

1051 (XI). Procedures for the 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 resolution 222 (III) of 3 November 1948, it considered it essential that the United Nations be informed of any change in the constitutional position and status of any Non-Self-Governing Territory as a result of which the responsible Government concerned thinks it unnecessary to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations, and requested any Member concerned to communicate to the Secretary-General appropriate information on such a change,

Noting that resolution 448 (V) of 12 December 1950 requested the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to examine information transmitted in pursuance of resolution 222 (III),

Noting that the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories has examined communications from the Members concerned relating to the cessation of the transmission of information in respect of Puerto Rico, Greenland, the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam,

Considering that, in accordance with resolution 850 (IX) of 22 November 1954, the methods and procedures to be followed in the consideration of such communications were to be studied further,

Considering that, in the examination of communications relating to the cessation of the transmission of information, questions may arise requiring primary consideration by the General Assembly at its regular sessions,

1. *Decides* that, notwithstanding the provisions of resolution 448 (V) of 12 December 1950, communications relating to the cessation of the transmission of information in respect of a Non-Self-Governing Territory, transmitted to the Secretary-General by the Members concerned, should be referred directly to the General Assembly;

2. *Considers* that the General Assembly should, as indicated in resolutions 742 (VIII) of 27 November 1953 and 850 (IX) of 22 November 1954, examine cases of the cessation of the transmission of information, with particular emphasis on the manner in which the right of self-determination has been attained and freely exercised;

3. *Considers* that the General Assembly, as circumstances may make appropriate, should adopt such conclusions as it deems fit, or should refer points for study to the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories or any such future committee which may be established, or should take other measures to reach conclusions in the interests of the inhabitants of the Territory concerned.

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20 February 1957.*

1052 (XI). Summaries of information concerning Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Having noted that in the 1956 report of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Terri-

tries¹² it is suggested that the printed edition of the Secretary-General's summaries of information from Non-Self-Governing Territories should, in two years out of three, be replaced by fascicles produced by the offset process,

Considering that there should be no lowering in the standards of reproduction or distribution of information on Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Considering that the new system should be regarded as an experiment without prejudice to the future,

Invites the Secretary-General to prepare a report for the twelfth session of the General Assembly showing the comparative costs of the various methods of reproducing the summaries of information, so that the General Assembly may be provided with the opportunity of examining the relative advantages of both systems of reproduction and distribution of the summaries of information from Non-Self-Governing Territories and of making appropriate arrangements for the future.

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1053 (XI). Progress achieved by the Non-Self-Governing Territories in pursuance of Chapter XI of the Charter

The General Assembly,

Considering that Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations makes provision for the regular transmission to the Secretary-General of information on conditions in the Territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government, and that General Assembly resolution 218 (III) of 3 November 1948, establishes a system for the transmission of such information and for the preparation of summaries of the information so transmitted,

Considering that, by resolutions 551 (VI) of 7 December 1951 and 930 (X) of 8 November 1955, the Standard Form for the guidance of Members in the preparation of information has been adapted in the light of experience,

Noting that resolution 932 (X) of 8 November 1955 suggests that an examination of the progress achieved in the Non-Self-Governing Territories since the establishment of the United Nations, based on the information received under Article 73 e of the Charter, would be highly desirable,

Noting that, although the Administering Members have annually supplied reports on the progress in Territories under their administration, there does not exist in an appropriate form a record of such progress as has been made since the establishment of the United Nations,

Considering that the principal points indicated by the Secretary-General in his report of 28 September 1956¹³ form a satisfactory basis for such a record,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the assistance provided to the Secretary-General, in giving effect to General Assembly resolution 932 (X) of 8 November 1955, by the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the

¹² *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 15 (A/3127).

¹³ *Ibid.*, Eleventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 35, document A/3196.

World Health Organization and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the specialized agencies concerned, to prepare, for submission to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session, a report on the progress that has taken place in the Non-Self-Governing Territories, in those fields on which information has been transmitted, in accordance with the objectives set forth in Chapter XI of the Charter, since the establishment of the United Nations;

3. *Invites* the specialized agencies concerned to collaborate with the Secretary-General in the preparation of the report;

4. *Considers* that the report should be based on the information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter and on the supplemental information supplied to the secretariats of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies by the Administering Members concerned;

5. *Invites* the Administering Members to include in the information regularly transmitted by them under Article 73 e of the Charter such information as may be practicable for the preparation of the report, including a survey of the principles and practical measures showing general trends in the Territories concerned as indicated in section C of the explanatory preface of the Standard Form for the guidance of Members in the preparation of information to be transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter;

6. *Invites* the Secretary-General to keep the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories regularly informed of the progress of the report provided for in the present resolution.

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20 February 1957.

1054 (XI). Report of the Committee on South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having considered the third report and observation submitted to it, in accordance with its resolutions 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953 and 941 (X) of 3 December 1955, by the Committee on South West Africa concerning conditions in the Territory of South West Africa,¹⁴

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the work of the Committee on South West Africa;

2. *Approves* the report of the Committee concerning conditions in the Territory of South West Africa;

3. *Notes with concern* that, for the third year in succession, the Committee has been unable to escape the conclusion that conditions in the Territory are for the most part, and particularly for the "Native" majority, still far from meeting in a reasonable way the standards implicit in the purposes of the Mandates System;

4. *Approves and endorses* accordingly, and without prejudice to the solution of the broader issues raised by the Committee concerning the situation in the Territory, all the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee as to the action which should be taken by

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, Eleventh Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/3151 and Corr.1), annex II.

the Government of the Union of South Africa as the Mandatory Power, and in particular draws the attention of the Government of the Union of South Africa to those recommendations in respect of:

(a) The progressive transfer of responsibility to representative, executive and legislative institutions proper to the Territory;

(b) The revision of existing policies and practices of "Native" administration in accordance with the spirit of the Mandates System;

(c) The extension to all the inhabitants of representation in the existing territorial legislature;

(d) The basing of public employment on qualifications other than race and the progressive training of non-Europeans for higher posts in the Administration;

(e) The review and revision of the land settlement policy;

(f) The discontinuance of residential restrictions based on a policy of racial separation, or *apartheid*, and the repeal of laws of the Territory having racially discriminatory restrictions;

(g) The immediate elimination from the law and practice of the Territory of the existing discriminatory restrictions upon freedom of movement;

(h) The elimination of racial discrimination from the educational system and the establishment of a programme for the progressive unification of the system;

5. *Invites* the Government of the Union of South Africa to submit to the United Nations information concerning its consideration of these conclusions and recommendations and the action taken by it in each case in order to ensure the fulfilment of its obligations and responsibilities under the Mandate.

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1055 (XI). Status of the Territory of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having recommended, by its resolution 65 (I) of 14 December 1946, 141 (II) of 1 November 1947, 227 (III) of 26 November 1948, 337 (IV) of 6 December 1949, 449 B (V) of 13 December 1950, 570 B (VI) of 19 January 1952, 749 B (VIII) of 28 November 1953, 852 (IX) of 23 November 1954 and 940 (X) of 3 December 1955, that the Mandated Territory of South West Africa be placed under the International Trusteeship System, and having repeatedly invited the Government of the Union of South Africa to propose, for the consideration of the General Assembly, a trusteeship agreement for South West Africa,

Having accepted, by its resolution 449 A (V) of 13 December 1950, the advisory opinion¹⁵ of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa,

Considering that, in accordance with Chapter XII of the Charter of the United Nations, all Mandated Territories which have not achieved independence have been brought under the International Trusteeship System with the sole exception of the Territory of South West Africa,

¹⁵ *International status of South-West Africa, Advisory Opinion: I.C.J. Reports 1950, p. 128.*