

644 (VII). Racial discrimination in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Having regard to the principles of the Charter and of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights emphasizing the necessity of promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Having regard to the principle recognized in Chapter XI of the Charter that the interests of the inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories are paramount,

Recognizing that there is a fundamental distinction between discriminatory laws and practices, on the one hand, and protective measures designed to safeguard the rights of the indigenous inhabitants, on the other hand,

1. *Recommends* to the Members responsible for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories the abolition in those Territories of discriminatory laws and practices contrary to the principles of the Charter and of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

2. *Recommends* that the Administering Members should examine all laws, statutes and ordinances in force in the Non-Self-Governing Territories under their administration, as well as their application in the said Territories, with a view to the abolition of any such discriminatory provisions or practices;

3. *Recommends* that, in any Non-Self-Governing Territory where laws are in existence which distinguish between citizens and non-citizens primarily on racial or religious grounds, these laws should similarly be examined;

4. *Recommends* that all public facilities should be open to all inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, without distinction of race;

5. *Recommends* that where laws are in existence providing particular measures of protection for sections of the population, these laws should frequently be examined in order to ascertain whether their protective aspect is still predominant, and whether provision should be made for exemption from them in particular circumstances;

6. *Recognizes* that the establishment of improved race relations largely depends on the development of educational policies, and commends all measures designed to improve among all pupils in all schools understanding of the needs and problems of the community as a whole;

7. *Calls the attention* of the Commission on Human Rights to the present resolution.

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645 (VII). Educational, economic and social policies in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Considering that the Committee on Information

from Non-Self-Governing Territories is invited² to submit to the General Assembly at its regular sessions reports containing such substantive recommendations as it may deem desirable, relating to functional fields generally,

Considering that in 1950, 1951 and 1952 the General Assembly approved³ special reports prepared by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories on educational, economic and social conditions, and invited the Secretary-General to communicate these reports to the Members of the United Nations responsible for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories for their consideration,

Recognizing that these reports express general views and objectives to be taken into account in the formulation of policy,

1. *Expresses the hope* that the Members concerned, when transmitting information under Article 73 e of the Charter, will furnish annually as complete information as possible on any action taken to bring the reports of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to the attention of the authorities responsible in the Territories for the implementation of educational, economic and social policy, and on any problems which may arise in giving effect to the general views expressed in these reports;

2. *Invites* the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories in its annual reports to the General Assembly to consider the information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter in the light of the views expressed in the special reports on educational, economic and social conditions.

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646 (VII). Renewal of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Having established, by resolution 332 (IV) adopted on 2 December 1949, a Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Recognizing the value of the work performed by this Committee,

Recalling its decision set out in resolution 332 (IV) to "examine in 1952 the question whether the Special Committee should be renewed for a further period, together with the questions of the composition and terms of reference of any such future Special Committee",

Having re-examined the terms of reference of the Committee and the provisions for its composition as set forth in resolution 332 (IV), and the provisions relating to the work of the Committee set out in resolution 333 (IV),

1. *Decides* to continue the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories on the same basis for a further three-year period;

² See resolution 219 (III).

³ See resolutions 445 (V), 565 (VI) and 643 (VII).

2. *Instructs* the Fourth Committee, acting on behalf of the General Assembly, to fill such vacancies as may occur among the non-administering Members of the Committee;

3. *Decides* that, at its regular session in 1955, the General Assembly will examine the question whether the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories should be renewed for a further period, together with the questions of the composition and terms of reference of any such future committee.

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In accordance with the terms of resolutions 332 (IV) and 646 (VII), the Fourth Committee, at its 306th meeting on 15 December 1952, elected, on behalf of the General Assembly, four members to the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to fill the vacancies created by the expiration of the terms of office of Brazil, Egypt, India and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

The States elected were: BRAZIL, CHINA, INDIA and IRAQ.

647 (VII). Participation of Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, in resolution 566 (VI) adopted on 18 January 1952, the General Assembly invited the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to examine the possibility of associating the Non-Self-Governing Territories more closely in its work and to report the results of its examination of this problem to the General Assembly at its seventh session in connexion with the Assembly's consideration of the Committee's future,

Recalling that it has been found both possible and useful to associate Non-Self-Governing Territories with the work of technical organs of the United Nations, including the specialized agencies,

Recognizing that direct participation of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories can be of further assistance in promoting the progress of these Territories and their peoples towards the goals set forth in Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting that the Members administering Non-Self-Governing Territories have from time to time attached qualified persons from these Territories to their delegations to the Committee,

1. *Considers it desirable* that there be associated in the work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories qualified indigenous representatives from Non-Self-Governing Territories, and invites the Administering Members to make such participation possible;

2. *Invites* the Administering Members to transmit copies of the reports on economic, social and educational conditions of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories, together with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, to the executive and legislative branches of these Territories;

3. *Invites* the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to study further the question of the direct participation, in its discussions on economic, social and educational conditions, of representatives of those Territories the inhabitants of which have attained a wide measure of responsibility for economic, social and educational policies, and to include recommendations on this question in its report to the General Assembly at its eighth session.

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648 (VII). Factors which should be taken into account in deciding whether a Territory is or is not a Territory whose people have not yet attained a full measure of self-government

The General Assembly,

Taking into account the obligation to transmit information, accepted in virtue of Article 73e of the Charter, by the Members which have or assume responsibilities for the administration of Territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government,

Taking into account that this obligation remains in force with regard to each Territory until such time as the objectives of Chapter XI of the Charter are fulfilled,

Taking into account the statement contained in resolution 222 (III), adopted by the General Assembly on 3 November 1948, to the effect that it is essential for the United Nations to be informed of any change that may take place in the constitutional status of any Non-Self-Governing Territory, and that, not later than six months after the submission of the aforesaid information, such information as may be required in such cases should be communicated, including information about the constitution, legislative acts or executive orders regarding the government of the Territory as well as about the constitutional relationship of the Territory to the government of the metropolitan country,

Having examined the report⁴ of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Factors (Non-Self-Governing Territories).

Recognizing that, in deciding whether a Territory has or has not attained a full measure of self-government, an enumeration of factors would be a useful guide both for the General Assembly and for the Administering Member concerned,

Having regard to its resolution 567 (VI) of 18 January 1952,

1. *Approves* provisionally the annexed list of factors which may serve as a guide, both for the General Assembly and for the Members of the United Nations which have or assume responsibilities for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories, in deciding whether a Territory has or has not attained a full measure of self-government;

2. *Recognizes* that each concrete case should be considered and decided in the light of the particular

⁴ See document A/2178.