

1534 (XV). Preparation and training of indigenous civil and technical cadres in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report on the progress achieved in the Non-Self-Governing Territories since the establishment of the United Nations,¹

Noting that, while information is not available in the report as to the strength, the composition and the state of training of indigenous civil and technical personnel employed in all the various branches of administration in Non-Self-Governing Territories, the report gives evidence of the serious shortages of trained personnel of all kinds in these Territories,

Considering that the existence of adequate personnel of this kind is indispensable to the effective implementation of plans and programmes of development in the educational, social and economic fields,

Bearing in mind that suitably trained indigenous civil and technical cadres are essential to the efficient functioning of the administrations of the Territories,

Believing that the absence of such cadres has, in the past, resulted in serious administrative dislocation in certain Territories upon their attainment of independence, and that their very expeditious development in the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories will assist in the transfer of full control of powers, in conditions of stability, from the Administering Members to the administrations of Territories emerging from the status of non-self-government,

1. *Urges* the Administering Members to take immediate measures aimed at the rapid development of indigenous civil and technical cadres and at the replacement of expatriate personnel by indigenous officers;

2. *Invites* the Administering Members to make full use of the United Nations technical assistance programmes for training in public administration and related fields;

3. *Requests* the Administering Members to transmit, before the next session of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories, special reports setting out all available information on the training facilities for, and the current strength, composition, state of preparation etc. of, civil and technical services in the Territories for which they are respectively responsible, so as to enable the Committee, at that session, to undertake an examination of such information and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session;

4. *Further requests* the Administering Members to include such information on their Territories regularly in their annual reports to the Secretary-General under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations.

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1535 (XV). Progress achieved in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 932 (X) of 8 November 1955 and 1053 (XI) of 20 February 1957, by which it invited the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the

¹ *Progress of the Non-Self-Governing Territories under the Charter* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: 60.VI.B.1), vols. 1-5.

specialized agencies concerned, to prepare a report on the progress that has been achieved in the Non-Self-Governing Territories in accordance with the objectives set forth in Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations since the establishment of the Organization,

Having regard to the objectives set forth in Chapter XI of the Charter, and particularly the objectives of Article 73 a and b,

1. *Takes note* of the report on the progress achieved in the Non-Self-Governing Territories² prepared by the Secretary-General in collaboration with the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Health Organization in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 932 (X) and 1053 (XI);

2. *Notes with appreciation* the observations and conclusions³ on the progress report prepared by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1461 (XIV) of 12 December 1959;

3. *Notes* that progress has been achieved in some of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, and notes that, in spite of the increased tempo of change, a substantial number of Territories still remain non-self-governing and that in the great majority of these the achievements of the period fall short of the needs of the inhabitants of these Territories;

4. *Expresses its satisfaction* that since 1946 a number of former Non-Self-Governing Territories have become Members of the United Nations after acceding to independence, and that the transmission of information on some others has ceased, with the approval of the General Assembly, after the achievement of the objectives of the Charter;

5. *Considers* that, while rapid economic, social and educational advancement must be directed towards the independence of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, the inadequate level of economic, social and educational development in the Territories should never serve as a pretext for deferring their accession to independence;

6. *Urges* the Administering Members to strengthen their efforts in the economic, social and educational fields, with the full participation of the indigenous inhabitants of the Territories in all fields of activity, by transferring to those inhabitants effective powers so that during the period of transition from dependence to independence the Non-Self-Governing Territories will be able to establish sound foundations for their future;

7. *Further notes with regret* that, in spite of some reference in the progress report to constitutional and political developments in some of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, the absence of information of a political and constitutional character on a majority of these Territories renders it impossible to assess the extent of their progress towards the goals of the Charter;

8. *Considers* that a full knowledge of the political and constitutional developments in Non-Self-Governing Territories is essential not only to a proper evaluation of the progress of the Territories towards independence but also to that of their economic, social and cultural advancement;

9. *Urges once again* the Administering Members concerned to extend their full co-operation to the General

² *Ibid.*

³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/4371), part two.*