

report on the early establishment of United Nations information centres in or near the Trust Territories,

Noting from the report¹⁴ submitted by the Secretary-General to the Trusteeship Council pursuant to General Assembly resolution 1276 (XIII) that information centres may be established only after the State concerned has requested or agreed to the establishment of these centres and after the Assembly has provided the necessary funds, and that thus far no requests have been received by the Secretary-General from the Administering Authorities for the establishment of information centres in any of the Trust Territories,

Having perused the report¹⁵ submitted by the Secretary-General to the Trusteeship Council at its twenty-fourth session under Council resolution 36 (III) of 8 July 1948 and observing therefrom that the dissemination of information on the United Nations among the peoples of the Trust Territories is still far from satisfactory,

Keeping in view the special status of Trust Territories and their inhabitants and also the General Assembly's own special responsibilities under Chapters XII and XIII of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reiterating that it is essential, in the General Assembly's view, that the peoples of Trust Territories should receive adequate information concerning the purposes and operation of the United Nations and of the International Trusteeship System,

Noting the recommendation of the Committee of Experts on United Nations Public Information that United Nations information centres constitute the most important means of disseminating information about the United Nations,¹⁶

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to initiate discussions with the Administering Authorities concerned with a view to establishing, during 1960, in at least some of the larger Trust Territories, such as Tanganyika, Ruanda-Urundi and New Guinea, United Nations information centres in which the responsible positions would be occupied preferably by indigenous inhabitants of the Trust Territories concerned;

2. *Also requests* the Administering Authorities to extend their co-operation and assistance to the Secretary-General in implementing the recommendations made in paragraph 1 above;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, for the fifteenth session of the General Assembly, a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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1411 (XIV). Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind that most of the Trust Territories do not have sufficient facilities for higher education which would ensure the education of highly qualified indigenous cadres,

¹⁴ *Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 13, document T/1467.*

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, document T/1463.

¹⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 55, document A/3928, para. 227 (e).*

Considering the urgent need in the Trust Territories for indigenous personnel who could take over the functions held by those non-indigenous persons who up to now have occupied the most important positions in the administration of these Territories,

Expressing regret that the greater part of the scholarships offered by Member States remain unutilized,

Expressing regret also that some Administering Authorities do not provide all students who have been accorded scholarships with facilities to leave the Trust Territories in order to take advantage of such scholarships, as attested by the periodic report of the Secretary-General on the progress of the scholarship programme,¹⁷

Recalling its resolution 557 (VI) of 18 January 1952, inviting the Member States to make scholarships available to qualified students from the Trust Territories,

1. *Takes note* of part I, chapter VII, section D, of the report of the Trusteeship Council,¹⁸ as well as of the periodic report of the Secretary-General on the progress of the scholarship programme;

2. *Reaffirms* its resolution 1277 (XIII) of 5 December 1958 and once again invites the Administering Authorities to take all necessary measures consistent with the interests and needs of the Trust Territories and their peoples to ensure that scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States may be utilized by inhabitants of these Territories, and to render every assistance to those persons who have applied for or have been granted scholarships or fellowships, particularly with regard to facilitating their travel formalities;

3. *Requests* all Administering Authorities which have not done so to give the fullest publicity in the Trust Territories under their administration to all offers of study and training facilities made by Member States;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give such assistance as is possible and as may be sought by the Member States concerned and by the applicants;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, for the fifteenth session of the General Assembly, a report concerning the actual use of scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States to students from the Trust Territories;

6. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to resume, at its sessions to be held in 1960, the consideration of this question and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session;

7. *Decides* to place this question as a separate item on the provisional agenda of its fifteenth session.

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1412 (XIV). Preparation and training of indigenous civil cadres in the Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Noting from chapters on individual Trust Territories in part II of the report of the Trusteeship Council¹⁸ that there are serious shortages of qualified civilian and technical personnel in all these Territories,

Considering that appropriately trained indigenous civil and technical cadres are essential to the functioning

¹⁷ *Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 14, document T/1462.*

of the administration of these Territories when they emerge from trusteeship to independence,

Considering also that it is equally necessary and desirable that, before the accession of Trust Territories to independence, positions of high responsibility should be held by suitably trained indigenous persons so that the transfer of power from the Administering Authorities to the Administrations of the Territories upon the termination of trusteeship should take place smoothly without causing administrative dislocation,

Considering further that, while the Administering Authorities are becoming increasingly aware of the vital need of developing civil and technical cadres of indigenous persons and are taking steps to fulfil it, the measures adopted for the training of indigenous personnel in various fields of administration and for transferring positions of high responsibility to them are inadequate and need to be expanded and accelerated,

1. *Urges* the Administering Authorities to take expeditious measures on a planned basis aimed at the rapid development of indigenous civil and technical cadres and for the replacement of expatriate personnel by local officers;

2. *Draws the attention* of the Administering Authorities to the facilities provided by the United Nations under the programmes of technical assistance and public administration for training in administration and related functions, and requests them to make fuller use of these facilities;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the utilization by the Administering Authorities of the facilities for training offered by the United Nations in this field and to submit it to the Trusteeship Council at its twenty-sixth session.

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1413 (XIV). Attainment of self-government or independence by Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Considering that the basic objective of the International Trusteeship System under the Charter of the United Nations is the progressive development of the inhabitants of Trust Territories towards self-government or independence,

Recalling its resolutions 558 (VI) of 18 January 1952, 1064 (XI) of 26 February 1957, 1207 (XII) of 13 December 1957 and 1274 (XIII) of 5 December 1958,

Noting with satisfaction that the dates for the attainment of independence of Togoland under French administration, the Cameroons under French administration and Somaliland under Italian administration have already been set,

Noting further that the time-table proposed by the Administering Authority provides for the attainment of independence by Western Samoa under New Zealand administration in the course of 1961, and that processes leading to the termination of trusteeship over the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration in 1961 have already been set in motion,

Believing that the formulation of plans and targets in advance can assist in the acceleration of the progress of the inhabitants of Trust Territories towards independence,

Considering therefore that at this stage it is both necessary and desirable to foresee the course of developments leading to the attainment of independence by the Trust Territories of Tanganyika and Ruanda-Urundi in the near future,

Having examined part I, chapter V, of the report of the Trusteeship Council,¹⁸

1. *Requests* the Administering Authorities concerned to propose, after consultation with the representatives of the inhabitants, for the consideration of the General Assembly at its fifteenth session, time-tables and targets for the attainment of independence by the Trust Territories of Tanganyika and Ruanda-Urundi in the near future;

2. *Invites* the Administering Authorities concerned to formulate, in respect of the remaining Trust Territories, early successive intermediate targets and dates in the fields of political, economic, social and educational development so as to create, as soon as possible, favourable conditions for the attainment of self-government or independence;

3. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council, in its examination of the annual reports submitted by the Administering Authorities and in formulating the terms of reference of the 1960 visiting mission to Trust Territories in Africa, to keep in view the provisions of the present resolution.

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1414 (XIV). Study of opportunities for international co-operation on behalf of the former Trust Territories which have become independent

The General Assembly,

Noting that three Trust Territories—the Cameroons under French administration, Togoland under French administration and Somaliland under Italian administration—will attain independence during 1960 and that other Trust Territories will also attain independence during the following years,

Considering that the United Nations, under the Trusteeship System and in co-operation with the Administering Authorities, has contributed to ensuring this attainment of independence in the best possible circumstances,

Considering also that these countries, generally speaking, are under-developed, and that during the first years of their independence they will have to find speedy solutions to a considerable number of problems in the administrative, economic, social and educational fields,

Considering that it would be necessary and normal for the international community to continue to show special concern for the former Trust Territories and to be prepared to grant every possible assistance if those countries, having become independent and sovereign, should desire such assistance,

Considering that it would be appropriate to survey the various ways and means of providing international assistance,

1. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to make a study, under Article 62, paragraph 1, of the Charter of the United Nations, of all opportunities for international co-operation which could be of interest to the