

Non-Self-Governing Territories with the European Economic Community, taking into account the information to be submitted by the Administering Members and the studies that may be undertaken in this connexion by the Economic and Social Council, the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, the Economic Commission for Latin America and other international organs, in so far as these studies may be relevant to the development of Non-Self-Governing Territories;

5. *Resolves* to resume consideration of this question at its fifteenth session.

*855th plenary meeting,
12 December 1959.*

1471 (XIV). Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind that most of the Non-Self-Governing Territories do not have sufficient facilities for higher education which would ensure the education of highly qualified indigenous cadres,

Considering the urgent need in the Non-Self-Governing Territories for indigenous personnel who could take over the functions held by those non-indigenous persons who up to now have occupied the most important positions in the administration of those Territories,

Noting with satisfaction the further response to its resolution 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954 inviting Member States to extend offers of facilities for study and training to the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Expressing regret that a great number of the scholarships offered by Member States remain unutilized,

Further expressing regret that some Administering Members do not provide all students who have been accorded scholarships with facilities to leave the Non-Self-Governing Territories in order to take advantage of such scholarships,

Recalling its resolution 845 (IX) inviting the Member States to make scholarships available to qualified students from the Non-Self-Governing Territories,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on offers of study and training facilities under General Assembly resolution 845 (IX);⁸⁶

2. *Reaffirms* its resolution 1331 (XIII) of 12 December 1958, and invites the Administering Members to take all necessary measures consistent with the interests and needs of the Non-Self-Governing Territories and their peoples to ensure that scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States may be utilized by the inhabitants of those Territories, and to render every assistance to those persons who have applied for, or have been granted, scholarships or fellowships, particularly with regard to facilitating their travel formalities;

3. *Requests* all Administering Members which have not done so to give the fullest publicity in the Non-Self-Governing Territories under their administration to all offers of study and training facilities made by Member States;

4. *Requests* the Member States offering scholarships to take into account the necessity of furnishing complete

information about the scholarships offered, and, whenever possible, the need to provide travel funds to prospective students;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give such assistance as is possible, and as may be sought by the Member States concerned and by the applicants;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare for the fifteenth session of the General Assembly a report concerning the actual use of scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States to students from the Non-Self-Governing Territories.

*855th plenary meeting,
12 December 1959.*

1473 (XIV). The future of the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration: organization of a further plebiscite in the northern part of the Territory

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1350 (XIII) of 13 March 1959, concerning the future of the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration, which recommended that a plebiscite should take place in the Northern Cameroons in November 1959 and requested the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner to submit to the Trusteeship Council in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its fourteenth session a report on the organization, conduct and results of this plebiscite,

Having examined the report of the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner⁸⁷ and the report of the Trusteeship Council thereon,⁸⁸

Noting from the report of the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner that the people of the Northern Cameroons have decided by a substantial majority that they are in favour of deciding their future at a later date,

Noting further that the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner is satisfied that the plebiscite was conducted in a fair and impartial manner,

Noting the statement made by the representative of the Administering Authority at the 988th meeting of the Fourth Committee on 5 December 1959 to the effect that urgent action is being taken to introduce reforms in the system of local administration in the Northern Cameroons,

Having heard the petitioner,

Considering that the extremely close date of the elections to the Legislative Assembly of the Federation of Nigeria makes it impossible for the General Assembly to take a decision with regard to the participation or non-participation of the people of the Northern Cameroons in these elections,

1. *Expresses its high appreciation* of the work of the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner and the United Nations staff under his direction;

2. *Recommends* that the Administering Authority, in pursuance of Article 76 b of the Charter of the United Nations and in consultation with the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner, organize under United Nations supervision a further plebiscite in the Northern Cameroons, the arrangements for which shall begin

⁸⁷ *Ibid.*, agenda item 41, documents A/4314 and Add.1.

⁸⁸ *Ibid.*, document A/4313.

⁸⁶ *Ibid.*, documents A/4196 and Add.1.

on 30 September 1960, and that the plebiscite be concluded not later than March 1961;

3. *Decides* that the two questions to be put at this plebiscite should be:

“(a) Do you wish to achieve independence by joining the independent Republic of the Cameroons?”

“(b) Do you wish to achieve independence by joining the independent Federation of Nigeria?”;

4. *Recommends* that the plebiscite be conducted on the basis of universal adult suffrage, all those over the age of twenty-one and ordinarily resident in the Northern Cameroons being qualified to vote;

5. *Requests* the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner to report to the Trusteeship Council on the organization, conduct and results of this plebiscite, in order that the Council may transmit its report to the General Assembly together with any recommendations and observations it considers necessary;

6. *Recommends* that the necessary measures should be taken without delay for the further decentralization

of governmental functions and the effective democratization of the system of local government in the northern part of the Trust Territory;

7. *Recommends* that the Administering Authority should initiate without delay the separation of the administration of the Northern Cameroons from that of Nigeria and that this process should be completed by 1 October 1960;

8. *Requests* the Administering Authority to report on the process of separation to the Trusteeship Council at its twenty-sixth session, and requests the Council to submit a report on this matter to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session;

9. *Declares* that the participation of the Northern Cameroons in the elections to the Federal Legislative Assembly should in no way interfere with, or influence, the free choice of the people of the Northern Cameroons in deciding their future in the forthcoming plebiscite.

*857th plenary meeting,
12 December 1959.*

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Notes

Election to fill vacancies in the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories

(item 37)

At its 993rd meeting on 8 December 1959, the Fourth Committee, acting on behalf of the General Assembly, in accordance with the terms of resolution 1332 (XIII) of 12 December 1958, elected two members to the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories for a three-year period to fill the vacancies created by the expiration of the terms of office of CEYLON and GUATEMALA. At its 857th plenary meeting on 12 December 1959, the General Assembly confirmed this election.

The following States were elected: ARGENTINA and CEYLON.

Election of three members of the Committee on South West Africa

(item 38 (d))

At its 857th plenary meeting on 12 December 1959, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fourth Committee,⁸⁹ appointed three members to the Committee on South West Africa to replace BRAZIL, ETHIOPIA and FINLAND.

The following States were appointed: BRAZIL, DENMARK and ETHIOPIA.

⁸⁹ *Ibid.*, agenda item 38, document A/4272/Add.1, para. 5.