

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.*