

2. Approves the special report<sup>5</sup> on economic conditions in the Non-Self-Governing Territories as a supplement to the report<sup>6</sup> approved in 1951;

3. Invites the Secretary-General to communicate the special report to the Members of the United Nations responsible for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories, to the Economic and Social Council, to the Trusteeship Council and to the specialized agencies concerned for their consideration;

4. Expresses its agreement with the suggestion in the report that the Secretary-General should convene the sixth session of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories for the spring of 1955;

5. Invites the Committee to submit a report to the General Assembly at its tenth session, paying particular regard to social conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories as indicated, in particular, in the information transmitted to the Secretary-General in 1954;

6. Decides that, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 4 (a) of General Assembly resolution 218 (III) of 3 November 1948, the full summaries and analyses of the information transmitted during 1955 should be submitted to the General Assembly in 1956.

498th plenary meeting,  
22 November 1954.

#### **847 (IX). Information on problems common to regional groups of Non-Self-Governing Territories**

*The General Assembly,*

Having since 1950 approved annually special reports on economic, social and educational conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Considering that these reports express general views and recommendations applicable to Non-Self-Governing Territories as a whole,

Recognizing that conditions in the various regions and in particular Territories may present special problems,

Believing that the consideration of these special problems by the General Assembly should provide an opportunity for the expression of views and recommendations of concrete value to certain regional groups of Territories,

1. Requests the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories at its 1955 session to study the manner in which the future reports prepared for the General Assembly may most appropriately be directed to the consideration of information or recommendations concerning the particular problems common to certain regional groups of Territories;

2. Further requests the Committee to examine whether any amplification or amendment of the Standard Form is necessary so as to assist the Administering Members in providing concrete information on the particular problems common to certain regional groups of Territories;

3. Suggests that the Committee give full consideration to the views expressed on these subjects during

the discussions in the Fourth Committee at the ninth session of the General Assembly.

498th plenary meeting,  
22 November 1954.

#### **848 (IX). Voluntary transmission of information on political development in Non-Self-Governing Territories**

*The General Assembly,*

Conscious of the functions it bears over peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories under the principles and objectives set forth in Article 73 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Considering that these principles and objectives relate to the political as well as the economic, social and educational advancement of the peoples concerned,

Recalling that by resolutions 144 (II), 327 (IV) and 637 B (VII) it has sought to secure the transmission by Members administering Non-Self-Governing Territories of voluntary information on the manner and extent to which the peoples of Territories under their administration are being developed for self-government,

Noting with satisfaction that some Members responsible for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories already have voluntarily transmitted some information on the development of self-governing institutions in the Non-Self-Governing Territories,

But noting further that other Members have not yet transmitted such information,

1. Reiterates the view that voluntary submission of information on the political development of peoples in Non-Self-Governing Territories is fully in accord with the spirit of Article 73 of the Charter;

2. Invites the Administering Members concerned to give the United Nations their utmost co-operation in this regard.

498th plenary meeting,  
22 November 1954.

#### **849 (IX). Cessation of the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter in respect of Greenland**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling that, by resolution 222 (III) of 3 November 1948, the General Assembly, while welcoming any development of self-government in Non-Self-Governing Territories, considers it essential that the United Nations be informed of any change in the constitutional status of any such Territory as a result of which the responsible Government concerned thinks it unnecessary to transmit further information in respect of that Territory under Article 73 e of the Charter,

Having received from the Government of Denmark a communication<sup>7</sup> dated 3 September 1953 informing the Secretary-General that, as a result of the constitutional amendment adopted on 5 June 1953, Greenland has become an integral part of the Danish Realm with a constitutional status equal to that of other parts of Denmark and that, as a consequence of this constitutional change, the Danish Government regarded its responsibilities under Chapter XI of the Charter in

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, part two.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, Sixth Session, Supplement No. 14, part three.

<sup>7</sup> See documents A/AC.35/L.155 and Corr.1

respect of Greenland as terminated and had, therefore, decided to bring to an end the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter,

*Considering* that resolution 742 (VIII) adopted by the General Assembly on 27 November 1953 instructs the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to study any documentation transmitted under resolution 222 (III) in the light of the list of factors approved by resolution 742 (VIII) and other relevant considerations that may arise from each concrete case,

*Having studied* the report<sup>8</sup> prepared by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories during its session of 1954 on the question of the cessation of the transmission of information on Greenland and presented to the General Assembly in conformity with paragraph 2 of resolution 448 (V) of 12 December 1950,

*Having examined* the communication of the Government of Denmark in the light of the basic principles and objectives embodied in Chapter XI of the Charter, the criteria established by the list of factors, and of all the other elements of judgment pertinent to the issue,

*Bearing in mind* the competence of the General Assembly to decide whether a Non-Self-Governing Territory has or has not attained a full measure of self-government as referred to in Chapter XI of the Charter,

1. *Takes note* of the conclusions set forth by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories in its resolution;<sup>9</sup>

2. *Takes note* of the opinion of the Government of Denmark that due to the new constitutional status of Greenland the Government of Denmark regards its "responsibilities according to Chapter XI of the Charter as terminated" and that consequently the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter in respect of Greenland should be brought to an end;

3. *Commends* the action of the Member State concerned in including in its delegation to the General Assembly representatives elected by the National Council of Greenland for the purpose of furnishing information on constitutional changes in Greenland;

4. *Takes note* that when deciding on their new constitutional status, through their duly elected representatives, the people of Greenland have freely exercised their right to self-determination;

5. *Expresses the opinion* that, from the documentation and the explanations provided, Greenland freely decided on its integration within the Kingdom of Denmark on an equal constitutional and administrative basis with the other parts of Denmark;

6. *Notes with satisfaction* the achievement of self-government by the people of Greenland;

7. *Considers* that due to these circumstances the Declaration regarding Non-Self-Governing Territories with the provisions established under it in Chapter XI of the Charter can no longer be applied to Greenland;

8. *Considers* it appropriate that the transmission of information in respect of Greenland under Article 73 e of the Charter should now cease.

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22 November 1954.

<sup>8</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 18, part one section IX.*

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 61.

## 850 (IX). Consideration of communications relating to the cessation of the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* that, by resolutions 222 (III), 448 (V) and 742 (VIII), it has approved principles which should be followed in evaluating situations indicative of the attainment of a full measure of self-government by the peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories and the consequent cessation of the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter,

*Having approved* in 1953 and 1954 resolutions<sup>10</sup> relating to the cessation of the transmission of information concerning Puerto Rico and Greenland respectively.

*Considering* that the experience gained should be used by the General Assembly to perfect the methods and procedures to be followed in such cases,

*Considering further* the necessity of laying down procedures enabling the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to discharge its functions under General Assembly resolution 742 (VIII),

1. *Expresses the opinion* that communications received from the Members concerned relating to the cessation of the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter in respect of any Non-Self-Governing Territory should be examined, as indicated in resolution 742 (VIII), with particular emphasis on the manner in which the right of self-determination has been attained and freely exercised;

2. *Considers* that, in order to evaluate as fully as possible the opinion of the population as to the status or change in status which they desire, a mission, if the General Assembly deems it desirable, should, in agreement with the Administering Member, visit the Non-Self-Governing Territory before or during the time when the population is called upon to decide on its future status or change in status;

3. *Considers* that the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories might study means by which it could, at the appropriate time, draw the attention of the General Assembly to the forthcoming changes in the status of the Territory concerned;

4. *Invites* the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to include in its report to the General Assembly at its tenth session any proposals that it considers desirable concerning the implementation of the present resolution.

499th plenary meeting,  
22 November 1954.

## 851 (IX). Report of the Committee on South West Africa

*The General Assembly,*

*Having established* by resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953, "until such time as an agreement is reached between the United Nations and the Union of South Africa, a Committee on South West Africa",

<sup>10</sup> See resolutions 748 (VIII) and 849 (IX).