

Noting with satisfaction that some Non-Self-Governing Territories are already participating fruitfully in the work of certain specialized agencies and certain regional economic commissions,

1. *Invites* the Administering Members to submit to the specialized agencies the candidature of the Territories referred to in Article 73 of the Charter of the United Nations with a view to their admission as members, associate members or observers, according to the constitution of the agency concerned;

2. *Specially requests* all Member States administering Non-Self-Governing Territories in Africa to propose the participation of these Territories in the work of the Economic Commission for Africa;

3. *Re-emphasizes* the great advantage of the Administering Members including in their delegations representatives of the Non-Self-Governing Territories to participate in the work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories and in the discussion of such matters in the Fourth Committee;

4. *Invites* the Administering Members to furnish the Secretary-General with a report on the practical measures taken to implement the present resolution;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session on the progress made.

*855th plenary meeting,
12 December 1959.*

1467 (XIV). General questions relating to the transmission and examination of information

The General Assembly,

Having regard to the provisions of Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations, and in particular to the obligation to transmit information under Article 73 e accepted by Members which have or assume responsibilities for Territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government,

Recalling that, by its resolution 334 (IV) of 2 December 1949, the General Assembly considered that it is within its responsibility to express its opinion on the principles which have guided, or may in future guide, the Administering Members in enumerating the Territories for which the obligation exists to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter,

Recalling also that, by its resolution 742 (VIII) of 27 November 1953, the General Assembly approved a list of factors to be taken into account in deciding whether a Territory is or is not a Territory whose people have not yet attained a full measure of self-government,

Noting that Member States have expressed differing opinions as to the application of the provisions of Chapter XI to Territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government, including the obligation to transmit the information called for in Article 73 e of the Charter,

1. *Considers* that it would be desirable for the General Assembly to enumerate the principles which should guide Members in determining whether or not an obligation exists to transmit the information called for in Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations;

2. *Decides* to establish a special committee consisting of six members, to be elected by the Fourth Committee on behalf of the General Assembly—three of whom shall

be Members who transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter and three non-administering Members—to study these principles and to report on the results of its study to the Assembly at its fifteenth session;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare for the use of this committee an account of the history of this matter, including a summary of the opinions on the subject which have been expressed by Member States in the past and of the relevant legal treaties on the interpretation of the Charter;

4. *Invites* Member States to submit in writing to the Secretary-General, before 1 May 1960, their views on these principles, in order that the committee may take them into account.

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At its 994th meeting, the Fourth Committee, acting in the name of the General Assembly, elected the members of the special committee established under the terms of the above resolution. At its 857th plenary meeting on 12 December 1959, the General Assembly confirmed the election.

The Committee is composed as follows: INDIA, MEXICO, MOROCCO, NETHERLANDS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

1468 (XIV). Voluntary transmission of information on political developments in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 144 (II) of 3 November 1947, 327 (IV) of 2 December 1949, 551 (VI) of 7 December 1951 and 848 (IX) of 22 November 1954 regarding the voluntary transmission of information on political developments in the Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Noting that only some Members responsible for the administration of the Non-Self-Governing Territories voluntarily transmit information on the development of political institutions in those Territories,

Recognizing that the principles and objectives set forth in Article 73 of the Charter of the United Nations relate as much to the political advancement of the inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories as to their advancement in economic, social and educational fields,

Recalling further that under Article 73 b of the Charter the Administering Members have assumed the obligation to develop self-government in the Non-Self-Governing Territories, with due regard to the political aspirations of the peoples, and to assist them in the progressive development of their free political institutions,

Conscious of the inextricable relationship between developments in the political and functional fields,

1. *Endorses* the observations of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories, based on its examination of the information transmitted by the Administering Members, that speedy advancement in the functional fields is usually obtained where there is the broadest participation of the inhabitants in political bodies empowered to establish policies and to vote budgets;³²

³² *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 15 (A/4111), part two, para. 27.

2. *Requests* the Administering Members to do their utmost to mobilize the effective participation of the inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories by transferring to them effective power in order to accelerate their social, economic and educational advancement;

3. *Considers* that the transmission of information on developments in the political field will enable the General Assembly better to assess the information transmitted by the Administering Members concerning educational, social and economic development in the Non-Self-Governing Territories;

4. *Reiterates the view* that the voluntary transmission of information on political developments in the Non-Self-Governing Territories is fully in accord with the spirit of Article 73 of the Charter of the United Nations;

5. *Urges* the Administering Members concerned to extend their full co-operation in this matter by voluntarily transmitting information of a political and constitutional character with regard to developments in the Territories under their respective administrations, including the establishment of intermediate time-tables leading to the attainment of self-government by these Territories.

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1469 (XIV). Cessation of the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter in respect of Alaska and Hawaii

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, by resolution 222 (III) of 3 November 1948, the General Assembly, while welcoming any development of self-government in Non-Self-Governing Territories, considered it essential that the United Nations be informed of any change in the constitutional status of any such Territory as a result of which the responsible Government concerned thinks it unnecessary to transmit information in respect of that Territory under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations,

Having received from the Government of the United States of America communications dated 2 June 1959³³ and 17 September 1959³⁴ informing the Secretary-General that Alaska and Hawaii, respectively, have, as a result of their admission into the United States as the forty-ninth and fiftieth States, attained a full measure of self-government and that, as a consequence of this change in their constitutional status, the United States Government would cease to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter in respect of Alaska and Hawaii,

Having examined the communications of the Government of the United States of America in the light of the basic principles and objectives embodied in Chapter XI of the Charter and of all the other elements of judgement pertinent to the issue,

Bearing in mind the competence of the General Assembly to decide whether a Non-Self-Governing Territory has or has not attained a full measure of self-government as referred to in Chapter XI of the Charter,

1. *Takes note* of the opinion of the Government of the United States of America that, owing to the new constitutional status of Alaska and Hawaii, it is no

³³ *Ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 36, document A/4115.

³⁴ *Ibid.*, document A/4226.

longer appropriate or necessary for it to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations in respect of Alaska and Hawaii;

2. *Expresses the opinion*, based on its examination of the documentation and the explanations provided, that the people of Alaska and Hawaii have effectively exercised their right to self-determination and have freely chosen their present status;

3. *Congratulates* the United States of America and the people of Alaska and Hawaii upon the attainment of a full measure of self-government by the people of Alaska and Hawaii;

4. *Considers* that, owing to the circumstances mentioned above, the declaration regarding Non-Self-Governing Territories and the provisions established under it in Chapter XI of the Charter can no longer be applied to Alaska and Hawaii;

5. *Considers* it appropriate that the transmission of information in respect of Alaska and Hawaii under Article 73 e of the Charter should cease.

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1470 (XIV). Effects of the European Economic Community on the development of certain Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Referring to its resolution 1330 (XIII) of 12 December 1958,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the association of Non-Self-Governing Territories with the European Economic Community,³⁵

Noting with concern that the Administering Members have not yet submitted sufficient information on the possible effects of the association of the Non-Self-Governing Territories under their administration with the European Economic Community,

Considering that the association of Non-Self-Governing Territories with the European Economic Community may have significant effects on the development of these Territories towards the objectives of Article 73 of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the association of Non-Self-Governing Territories with the European Economic Community;

2. *Again invites* the Administering Members concerned to transmit to the Secretary-General information on the possible effects of the association of the Non-Self-Governing Territories under their administration with the European Economic Community;

3. *Requests* the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to devote special attention at its 1960 session, at which it is to deal particularly with the economic development of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, to the question of the association of certain Non-Self-Governing Territories with the European Economic Community and to the possible effects of this association on the development of these Territories towards the objectives of Article 73 of the Charter of the United Nations;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, for the fifteenth session of the General Assembly, a report on new developments connected with the association of

³⁵ *Ibid.*, document A/4197.