

Recalling that in 1960 the Committee included a survey of social conditions in its observations and conclusions on the report on progress in the Non-Self-Governing Territories since the beginning of the United Nations,¹⁰

Having received a report on social advancement prepared by the Committee in 1961,¹¹

1. Approves the report on social advancement prepared in 1961 by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories, and considers that it should be read with the earlier reports approved in 1952, 1955 and 1958 and with the survey included in the report on progress achieved in the Non-Self-Governing Territories;

2. Invites the Secretary-General to transmit the 1961 report to the Members 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 appropriate authorities.

1083rd plenary meeting,
19 December 1961.

1695 (XVI). Dissemination of information on the United Nations in the Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Considering that it is essential that the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories be widely acquainted with the Declaration,

1. Invites the Administering Members to take immediate steps, with the active participation of the representative bodies and organizations of the indigenous inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, for the widest possible circulation and dissemination in those Territories of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples;

2. Further invites the Administering Members to take immediate steps for the inclusion of the Declaration in the curricula of all educational institutions in all Non-Self-Governing Territories;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure the immediate and large-scale circulation and dissemination of the Declaration, through all the appropriate media of mass communication, in all the Non-Self-Governing Territories;

4. Invites the Administering Members to extend to the Secretary-General their fullest co-operation in the circulation and dissemination of the Declaration in all the Non-Self-Governing Territories;

5. Requests that the Declaration be circulated and disseminated in the principal local languages as well as in the languages of the Administering Members;

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/4371), part two, section C.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/4785), part two.

6. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the implementation of the present resolution for the General Assembly at its seventeenth session.

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1696 (XVI). Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples,

Recognizing the importance of rendering assistance to colonial countries and peoples in the field of general and specialized education,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories under General Assembly resolution 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954,¹²

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

Expressing regret that, despite the increased interest among inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in such offers, a large number of the scholarships offered by Member States remain unutilized,

Further expressing regret that in several instances 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,

Recalling paragraph 5 of its resolution 845 (IX) by which the Secretary-General is requested, in consultation with the Administering Members and specialized agencies concerned, to establish a simple procedure which would enable offers and applications made through the United Nations or the specialized agencies to be brought to the attention of the Administering Members, and thereafter, in the case of applications, to the attention of the offering States concerned together with any observations the Administering Members may have submitted,

Considering that the procedure requiring the transmission of observations by the Administering Members prior to the submission of the application to the offering State causes a serious delay in the processing of those applications,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on offers of study and training facilities under General Assembly resolution 845 (IX);

2. Reaffirms its resolution 1540 (XV) of 15 December 1960;

3. Invites once again the Administering Members concerned to take all necessary measures to ensure that all scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States are utilized by the inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories and to render effective assistance to those persons who have applied for, or

¹² *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda items 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44, documents A/4862 and Add.1 and 2.

have been granted, scholarships or fellowships, particularly with regard to facilitating their travel formalities;

4. *Requests* that applications for scholarships received from inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories should be transmitted simultaneously to the offering States for consideration and to the Administering Members concerned for information;

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

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1697 (XVI). Preparation and training of indigenous civil and technical cadres in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1534 (XV) of 15 December 1960,

Taking note of the statements made by the Administering Members to the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories at its twelfth session on the preparation and training of indigenous civil and technical cadres,¹³

Reiterating that the existence of adequate indigenous civil servants and technical personnel in the Non-Self-Governing Territories is necessary for the effective implementation of satisfactory plans and programmes of development in the educational, social and economic fields,

Noting the observation of the Committee that because of the lack of information it has not been able fully to examine the problem of the preparation and training of indigenous civil servants and technical personnel in Non-Self-Governing Territories,¹⁴

Considering that, in the light of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, immediate steps shall be taken to transfer all powers to the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories without any conditions or reservations,

Believing that the rapid preparation and training of indigenous, civil and technical cadres in Non-Self-Governing Territories will help towards the achievement of the purposes of resolution 1514 (XV),

1. *Considers* that the situation prevailing in various dependent territories in respect of the strength, composition and state of training of indigenous civil servants and technical personnel is unsatisfactory;

2. *Regrets* that due attention has not been paid to that problem;

3. *Urges* the Administering Members to take immediately all necessary measures to increase the strength of indigenous civil service and technical cadres and to accelerate their training in public administration and other essential technical skills;

4. *Further urges* the Administering Members to take more extensive and expeditious measures towards the replacement of expatriate personnel by indigenous

¹³ *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/4785), part one, annex IV.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, part one, para. 36.

officers, especially in positions of high administrative responsibility;

5. *Invites once again* the Administering Members to make fuller use of the United Nations technical assistance programme for training in public administration and related fields;

6. *Requests* the Administering Members to transmit complete and detailed information concerning the training facilities for, and current strength, composition and state of the preparation of, civil and technical services in the Territories under their administrations, in time for its careful examination and study by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories at its next session;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a special report on that subject, for the consideration of the General Assembly at its seventeenth session, taking into account the information submitted by the Administering Members and the observations, recommendations and conclusions thereon of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories.

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1698 (XVI). Racial discrimination in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 entitled "Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples", it expressed the belief that an end must be put to colonialism and all practices of segregation and discrimination associated therewith,

Recalling further its resolution 1536 (XV) of 15 December 1960,

Noting with deep concern, from the information contained in the report of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories,¹⁵ that racial discrimination persists and that the recommendations of the General Assembly contained in resolution 1536 (XV) have not yet been implemented,

Endorsing the view of the Committee that on no grounds whatsoever can the existence of racial discrimination in any aspect of life in the Non-Self-Governing Territories be justified,

Considering that racial discrimination and segregation in Non-Self-Governing Territories can be eradicated fully and with the greatest speed by the faithful implementation of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples, and that, accordingly, the efforts of the United Nations should be concentrated on that task,

1. *Condemns resolutely* the policy and practice of racial discrimination and segregation in Non-Self-Governing Territories;

2. *Urges* the Administering Members to include, among the measures that would contribute to the implementation of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples, steps to ensure:

(a) The immediate rescinding or revocation of all laws and regulations which tend to encourage or

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, part two, section VIII.