

of asking the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to send a mission of experts to study the situation and the possibilities of economic development in the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration;

3. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to continue its study of the question and on the basis of the conclusions of the 1954 Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in East Africa and the report of the Bank, if the plan for the mission referred to in the preceding paragraph is carried out, to endeavour to decide on practical measures for financing the economic development plans for Somaliland and to report to the General Assembly at its next session;

4. *Expresses the hope* that, in the meantime, the Administering Authority will continue unremittingly in its efforts to further the economic development of the Trust Territory.

*512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

856 (IX). Form of the annual report of the Trusteeship Council to the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 433 (V) of 2 December 1950 on the annual reports of the Trusteeship Council,

Recalling its resolution 789 (VIII) of 9 December 1953 on the control and limitation of documentation,

Having taken note of the conclusions of the Council on this question as contained in its report¹⁴ covering the period from 22 July 1953 to 16 July 1954,

1. *Approves*, on a trial basis, the proposals of the Trusteeship Council concerning the form of its report to the General Assembly to the effect that a comprehensive report on a given Trust Territory should be presented by the Council only every third year coinciding with the Council's examination of the report on the Territory by a visiting mission, and that the Council should submit a shorter report in the intervening years, giving only an account of the developments and progress made during the year under review but including such background materials as would enable the Assembly to appreciate the significance of important developments, the comments and observations of Member States and the conclusions and recommendations of the Council;

2. *Requests, however*, that in view of the time-limit set for the attainment by 1960 of independence by the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration, the Council annually submit a comprehensive report on that Trust Territory.

*512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

857 (IX). Report of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 22 July 1953 to 16 July 1954

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the report¹⁵ of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 22 July 1953 to 16 July 1954;

2. *Recommends* that the Council, in its future deliberations, take into account the comments and suggestions made in the course of the discussions of its report at the ninth session of the General Assembly.

*512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

858 (IX). Attainment by the Trust Territories of the objective of self-government or independence

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 558 (VI) of 18 January 1952 by which it invited the Administering Authority of each Trust Territory, other than Somaliland under Italian administration, to include in each annual report information concerning measures taken or contemplated towards self-government or independence and, *inter alia*, the estimated period of time required for such measures and for the attainment of the ultimate objective,

Recalling further its resolution 752 (VIII) of 9 December 1953 by which it requested the Trusteeship Council to include in its next and succeeding reports to the General Assembly a separate section dealing with the implementation of resolutions 558 (VI) and 752 (VIII), specifying the various measures taken or contemplated towards self-government or independence and stating in each case its conclusions and recommendations in the light of these resolutions,

Considering that one of the most effective means of assisting the peoples of the Trust Territories to achieve the objectives set forth in Article 76 b of the Charter is to provide them with an opportunity to obtain experience in the work of government and administration by participation in representative bodies with adequate powers to carry out such work,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* that, in response to the request of the General Assembly, the Trusteeship Council has included in its report covering the period from 22 July 1953 to 16 July 1954 a separate section¹⁶ dealing with the attainment by the Trust Territories of the objective of self-government or independence;

2. *Notes, however*, that the Council has not formulated in this report any conclusions or recommendations on the measures taken or contemplated towards self-government or independence;

3. *Expresses the hope* that the Council will include its conclusions and recommendations on this question in its next and succeeding reports to the General Assembly;

4. *Recommends* that the Council instruct its visiting missions to give special attention in their reports to the Council to the question of attainment by the Trust Territories of self-government or independence in the light of resolutions 558 (VI) and 752 (VIII) and of the present resolution;

5. *Recommends* to the Administering Authorities that, as a means to facilitate an approximate determination of the date on which the populations of the Trust Territories would be prepared for self-government or independence, they should intensify their efforts to the utmost to bring about the establishment of new representative organs of government and administration

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 4.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, p. 279 et seqq.