

in the Trust Territories, with increasing participation therein by indigenous elements of those Territories, or to develop on the same basis organs of that type already in existence; that they should ensure that the nature and powers of these organs reflect the special status conferred on the Trust Territories by Chapter XII of the Charter and by the Trusteeship Agreements; and that they should hasten the attainment of the objectives set forth in Article 76 of the Charter,

*512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

859 (IX). Hearings of petitioners from the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under French administration

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 655 (VII) of 21 December 1952 and 758 (VIII) of 9 December 1953,

Having granted oral hearings¹⁷ to petitioners, representatives of organizations in the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under French administration,

1. *Takes note* of the statements of the petitioners, representatives of organizations in the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under French administration;

2. *Decides* to transmit to the Trusteeship Council the statements of the petitioners for its study;

3. *Recommends* to the Council:

(a) To continue to give appropriate attention to the matters raised by the petitioners;

(b) To request its next visiting mission to study these matters;

(c) To report accordingly to the General Assembly at its tenth session.

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14 December 1954.*

860 (IX). The Togoland unification problem and the future of the Trust Territory of Togoland under British administration

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind its resolution 750 (VIII) of 8 December 1953,

Noting the special report of the Trusteeship Council in document A/2669¹⁸ of 23 July 1954,

Noting the new situation described in the statement¹⁹ of the United Kingdom Government to the effect that the Gold Coast will assume full responsibility for its own affairs within a measurable period, and that it will thereafter be no longer possible for the Administering Authority to administer the Trust Territory in accordance with articles 4 and 5 of the present Trusteeship Agreement,

Noting also the view²⁰ of the Administering Authority that the progress of the inhabitants of the Trust

Territory has been such that, at the same time as the Gold Coast assumes full responsibility for its own affairs, the people of Togoland under British administration will have reached a stage of development when the objectives of the International Trusteeship System will have been substantially achieved and that the Trusteeship Agreement should therefore be terminated,

Considering that, in accordance with Article 76 b of the Charter, the future status of the Territory should be determined in the light of its particular circumstances and of the freely expressed wishes of its peoples,

1. *Decides*, in view of the eventual revision or termination of the Trusteeship Agreement, that steps should be taken, in the light of the particular circumstances of the Trust Territory, to ascertain the wishes of the inhabitants as to their future, without prejudice to the eventual solution they may choose whether it be independence, unification of an independent Togoland under British administration with an independent Togoland under French administration, unification with an independent Gold Coast, or some other self-governing or independent status;

2. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to take into account the views expressed in the Fourth Committee at the ninth and previous sessions of the General Assembly, to consider what arrangements should be made in pursuance of the above decision and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its tenth session;

3. *Further requests* the Trusteeship Council to dispatch a special mission to the Trust Territories of Togoland under British administration and Togoland under French administration to make a special study of these problems and to submit its report thereon in time for the Council to report to the General Assembly at its tenth session;

4. *Urges in the meanwhile* that in the greater interests of the United Nations those directly concerned will lend their utmost co-operation in the full and early implementation of its recommendations contained in General Assembly resolution 750 B (VIII) of 8 December 1953.

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14 December 1954.*

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NOTE

ELECTION OF A MEMBER TO THE COMMITTEE OF INFORMATION FROM NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES

In accordance with the terms of resolutions 332 (IV) and 646 (VII) of the General Assembly, the Fourth Committee was called upon to fill the vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories created by the expiration of the terms of office of Ecuador and Indonesia.

In consequence of the reduction of one Administrative Member (Denmark) in the membership of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories resulting from the adoption of resolution 849 (IX) above, one vacancy only remained to be filled, and the Fourth Committee, on behalf of the General Assembly, at its 433rd meeting on 15 November 1954, elected PERU to fill that vacancy.

¹⁷ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Fourth Committee*, 442nd, 443rd and 446th meetings.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, *Annexes*, agenda items 35 and 52.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, document A/2660.

²⁰ *Ibid.*