

former Trust Territories which have become independent, within the spheres and in the framework of programmes of international assistance;

2. *Recommends* that the Economic and Social Council, in its study of this problem, should seek the co-operation of such international, governmental and non-governmental organizations as the Council may deem it advisable to approach;

3. *Recommends* that the Economic and Social Council should consult with the Governments of countries which were formerly under trusteeship and which have become independent, for the purpose of ascertaining their views with respect to these questions;

4. *Recommends* that the Economic and Social Council should report to the General Assembly, at its fifteenth session, concerning the results of this study and also concerning any conclusions and recommendations which it deems appropriate.

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

1415 (XIV). Assistance to territories emerging from a trust status and to newly independent States

The General Assembly,

Welcoming the forthcoming independence of the Trust Territories of the Cameroons under French administration, Togoland under French administration and Somaliland under Italian administration during 1960,

Recalling the basic objectives of the Trusteeship System as set forth in Article 76 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing the many problems with which the emerging Trust Territories and newly independent States must inevitably be faced upon their attainment of independence, particularly in the economic and social fields,

Desiring that all possible aid in the field of technical assistance be available from the existing facilities in the United Nations and the specialized agencies to those emerging Trust Territories and newly independent States which might request it,

Invites the Secretary-General and the executive heads of the specialized agencies concerned to give urgent and sympathetic consideration, without prejudice in any way to present assistance being given to other States Members of the United Nations, to all requests which they might receive to provide Territories emerging from a trust status or newly independent States with:

(a) Such high-level technical experts as they might desire;

(b) All other forms of technical aid required by the special circumstances in which they have acceded to independence.

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5 December 1959.*

1416 (XIV). Date of the independence of the Trust Territory of Togoland under French administration

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1253 (XIII) of 14 November 1958, by which it was decided, in agreement with the Administering Authority, that on the day which would be agreed upon between the Government of France and

the Government of Togoland and on which the Republic of Togoland is to become independent in 1960, the Trusteeship Agreement approved by the General Assembly on 13 December 1946 shall cease to be in force, in accordance with Article 76 b of the Charter of the United Nations,

Having considered the communication of 13 July 1959 sent to the Secretary-General by the representative of France to the Trusteeship Council,¹⁸ Trusteeship Council resolution 1950 (XXIV) of 14 July 1959, and the statements made at the 933rd and 935th meetings of the Fourth Committee on 30 October and 2 November 1959 by the representative of France and by the representative of Togoland, duly accredited as a member of the delegation of France,

1. *Notes* that the Governments of France and of Togoland have agreed that the date on which the Republic of Togoland shall become independent is to be 27 April 1960;

2. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the terms and spirit in which this agreement has been concluded;

3. *Reiterates its decision* that, on the date of the independence of Togoland, which has now been established as 27 April 1960, the Trusteeship Agreement for Togoland under French administration, approved by the General Assembly on 13 December 1946, shall cease to be in force;

4. *Recommends* that, upon the attainment of independence on 27 April 1960, Togoland shall be admitted to membership in the United Nations in accordance with Article 4 of the Charter of the United Nations.

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

1417 (XIV). Assistance to the Trust Territory of Togoland under French administration

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1254 (XIII) of 14 November 1958 relating to assistance to Togoland under French administration,

Considering that requests for assistance to Trust Territories deserve sympathetic consideration by the United Nations,

Considering further that Togoland under French administration is about to attain the objectives of the International Trusteeship System, and that 27 April 1960 has now been established as the date of the independence of the Republic of Togoland,¹⁹

Having considered part II, chapter VI, of the report of the Trusteeship Council¹⁸ in connexion with the development of Togoland under French administration and the assistance given to it by the Administering Authority and by agencies of the United Nations,

Having heard the statement made at the 935th meeting of the Fourth Committee on 2 November 1959 by the Minister of State of the Republic of Togoland as a member of the delegation of France,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the assistance given to this date to Togoland under French administration by agencies of the United Nations;

2. *Trusts* that the Administering Authority will continue to transmit without delay requests for assist-

¹⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 13, document A/4138.*

¹⁹ See resolution 1416 (XIV).

ance that may be made by the Government of Togoland, and that the Secretary-General, the Special Fund, the Technical Assistance Board and the specialized agencies will give urgent and sympathetic consideration to these requests.

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5 December 1959.*

1418 (XIV). Date of the independence of the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration

The General Assembly,

Recalling the terms of article 24 of the Trusteeship Agreement with respect to the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration (hereinafter referred to as Somalia) which provides that the Agreement shall cease to be in force ten years after the date of the approval of the Trusteeship Agreement by the General Assembly, at the conclusion of which the Territory shall become an independent sovereign State,

Recalling its resolution 442 (V) of 2 December 1950, by which it approved the Trusteeship Agreement,

Having considered the information submitted by the Administering Authority²⁰ to the effect that the Government of Somalia has conveyed the wish expressed by the Legislative Assembly that the Trusteeship Agreement be terminated as soon as possible so that the Trust Territory may achieve independence at a date earlier than 2 December 1960, as well as the statement of the representative of the Italian Government that the Administering Authority is prepared to support this wish,

Having heard the statements made by the Chairman of the United Nations Advisory Council for Somalia,

Having heard the views of the petitioners,

Noting the wish expressed by the Government of Somalia that, as soon as possible after the date of attainment of its independence, Somalia should be admitted to membership in the United Nations, and noting further that the Government of Italy has expressed its readiness to sponsor the application that will be made by the Government of Somalia to be admitted to membership in the United Nations,

1. *Takes note* of the statements made by the representative of Italy and the representative of the Government of Somalia that the preparations for independence will be completed by 1 July 1960 and that independence will be proclaimed on that date;

2. *Congratulates* the Government of Italy, as Administering Authority, and the Government and the people of Somalia on taking steps in order to attain the basic objectives of the International Trusteeship System in advance of 2 December 1960;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* for the aid and advice provided by the United Nations Advisory Council for Somalia to the Administering Authority and also to the Government and the people of Somalia in their progress towards independence;

4. *Expresses its confidence* that the recommendations and observations of the Trusteeship Council, which have been accepted by the Administering Authority and by the Government of Somalia, concerning the broadening of the composition of the Political Committee and the Constituent Assembly, a popular confirmation of

the constitution now under preparation through a referendum, and a modification of the existing electoral law will be implemented before the date on which the Trusteeship Agreement is terminated, and that the Administering Authority will furnish a report on the implementation of these recommendations to the Trusteeship Council at its twenty-sixth session;

5. *Resolves accordingly*, in agreement with the Administering Authority, that on 1 July 1960, when Somalia shall become independent, the Trusteeship Agreement approved by the General Assembly on 2 December 1950 shall cease to be in force, the basic objectives of trusteeship having been attained;

6. *Recommends* that, upon the attainment of independence, Somalia shall be admitted to membership in the United Nations in accordance with Article 4 of the Charter of the United Nations.

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

1419 (XIV). Plans of political reforms for the Trust Territory of Ruanda-Urundi

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the statement of the Administering Authority²¹ concerning the political reforms envisaged for the Trust Territory of Ruanda-Urundi under Belgian administration,

Having taken note of the petitions and communications dealing with the recent outbreak of violence in the Territory,²²

Having taken note also of the statement of the Administering Authority on the incidents leading to the outbreak of violence which have resulted in the sending of troops to the Territory,

Having heard the views of the petitioners,

1. *Draws the attention* of the Trusteeship Council to the statements of the petitioners on the Trust Territory of Ruanda-Urundi;

2. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to consider in detail the plans of political reforms envisaged for the Territory by the Administering Authority and to include the Council's observations and recommendations on the plans in its report to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session, taking into account the provisions of Assembly resolution 1413 (XIV) on the attainment of self-government or independence by Trust Territories;

3. *Further requests* the Trusteeship Council to dispatch its 1960 visiting mission to Trust Territories in East Africa early in 1960 so as to make it possible for the mission to report to the Council, at its twenty-sixth session, on the conditions and causes of the recent disturbances in the Territory.

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5 December 1959.*

1461 (XIV). Progress achieved by the Non-Self-Governing Territories in pursuance of Chapter XI of the Charter

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 932 (X) of 8 November 1955, in which it expressed the opinion that an examination

²¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Fourth Committee, 947th meeting.*

²² T/PET.3/95, T/PET.3/96 and Add.1, T/PET.3/97-99; T/COM.3/L.32.

²⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 13, document A/4262.*