

1. *Expresses its high appreciation* of the work of the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner for Western Samoa and his staff, and of the co-operation he received from the Administering Authority and from the Government and people of Western Samoa;

2. *Endorses* the results of the plebiscite, namely that:

(a) The people of Western Samoa have, by an overwhelming majority, expressed their agreement with the Constitution for an independent State of Western Samoa adopted by the Constitutional Convention on 28 October 1960;

(b) The people of Western Samoa have agreed by an overwhelming majority that on 1 January 1962 Western Samoa should become an independent State on the basis of that Constitution;

3. *Resolves*, in agreement with the Administering Authority, that the Trusteeship Agreement for Western Samoa approved by the General Assembly on 13 December 1946 shall cease to be in force upon the accession of Western Samoa to independence on 1 January 1962;

4. *Expresses the hope* that Western Samoa, on the attainment of independence, will be admitted to membership in the United Nations, should it so desire.

*1039th plenary meeting,
18 October 1961.*

1627 (XVI). Assassination of the Prime Minister of Burundi

The General Assembly,

Having learnt with indignation and profound grief of the assassination of the Prime Minister of Burundi, Prince Rwagasore,

Recalling its resolutions 1579 (XV) of 20 December 1960 and 1605 (XV) of 21 April 1961,

Considering that Ruanda-Urundi is a Trust Territory and that the accountability of the Administering Authority to the United Nations, in accordance with the Trusteeship Agreement, is involved,

Considering further that an inquiry and punishment of those responsible for the dastardly act are called for,

1. *Expresses its sense of shock and abhorrence* at the murder of the Prime Minister of Burundi;

2. *Requests* the United Nations Commission for Ruanda-Urundi to visit the scene immediately in order to carry out without delay an investigation of the circumstances of the Prime Minister's tragic death and to submit a preliminary report to the General Assembly as soon as possible.

*1041st plenary meeting,
23 October 1961.*

1642 (XVI). The future of Tanganyika

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1609 (XV) of 21 April 1961 concerning the future of the Trust Territory of Tanganyika,

Noting that the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Tanganyika have since then agreed that

Tanganyika should become independent on 9 December 1961,

Noting further that the Trusteeship Council at its twenty-seventh session took note with satisfaction of the advancement of the date of independence for Tanganyika from 28 December 1961 to 9 December 1961 and drew the attention of the General Assembly to this date for appropriate action at its current session,

1. *Resolves*, in agreement with the Administering Authority, that the Trusteeship Agreement for Tanganyika, approved by the General Assembly on 13 December 1946, shall cease to be in force upon the accession of Tanganyika to independence on 9 December 1961;

2. *Recommends* that, upon the attainment of its independence on 9 December 1961, Tanganyika shall be admitted to membership in the United Nations in accordance with Article 4 of the Charter of the United Nations.

*1047th plenary meeting,
6 November 1961.*

1643 (XVI). Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1611 (XV) of 21 April 1961, in which it requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session a further report on the scholarships offered by Member States to students from Trust Territories, and on their utilization,

Recalling further that the United Nations scholarship programme for students from Trust Territories established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 557 (VI) of 18 January 1952 and 753 (VIII) of 9 December 1953 is administered under the procedure approved by the Trusteeship Council at its thirteenth session,²

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General³ and of part I, chapter VI, section D, of the report of the Trusteeship Council;⁴

2. *Notes with regret* that full use is not being made of all offers of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories;

3. *Urges* the Administering Authorities to provide all the necessary facilities to enable students to avail themselves of offers by Member States of study and training facilities;

4. *Urges* that closer liaison be established between the Secretariat and Member States offering the study and training facilities, to ensure the fullest exchange of information regarding the granting and utilization of the offers;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session a report on the scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States, which should include, among other

² *Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Thirteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 13, document T/1093.

³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda items 13, 50 and 51, documents A/4876 and Add.1.

⁴ *Ibid.*, *Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/4818)*.

things, detailed information on the offers of scholarships and training facilities and their actual utilization and, in cases of non-utilization, the reasons for the failure of Trust Territories to take advantage of the offers.

*1047th plenary meeting,
6 November 1961.*

1644 (XVI). Dissemination of information on the United Nations and the International Trusteeship System in the Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1607 (XV) of 21 April 1961 whereby the General Assembly, *inter alia*:

(a) Requested the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to establish, without any further delay, in Tanganyika, Ruanda-Urundi and New Guinea, United Nations information centres in which the responsible positions would be occupied by indigenous inhabitants of the Trust Territories concerned,

(b) Requested the Secretary-General to ensure the immediate and mass publication and the widest possible circulation and dissemination, in all the Trust Territories through all media of mass communication, of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples, and to ensure that the information should be disseminated in the principal local languages as well as in the language of the Administering Authority,

Having perused the report of the Secretary-General¹⁵ prepared in accordance with resolution 1607 (XV),

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the establishment on 16 June 1961 at Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, and at Usumbura, Ruanda-Urundi, of United Nations information centres and also of the training of qualified indigenous inhabitants for positions of responsibility in those two centres;

2. *Takes further note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the dissemination in the Trust Territories through all media of mass communication, in the principal local languages as well as in the language of the Administering Authority, of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples, of information on the purposes and operation of the United Nations and of the International Trusteeship System, and on the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take steps, in consultation with the Administering Authority concerned, to establish without any further delay in New Guinea in 1962 a United Nations information centre in which responsible positions would be occupied by indigenous inhabitants of the Territory;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session a report concerning the implementation of the present resolution.

*1047th plenary meeting,
6 November 1961.*

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda items 13, 50 and 51, document A/4864.

1645 (XVI). Sub-Committee on the Questionnaire relating to Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling that under General Assembly resolution 751 (VIII) of 9 December 1953 a Sub-Committee was established to examine the Questionnaire formulated by the Trusteeship Council, to study such changes as might be necessary to adapt the Questionnaire to the special conditions of each Territory, and to submit its conclusions to the Council,

Noting that the Trusteeship Council has adopted special questionnaires for certain Trust Territories,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the work accomplished by the Sub-Committee on the Questionnaire;

2. *Decides* that the Sub-Committee, having completed its work, should be discontinued.

*1047th plenary meeting,
6 November 1961.*

1646 (XVI). Hearing of petitioners in connexion with the Trust Territory of Tanganyika

The General Assembly,

Having received the report of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 1 July 1960 to 19 July 1961,⁶

Noting that at the sixteenth session of the General Assembly the Fourth Committee heard petitioners from Tanganyika,

Noting further that during its twenty-seventh session the Trusteeship Council heard petitioners from Tanganyika and commended their observations as well as those of various Member States to the attention of the Administering Authority for urgent action,

Requests that the Administering Authority take account of the comments and suggestions made during the discussion of the report of the Trusteeship Council at the sixteenth session of the General Assembly, with a view to extending similar consideration in the matter of compensation for loss of career to all expatriate civil servants without regard to race, colour, creed or origin.

*1047th plenary meeting,
6 November 1961.*

1694 (XVI). Social advancement in the Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling that by resolutions 643 (VII) of 10 December 1952, 929 (X) of 8 November 1955 and 1326 (XIII) of 12 December 1958 it approved the reports on social conditions prepared by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories in 1952,⁷ 1955⁸ and 1958,⁹

⁶ *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/4818).

⁷ *Ibid.*, Seventh Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/2219), part two.

⁸ *Ibid.*, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/2908), part two.

⁹ *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/3837), part two.