

1246 (XIII). Status of the Territory of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having recommended, by its resolutions 65 (I) of 14 December 1946, 141 (II) of 1 November 1947, 227 (III) of 26 November 1948, 337 (IV) of 6 December 1949, 449 B (V) of 13 December 1950, 570 B (VI) of 19 January 1952, 749 B (VIII) of 28 November 1953, 852 (IX) of 23 November 1954, 940 (X) of 3 December 1955, 1055 (XI) of 26 February 1957 and 1141 (XII) of 25 October 1957, that the Mandated Territory of South West Africa be placed under the International Trusteeship System, and having repeatedly invited the Government of the Union of South Africa to propose, for the consideration of the General Assembly, a trusteeship agreement for South West Africa,

Having accepted, by its resolution 449 A (V) of 13 December 1950, the advisory opinion of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa,³

Considering that, in accordance with Chapter XII of the Charter of the United Nations, all Mandated Territories which have not achieved independence have been brought under the International Trusteeship System, with the sole exception of the Territory of South West Africa,

1. *Reiterates* its resolutions 65 (I) of 14 December 1946, 141 (II) of 1 November 1947, 227 (III) of 26 November 1948, 337 (IV) of 6 December 1949, 449 B (V) of 13 December 1950, 570 B (VI) of 19 January 1952, 749 B (VIII) of 28 November 1953, 852 (IX) of 23 November 1954, 940 (X) of 3 December 1955, 1055 (XI) of 26 February 1957 and 1141 (XII) of 25 October 1957, to the effect that the Territory of South West Africa be placed under the International Trusteeship System;

2. *Asserts* that, in the present conditions of political and economic development of South West Africa, the normal way of modifying the international status of the Territory is to place it under the International Trusteeship System by means of a trusteeship agreement in accordance with the provisions of Chapter XII of the Charter of the United Nations.

*778th plenary meeting,
30 October 1958.*

1247 (XIII). Legal action to ensure the fulfilment of the obligations assumed by the Union of South Africa in respect to the Territory of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 449 A (V) of 13 December 1950, 1060 (XI) of 26 February 1957 and 1142 (XII) of 25 October 1957,

Having received from the Committee on South West Africa a further report⁷ on the question of securing from the International Court of Justice advisory opinions in regard to the administration of South West Africa,

Decides to resume further consideration of this question at its fourteenth session.

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30 October 1958.*

⁷ *Ibid.*, part II.

1253 (XIII). The future of Togoland under French administration

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1182 (XII) of 29 November 1957,

Taking note of the report of the United Nations Commissioner for the Supervision of the Elections in the Trust Territory of Togoland under French Administration⁸ on the organization, conduct and results of the elections which took place on 27 April 1958 in the Territory,

Taking note of Trusteeship Council resolution 1921 (S-VIII) of 17 October 1958,

Taking note of the statements made by the representative of France and the Prime Minister of the Republic of Togoland during the thirteenth session of the General Assembly,⁹

Noting further the resolution adopted by the Chamber of Deputies of the Republic of Togoland on 23 October 1958,¹⁰

1. *Notes* that the Governments of France and of the Republic of Togoland have decided, by mutual agreement, that Togoland shall attain independence in 1960, in accordance with the wishes of the Chamber of Deputies of Togoland;

2. *Expresses its high appreciation* of the work of the United Nations Commissioner and his staff;

3. *Congratulates* France and the authorities and people of Togoland on their achievements in Togoland, which enable the basic objectives of the International Trusteeship System to be attained;

4. *Resolves accordingly*, in agreement with the Administering Authority, that on the day which will be agreed upon between the Government of France and the Government of Togoland, and on which the Republic of Togoland becomes independent in 1960, the Trusteeship Agreement approved by the General Assembly on 13 December 1946 shall cease to be in force, in accordance with Article 76 b of the Charter of the United Nations.

*780th plenary meeting,
14 November 1958.*

1254 (XIII). Assistance to Togoland under French administration

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the wish expressed by the Chamber of Deputies of Togoland on 23 October 1958 that assistance should be given to Togoland by the United Nations,¹⁰

Having taken note of the undertaking given by the representative of France at the 784th meeting of the Fourth Committee that the Administering Authority will transmit and facilitate the requests of the Government of Togoland for United Nations assistance through normal procedures,

⁸ *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 40, document A/3957.

⁹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Fourth Committee, 782nd meeting.*

¹⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 40, document A/C.4/382.*