

6. *Invites* the Government of the Union of South Africa to co-operate with the Committee and, in particular, to submit to the Committee reports and such petitions as may be received on its administration of the Territory of South West Africa, and to assist the Committee in the examination of such reports and petitions, or of such information and documentation as may be available to that Committee;

7. *Requests* the Committee on South West Africa, in the preparation of its next report, to take into account the discussions in the Fourth Committee at the tenth session of the General Assembly;

8. *Further requests* the Committee on South West Africa, in the preparation of its next and all future reports, to include its recommendations on each aspect of conditions in the Territory for such particular action as it considers the Government of the Union of South Africa should take to ensure the fulfilment of its obligations and responsibilities under the Mandate.

*550th plenary meeting,
3 December 1955.*

942 (X). Question of the admissibility of oral hearings by the Committee on South West Africa: request for an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice

The General Assembly,

Having been requested by the Committee on South West Africa to decide whether or not the oral hearing of petitioners on matters relating to the Territory of South West Africa is admissible before that Committee,²³

Having instructed the Committee, in General Assembly resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953, to examine petitions as far as possible in accordance with the procedure of the former Mandates System,

Requests the International Court of Justice to give an advisory opinion on the following question:

"Is it consistent with the advisory opinion²⁴ of the International Court of Justice of 11 July 1950 for the Committee on South West Africa, established by General Assembly resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953, to grant oral hearings to petitioners on matters relating to the Territory of South West Africa?"

*550th plenary meeting,
3 December 1955.*

943 (X). Hearing of the Reverend Michael Scott

The General Assembly,

Having granted an oral hearing to the Reverend Michael Scott on behalf of the Native inhabitants of the Territory of South West Africa under the administration of the Union of South Africa,

1. *Takes note* of the statements of the Reverend Michael Scott on behalf of the Native inhabitants of South West Africa under the administration of the Union of South Africa;

²³ *Ibid.*, Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 30, document A/2913/Add.2.

²⁴ *International Status of South-West Africa, Advisory Opinion: I.C.J. Reports 1950, p. 128.*

2. *Decides* to transmit to the Committee on South West Africa the statements of the Reverend Michael Scott for its study and consideration as appropriate.

*550th plenary meeting,
3 December 1955.*

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

The General Assembly,

I. *The future of Togoland under British administration:*

Recalling its resolution 860 (IX) of 14 December 1954, by which the Trusteeship Council was requested to consider the arrangements to be made to ascertain the wishes of the inhabitants of the Trust Territory of Togoland under British administration as to their future, without prejudice to the eventual solution which they might 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,

Having received the report²⁵ of the Trusteeship Council transmitting the special report²⁶ of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Trust Territories of Togoland under British Administration and Togoland under French Administration, 1955, the observations²⁷ of the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the official records of the relevant meetings of the Council,

Noting the opinion of the Trusteeship Council that the views expressed in the special report of the Visiting Mission provide in general a useful basis for determining the arrangements to be made in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 860 (IX),

Taking note also of the views expressed orally by the various local political groups before the Fourth Committee during its hearings,

Noting further the statement of the Government of the United Kingdom that the Gold Coast will attain independence in the near future and that, in consequence, it will be impossible thereafter for Togoland under British administration to be administered as at present,

1. *Accepts* the recommendation of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Trust Territories of Togoland under British Administration and Togoland under French Administration, 1955, contained in its special report that the wishes of the inhabitants of Togoland under British administration as to their future should be ascertained by plebiscite;

2. *Recommends* that the Administering Authority of Togoland under British administration, in pursuance of Article 76 b of the Charter of the United Nations, take steps, in consultation with a United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner, to organize and conduct without delay, under the supervision of the United Nations, a plebiscite in respect of the Trust Territory in order to

²⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 35, document A/3046.*

²⁶ *Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Fifth Special Session, Supplement No. 2 (T/1218), document T/1206 and Add.1.*

²⁷ *Ibid.*, document T/1214.