

6. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to undertake such amendment of its procedure for the administration of the project as may be necessary to permit applications to be made through the Secretary-General as well as through the territorial authorities, it being understood that upon receipt of any such applications the Secretary-General will transmit them simultaneously to the Administering Authorities and the offering States concerned;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in United Nations information material prepared for dissemination in the Trust Territories details of all such offers and of the procedures to be followed in submitting applications.

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754 (VIII). Dissemination of information on the United Nations and on the International Trusteeship System in Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the opinion expressed in its resolution 556 (VI) of 18 January 1952 that it is essential that the peoples of Trust Territories should receive adequate information concerning the United Nations,

Observing that the existing arrangements for the supply of such information are based on Trusteeship Council resolution 36 (III) of 8 July 1948, which invites the Administering Authorities to furnish the Secretary-General (a) with the names and addresses of officials in the Trust Territories to whom suitable material should be sent for information, and (b) with suggestions as to the appropriate channels through which information concerning the United Nations may be communicated to the general public,

Noting, however, from the most recent report²¹ submitted to the Council by the Secretary-General on the implementation of the above-mentioned resolution, that while the Administering Authorities have submitted lists of names and addresses in accordance with the first part of the resolution, they have in no case made any specific suggestions concerning the dissemination of information to the inhabitants of the Trust Territories and to the general public,

Noting from the report that, as the Secretary-General had pointed out in his previous reports on the subject, and as had been emphasized by the observations of the Visiting Missions to West Africa and to the Pacific, which are summarized in the report, the dissemination of information on the United Nations to the peoples of the Trust Territories is still far from satisfactory,

1. *Expresses the opinion* that the existing arrangements for the dissemination in the Trust Territories of information on the United Nations are, in general, inadequate and of limited effectiveness;

2. *Invites* the Administering Authorities to furnish the Secretary-General, in accordance with Trusteeship Council resolution 36 (III) of 8 July 1948, with suggestions as to the appropriate channels through which information on the United Nations and on the International Trusteeship System may be communicated to the general public in the Trust Territories (e.g., Press, radio, non-governmental organizations, trade unions, libraries, cultural, educational and religious institutions, teachers, missionaries, etc.);

²¹ See document T/1073.

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to initiate at the earliest possible date, on the basis of the suggestions furnished by the Administering Authorities or his own knowledge of appropriate information channels, or by making use of both of these sources together, a direct flow of information material addressed to the General public in the Trust Territories;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his periodic reports on this matter to the Trusteeship Council lists of the channels of dissemination which he has established in pursuance of the present resolution.

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755 (VIII). Attainment of independence by the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration by 1960

The General Assembly,

Taking into consideration the fact that, under General Assembly resolution 289 A (IV), adopted on 21 November 1949, the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration is to attain complete independence by 1960,

Mindful that it is necessary for that purpose that the people of Somaliland shall be prepared for self-government,

Considering that it is the duty of both the United Nations and the Administering Authority to take the necessary measures for the implementation of that decision,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts made by the Administering Authority in Somaliland to fulfil the obligations laid down in the Charter and in the Trusteeship Agreement;

2. *Recommends* that the Administering Authority, in consultation with the Advisory Council, should continue to take the necessary steps to prepare the Somali people progressively for the attainment of complete independence, and to that end:

(a) The Territorial Council should be granted the powers of a legislative organ and its members should be elected by the people on the basis of universal adult suffrage;

(b) The administration of Somaliland should be progressively transferred to the indigenous inhabitants as a necessary preliminary to its assumption of independence;

(c) A general economic plan for the Territory should be completed without delay, taking into account the recommendations²² of the United Nations Technical Assistance Mission to the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration, particular attention being paid to methods for developing basic economic resources such as agriculture and stock-breeding, and to possibilities for improving and expanding existing industries;

(d) Efforts should be made to increase the revenue in order to balance the budget as soon as possible, and to that effect expenditures for military and police forces should be reduced to the indispensable minimum;

(e) Use of technical assistance facilities provided by the United Nations and the specialized agencies to assist in economic development and the improvement of social and educational conditions in the Territory should be encouraged;

²² See United Nations Publication, Sales Number: 1953.II.H.2.

(f) Efforts should be intensified to increase the number and improve the quality of public elementary and secondary schools; training for indigenous teachers should be expedited; a mass education programme should be instituted; attention should be devoted to vocational training, particularly in agricultural and veterinary science; and facilities for further studies should be expanded by granting an adequate number of scholarships to enable Somalis to take advanced training courses abroad;

(g) Review should be continued of all special legislation relating to Somaliland which was enacted prior to the trusteeship administration and which is still in effect, with a view to revising legislation found to be inconsistent with the letter or the spirit of the Trusteeship Agreement;

3. *Recommends* also to the Governments of Italy and Ethiopia that they should intensify their efforts to achieve a final, just, equitable and friendly settlement of the question of the frontier between the State of Ethiopia and the Trust Territory of Somaliland in order that this problem may be finally settled before the date appointed for the attainment of independence by Somaliland;

4. *Requests* the Advisory Council, in its annual report, to give precise information on the implementation of the present resolution, together with its observations, comments or suggestions as to the means of carrying out the recommendations contained in the resolution.

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756 (VIII). Report of the Trusteeship Council

The General Assembly,

1. *Takes note* of the report²³ of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 4 December 1952 to 21 July 1953;

2. *Recommends* that the Trusteeship Council, in its future deliberations, take into account the comments and suggestions made in the course of the discussion of the report of the Council at the eighth session of the General Assembly.

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757 (VIII). Petitions from the Ngoa-Ekéle Community, Cameroons under French administration, concerning adjustment of their land complaint

The General Assembly,

Having heard the declaration²⁴ and answers²⁵ of the representative of the Ngoa-Ekéle Community, Cameroons under French administration,

Bearing in mind the observations and explanations²⁶ given by the Administering Authority,

1. *Notes* the steps already taken by the Administering Authority to assist the Ngoa-Ekéle Community to settle on other lands;

2. *Suggests* to the Administering Authority to take all necessary steps which can in a satisfactory manner

²³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 4.*

²⁴ See document A/C.4/255.

²⁵ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Fourth Committee, 382nd and 387th meetings.*

²⁶ *Ibid.*

alleviate the difficulties experienced by the Ngoa-Ekéle Community in the process of their re-establishment;

3. *Recommends* that assistance be also given by the Administering Authority to the Ngoa-Ekéle Community for it to avail itself of whatever legal recourse remains open in connexion with the lands on which they were originally settled and whatever further compensation might be possible;

4. *Recommends* to the Administering Authority to further its purpose of allotting to the Ngoa-Ekéle Community an adequate area of lands by delimiting these lands in accordance with the legal procedures obtaining in the Trust Territory;

5. *Invites* the Trusteeship Council to examine this question in the light of the present resolution and to include in its next report to the General Assembly the results of its examination.

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758 (VIII). Hearing of petitioners from the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under French administration

The General Assembly,

Considering that the Trusteeship Council has not yet considered the problems concerning the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under French administration, which are referred to in resolution 655 (VII) adopted by the General Assembly on 21 December 1952,

Bearing in mind that the Council has stated in its report²⁷ that it will consider this matter at its next regular session,

Having again heard representatives of the organizations of the Cameroons under French administration,²⁸

1. *Reaffirms* resolution 655 (VII) adopted on 21 December 1952;

2. *Recommends* to the Trusteeship Council to give preferential attention to this matter at its next regular session;

3. *Also recommends* to the Council that, in considering this matter, it should also take into consideration the statements of the petitioners and the comments made by the members of the Fourth Committee at the current session of the General Assembly; and that it should include a special study of this matter in its report to the General Assembly for consideration at the ninth session.

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NOTE

ELECTION OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION FROM NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES

In accordance with the terms of resolutions 332 (IV) and 646 (VII), the Fourth Committee, at its 395th meeting on 7 December 1953, elected, on behalf of the General Assembly, two members to the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to fill the vacancies created by the expiration of the terms of office of Cuba and Pakistan.

The States elected were: BURMA and GUATEMALA.

²⁷ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 4.*

²⁸ *Ibid.*, Fourth Committee, 388th, 393rd and 394th meetings.