

of asking the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to send a mission of experts to study the situation and the possibilities of economic development in the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration;

3. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to continue its study of the question and on the basis of the conclusions of the 1954 Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in East Africa and the report of the Bank, if the plan for the mission referred to in the preceding paragraph is carried out, to endeavour to decide on practical measures for financing the economic development plans for Somaliland and to report to the General Assembly at its next session;

4. *Expresses the hope* that, in the meantime, the Administering Authority will continue unremittingly in its efforts to further the economic development of the Trust Territory.

*512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

856 (IX). Form of the annual report of the Trusteeship Council to the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 433 (V) of 2 December 1950 on the annual reports of the Trusteeship Council,

Recalling its resolution 789 (VIII) of 9 December 1953 on the control and limitation of documentation,

Having taken note of the conclusions of the Council on this question as contained in its report¹⁴ covering the period from 22 July 1953 to 16 July 1954,

1. *Approves*, on a trial basis, the proposals of the Trusteeship Council concerning the form of its report to the General Assembly to the effect that a comprehensive report on a given Trust Territory should be presented by the Council only every third year coinciding with the Council's examination of the report on the Territory by a visiting mission, and that the Council should submit a shorter report in the intervening years, giving only an account of the developments and progress made during the year under review but including such background materials as would enable the Assembly to appreciate the significance of important developments, the comments and observations of Member States and the conclusions and recommendations of the Council;

2. *Requests, however*, that in view of the time-limit set for the attainment by 1960 of independence by the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration, the Council annually submit a comprehensive report on that Trust Territory.

*512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

857 (IX). Report of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 22 July 1953 to 16 July 1954

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the report¹⁵ of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 22 July 1953 to 16 July 1954;

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 4.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*

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

*512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

858 (IX). Attainment by the Trust Territories of the objective of self-government or independence

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 558 (VI) of 18 January 1952 by which it invited the Administering Authority of each Trust Territory, other than Somaliland under Italian administration, to include in each annual report information concerning measures taken or contemplated towards self-government or independence and, *inter alia*, the estimated period of time required for such measures and for the attainment of the ultimate objective,

Recalling further its resolution 752 (VIII) of 9 December 1953 by which it requested the Trusteeship Council to include in its next and succeeding reports to the General Assembly a separate section dealing with the implementation of resolutions 558 (VI) and 752 (VIII), specifying the various measures taken or contemplated towards self-government or independence and stating in each case its conclusions and recommendations in the light of these resolutions,

Considering that one of the most effective means of assisting the peoples of the Trust Territories to achieve the objectives set forth in Article 76 b of the Charter is to provide them with an opportunity to obtain experience in the work of government and administration by participation in representative bodies with adequate powers to carry out such work,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* that, in response to the request of the General Assembly, the Trusteeship Council has included in its report covering the period from 22 July 1953 to 16 July 1954 a separate section¹⁶ dealing with the attainment by the Trust Territories of the objective of self-government or independence;

2. *Notes, however*, that the Council has not formulated in this report any conclusions or recommendations on the measures taken or contemplated towards self-government or independence;

3. *Expresses the hope* that the Council will include its conclusions and recommendations on this question in its next and succeeding reports to the General Assembly;

4. *Recommends* that the Council instruct its visiting missions to give special attention in their reports to the Council to the question of attainment by the Trust Territories of self-government or independence in the light of resolutions 558 (VI) and 752 (VIII) and of the present resolution;

5. *Recommends* to the Administering Authorities that, as a means to facilitate an approximate determination of the date on which the populations of the Trust Territories would be prepared for self-government or independence, they should intensify their efforts to the utmost to bring about the establishment of new representative organs of government and administration

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, p. 279 et seqq.

in the Trust Territories, with increasing participation therein by indigenous elements of those Territories, or to develop on the same basis organs of that type already in existence; that they should ensure that the nature and powers of these organs reflect the special status conferred on the Trust Territories by Chapter XII of the Charter and by the Trusteeship Agreements; and that they should hasten the attainment of the objectives set forth in Article 76 of the Charter,

*512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

859 (IX). Hearings of petitioners from the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under French administration

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 655 (VII) of 21 December 1952 and 758 (VIII) of 9 December 1953,

Having granted oral hearings¹⁷ to petitioners, representatives of organizations in the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under French administration,

1. *Takes note* of the statements of the petitioners, representatives of organizations in the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under French administration;

2. *Decides* to transmit to the Trusteeship Council the statements of the petitioners for its study;

3. *Recommends* to the Council:

(a) To continue to give appropriate attention to the matters raised by the petitioners;

(b) To request its next visiting mission to study these matters;

(c) To report accordingly to the General Assembly at its tenth session.

*512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

860 (IX). The Togoland unification problem and the future of the Trust Territory of Togoland under British administration

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind its resolution 750 (VIII) of 8 December 1953,

Noting the special report of the Trusteeship Council in document A/2669¹⁸ of 23 July 1954,

Noting the new situation described in the statement¹⁹ of the United Kingdom Government to the effect that the Gold Coast will assume full responsibility for its own affairs within a measurable period, and that it will thereafter be no longer possible for the Administering Authority to administer the Trust Territory in accordance with articles 4 and 5 of the present Trusteeship Agreement,

Noting also the view²⁰ of the Administering Authority that the progress of the inhabitants of the Trust

Territory has been such that, at the same time as the Gold Coast assumes full responsibility for its own affairs, the people of Togoland under British administration will have reached a stage of development when the objectives of the International Trusteeship System will have been substantially achieved and that the Trusteeship Agreement should therefore be terminated,

Considering that, in accordance with Article 76 b of the Charter, the future status of the Territory should be determined in the light of its particular circumstances and of the freely expressed wishes of its peoples,

1. *Decides*, in view of the eventual revision or termination of the Trusteeship Agreement, that steps should be taken, in the light of the particular circumstances of the Trust Territory, to ascertain the wishes of the inhabitants as to their future, without prejudice to the eventual solution they may choose whether it be independence, unification of an independent Togoland under British administration with an independent Togoland under French administration, unification with an independent Gold Coast, or some other self-governing or independent status;

2. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to take into account the views expressed in the Fourth Committee at the ninth and previous sessions of the General Assembly, to consider what arrangements should be made in pursuance of the above decision and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its tenth session;

3. *Further requests* the Trusteeship Council to dispatch a special mission to the Trust Territories of Togoland under British administration and Togoland under French administration to make a special study of these problems and to submit its report thereon in time for the Council to report to the General Assembly at its tenth session;

4. *Urges in the meanwhile* that in the greater interests of the United Nations those directly concerned will lend their utmost co-operation in the full and early implementation of its recommendations contained in General Assembly resolution 750 B (VIII) of 8 December 1953.

*512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

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NOTE

ELECTION OF A MEMBER TO THE COMMITTEE OF INFORMATION FROM NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES

In accordance with the terms of resolutions 332 (IV) and 646 (VII) of the General Assembly, the Fourth Committee was called upon to fill the vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories created by the expiration of the terms of office of Ecuador and Indonesia.

In consequence of the reduction of one Administrative Member (Denmark) in the membership of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories resulting from the adoption of resolution 849 (IX) above, one vacancy only remained to be filled, and the Fourth Committee, on behalf of the General Assembly, at its 433rd meeting on 15 November 1954, elected PERU to fill that vacancy.

¹⁷ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Fourth Committee, 442nd, 443rd and 446th meetings.*

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, *Annexes*, agenda items 35 and 52.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, document A/2660.

²⁰ *Ibid.*