

2. *Decides*, without prejudice to future requests for oral hearings before the Fourth Committee, to transmit these statements, together with the observations²¹ made by members of the Fourth Committee, to the Trusteeship Council with a request that these questions be further investigated, in particular as to the implementation of recommendations already made on them, and that the Council report upon them in a report to the General Assembly at its eighth session.

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21 December 1952.*

656 (VII). Hearing of petitioners from the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration

The General Assembly,

Having granted oral hearings²² to representatives of organizations in Somaliland under Italian administration,

Considering that the Trusteeship Council has not yet examined the Administering Authority's report for 1952 in respect of the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration,

Considering that with respect to a number of questions raised by the petitioners the Trusteeship Council, and in some cases the General Assembly, has previously made observations and recommendations in the light of the considered views of the Administering Authority,

²¹ *Ibid.*

²² See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventh Session, Fourth Committee, 313th and 314th meetings.*

Considering that, in the particular case of this Trust Territory, the General Assembly established an Advisory Council which is entitled to speak in the Trusteeship Council and the authoritative opinion of which should be heard for a better understanding of the Territory's problems,

1. *Takes note* of the statements²³ of the representatives of organizations in Somaliland under Italian administration;

2. *Decides*, without prejudice to future requests for oral hearings before the Fourth Committee, to transmit the said statements to the Trusteeship Council together with the comments²⁴ of members of the Fourth Committee and to request the Council to give special attention to these questions, particularly with respect to the application of past recommendations relating to these questions, in the light of the statements of the petitioners and of the observations made in the Fourth Committee, and to request the Council further to report on these matters to the General Assembly at its eighth session;

3. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council further to consider the desirability of preparing a special questionnaire for Somaliland and of sending a separate visiting mission to that Territory in view of its special position and of the fact that it will acquire its independence in the next eight years, and further requests that this matter be reported upon in the Council's next report.

*410th plenary meeting,
21 December 1952.*

²³ *Ibid.*

²⁴ *Ibid.*