representatives;

4. *Decides* to include this question as a separate item on the provisional agenda of its sixteenth session;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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1540 (XV). Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General¹¹ on offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories under General Assembly resolution 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954,

Noting with satisfaction the further response to its resolution 845 (IX) inviting Member States to extend their offers of facilities for study and training to the inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Noting the increasing interest among the inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in such offers, as indicated by the fourfold increase over the previous year in the number of applications for such facilities in 1959-1960,

Expressing regret that despite this increase a large number of the scholarships so offered by Member States remain unutilized,

Further expressing regret that in several instances the students who have been granted scholarships have not been accorded facilities to leave the Non-Self-Governing Territories in order to take advantage of such scholarships,

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda items 37, 39, 40 and 41, documents A/4471 and Add.1.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, documents A/4473 and Add.1-3.