

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).