

the prevailing policies, laws and practices which, in the Trust Territories, relate to land, land utilization and the alienation of land, taking into account the present and future needs of the indigenous inhabitants from the standpoint of the basic objectives of the International Trusteeship System and the future economic requirements of the Territories, as well as the social and economic consequences of the transfer of land to non-indigenous inhabitants,

Having noted the actions of the Trusteeship Council in this field, both through its regular procedures for the examination of conditions in the Trust Territories and through the establishment of the Committee on Rural Economic Development of the Trust Territories,

Bearing in mind the technical difficulties that the Committee has encountered in the various aspects of the study entrusted to it,

Noting with regret that the Committee has not yet been able to carry out the aforementioned study,

Considering that the questions of land tenure, land utilization and land alienation call for analysis and opinion of a technical and expert nature, and recalling in this connexion General Assembly resolution 561 (VI) of 18 January 1952,

Considering that, in the meantime, it would be appropriate for the Trusteeship Council, with the assistance of the Committee, to continue to devote particular attention to the question of the alienation of land in the Trust Territories,

1. *Decides*, in order to facilitate the eventual study by the General Assembly of problems of land tenure, land utilization and land alienation in the Trust Territories, to invite the appropriate specialized agencies, particularly the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the International Labour Organisation to submit to the Trusteeship Council their observations and suggestions concerning these problems;

2. *Recommends* to the Trusteeship Council that it ensure, through the Committee on Rural Economic Development of the Trust Territories or by such other means as it deems appropriate, the early submission of its study of the prevailing policies, laws and practices relating to land tenure, land utilization and land alienation in Trust Territories, taking into account the present and future needs of the indigenous inhabitants from the standpoint of the basic objectives of the International Trusteeship System and the future economic requirements of the Territories, as well as the social and economic consequences of the transfer of land to non-indigenous inhabitants;

3. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to include the results of this study in its next report to the General Assembly.

*729th plenary meeting,
13 December 1957.*

1209 (XII). Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Having examined chapter V, section D, of part I of the report of the Trusteeship Council²³ and the report of the Secretary-General on offers by Member

States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories²⁵,

Recalling that, in its resolutions 753 (VIII) of 9 December 1953 and 1063 (XI) of 26 February 1957, the General Assembly recommended that the Administering Authorities of the Trust Territories take all such measures as would ensure the greatest possible use by inhabitants of the Trust Territories of the scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States,

Noting that the major part of the scholarships offered by Member States remains unutilized,

1. *Takes note* of chapter V, section D, of part I of the report of the Trusteeship Council and of the report of the Secretary-General on offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories;

2. *Reaffirms* its resolution 1063 (XI) of 26 February 1957 and once again invites the Administering Authorities to take all necessary measures to ensure that scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States may be utilized by inhabitants of the Trust Territories and to render every assistance to those persons who have applied for, or have been granted, scholarships or fellowships;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give such assistance as is possible, and as may be sought by the Members concerned and by the applicants, within the framework of the procedures laid down by the Trusteeship Council;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include, in his future reports to the Trusteeship Council, detailed information concerning the actual use of scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States for the education of inhabitants of the Trust Territories;

5. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to resume, at its sessions held in 1958, the consideration of this question and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session.

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1210 (XII). Effects of the European Economic Community on the development of certain Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report of the Trusteeship Council,²³

Having observed that the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community provides that certain Trust Territories are to be associated with the Community,

Believing that this association may have significant effects on the development of such Territories,

1. *Invites* the Administering Authorities concerned to submit information to the Trusteeship Council on the association of the Trust Territories under their administration with the European Economic Community and on the possible effects of the Treaty establishing the Community on the development of those Territories;

2. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to include in its report to the General Assembly, at its thirteenth

²³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Annexes, agenda item 13, document A/3718.*

session, a separate section dealing with the effects that the association of certain Trust Territories with the Community may have on the development of those Territories, in the light of any surveys of this problem carried out by the Secretary-General in virtue of General Assembly resolution 1153 (XII) of 26 November 1957, by the Economic and Social Council, the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, the Economic Commission for Latin America, or other international bodies, in so far as such surveys are concerned with the development of those Territories;

3. *Resolves* to resume examination of this question at its thirteenth session.

*729th plenary meeting,
13 December 1957.*

1211 (XII). Situation in the Trust Territories of the Cameroons under British administration and the Cameroons under French administration²⁶

The General Assembly,

Having studied the chapters of the report of the Trusteeship Council which relate to the Trust Territories of the Cameroons under British administration and the Cameroons under French administration,²⁷

Noting continued tensions and disturbances in a certain area of the Cameroons under French administration,

Noting the fact that the amnesty law envisaged by the Administering Authority has not yet been promulgated,

Taking note of the progress achieved in both Territories and of the measures to that effect adopted by the Administering Authorities and by the authorities of both Cameroons,

Having heard and considered the statements of the petitioners from these Territories in the course of the hearings granted by the Fourth Committee,

Bearing in mind that the Trusteeship Council will, in the normal course, send a visiting mission to the two Territories in 1958,

1. *Takes note* of the pertinent chapters of the report of the Trusteeship Council;

2. *Transmits* the statements of the petitioners to the Trusteeship Council for further study;

3. *Recommends* that the Trusteeship Council take into account the observations and suggestions made during the debate in the Fourth Committee, when the Council considers conditions in the Trust Territories of the Cameroons under British administration and the Cameroons under French administration at its twenty-first session;

4. *Expresses the hope* that, as a result of the application of appropriate measures, in particular the early promulgation of the amnesty law by the Administering Authority, and the renunciation of the use of violence

²⁶ This resolution was submitted directly in plenary meeting and adopted by the General Assembly after consideration of the report of the Fourth Committee. For the text of the report, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Annexes, agenda item 13, document A/3779.*

²⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/3595 and Corr.1), part II, chapters IV and V.*

by all political parties, it will be possible to achieve, in the Cameroons under French administration, conditions conducive to the early restoration of a normal situation in the disturbed area, and to the furtherance of democratic progress and political activities in the Territory;

5. *Is confident* that the appropriate steps to be taken by the Administering Authorities will further facilitate the realization in both Territories of the final objectives of the Trusteeship System, in accordance with the free expression of the wishes of the populations concerned, taking into account any alternative relative to their future status;

6. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to instruct its next visiting mission, in 1958, to take into account the observations and suggestions made at the twelfth session of the General Assembly during the examination of the situation in the two Territories.

*729th plenary meeting,
13 December 1957.*

1213 (XII). Question of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 392 (V) of 15 December 1950, 854 (IX) of 14 December 1954, 947 (X) of 15 December 1955 and 1068 (XI) of 26 February 1957,

Having taken note of the reports transmitted to the General Assembly by the Governments of Ethiopia²⁸ and of Italy²⁹ in accordance with the recommendation contained in resolution 1068 (XI),

Having heard the statements made by the delegations of Ethiopia and of Italy, including that of the representative of the Government of Somalia,³⁰

Noting the efforts made by the Governments of Ethiopia and of Italy in negotiations to reach a solution of the question of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia,

Noting that, although some progress was made during the discussions, direct negotiations have not resolved some of the main differences between the parties,

Considering that it is in the common interest of Ethiopia and the Trust Territory that there should be a final settlement of the question of the frontier between them before the Territory becomes an independent sovereign State in 1960,

Having regard to the urgency of the matter,

1. *Expresses the opinion* that a final settlement can be achieved most expeditiously by a procedure of arbitration;

2. *Recommends* the parties to establish, if possible within three months, an arbitration tribunal—consisting of three jurists, one to be appointed by Ethiopia, one by Italy and one by agreement between the jurists so

²⁸ *Ibid., Twelfth Session, Annexes, agenda item 39, document A/3753.*

²⁹ *Ibid., documents A/3754 and Add.1.*

³⁰ *Ibid., Twelfth Session, Fourth Committee, 734th meeting.*