

323 (IV). Social advancement in Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the conclusions³ and recommendations of the Trusteeship Council on the social advancement of the following Trust Territories: the Cameroons and Togoland under British administration, the Cameroons and Togoland under French administration, Western Samoa, New Guinea and Nauru, and of the conclusions and observations of its Visiting Mission to East Africa, incorporated in the report⁴ of the Trusteeship Council,

Recalling that one of the basic objectives of the International Trusteeship System is to encourage respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Resolves:

1. To express its satisfaction at the recommendations of the Trusteeship Council concerning the absolute prohibition of such uncivilized practices as child marriage in the Trust Territories where such practices exist;

2. To recommend the adoption of strong and effective measures to abolish immediately the corporal punishment of whipping in Ruandi-Urundi, and to give full support to the recommendation of the Trusteeship Council that corporal punishment should be abolished immediately in the Cameroons and Togoland under British administration and that corporal punishment should be formally abolished in New Guinea;

3. To recommend to the Trusteeship Council the adoption of suitable measures for solving in a broad and humanitarian spirit such important social problems as migrant labour and penal sanctions for breach of labour contracts by indigenous inhabitants;

4. To recommend the abolition of discriminatory laws and practices contrary to the principles of the Charter and the Trusteeship Agreements, in all Trust Territories in which such laws and practices still exist;

5. To recommend that the Trusteeship Council should examine all laws, statutes and ordinances, as well as their application, in the Trust Territories and make positive recommendations to the Administering Authorities concerned with a view to the abolition of all discriminatory provisions or practices;

6. To ask the Trusteeship Council to include in its annual reports to the General Assembly a special section dealing with the implementation by the Administering Authorities of its recommendations concerning the improvement of social conditions in Trust Territories, the abolition of corporal punishment and, in particular, the action taken in pursuance of the recommendation contained in paragraph 5 above.

*240th plenary meeting,
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³ See *Official Records of the fourth session of the General Assembly*, Supplement No. 4.

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ *Ibid.*

⁶ See *Resolutions adopted by the Trusteeship Council during its third session*, page 1.

324 (IV). Educational advancement in Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Considering the desirability of including in the school curricula in the Trust Territories instruction on the United Nations, the International Trusteeship System and the special status of Trust Territories,

Having examined the conclusions⁵ and recommendations of the Trusteeship Council with respect to educational advancement in the Trust Territories of the Cameroons and Togoland under British administration, the Cameroons and Togoland under French administration, Western Samoa, New Guinea and Nauru,

Considering resolutions 36 (III)⁶ of 8 July 1948, 83 (IV)⁷ of 9 February 1949 and 110 (V)⁸ of 19 July 1949 adopted by the Trusteeship Council, concerning the implementation of which the Assembly desires more detailed information,

Resolves:

1. To recommend to the Trusteeship Council to continue its programme for developing and promoting in the Trust Territories the diffusion of information on the United Nations and on the International Trusteeship System and to make the necessary recommendations to the Administering Authorities;

2. To draw the attention of the Trusteeship Council to the necessity of requesting the Administering Authorities to study the possibility of including in the curricula of schools in the Trust Territories instruction on the United Nations, the International Trusteeship System and the special status of Trust Territories, and to this end to make use, if they so desire, of the co-operation that may be furnished by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

3. To express its hope that, in the spirit of the Trusteeship Council's recommendations for an increase in the budgetary provisions for education in the Trust Territories, the Administering Authorities will give, in preparing their budgets, special prominence to improving and increasing educational facilities;

4. To express the opinion that the wider expansion and more rapid development of the present facilities for the higher education of indigenous students in the Trust Territories constitute an essential contribution to the progress towards autonomy or independence of the inhabitants of these Territories;

5. To congratulate the Administering Authorities which have adopted measures for the establishment in Africa of educational institutions of university standard and systems of scholarships allowing indigenous students to complete their university training in other countries, and to recommend to the Trusteeship Council that it call upon those Administering Authorities to intensify such measures and that it call upon the Administering Authorities which up to the present time have not applied any of these measures to adopt them as soon as possible;

⁷ See *Official Records of the fourth session of the Trusteeship Council*, Resolutions, page 26.

⁸ See *Official Records of the fifth session of the Trusteeship Council*, Resolutions, page 16.