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1626 (XVI). The future of Western Samoa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1569 (XV) of 18 December 1960 concerning the future of the Trust Territory of Western Samoa under New Zealand administration,

Taking note of Trusteeship Council resolution 2102 (XXVII) of 7 July 1961,

Having examined the report of the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner¹ concerning the plebiscite held in Western Samoa on 9 May 1961,

Having heard the statements of the representative of the Administering Authority and of the Prime Minister of Western Samoa,

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 48, document A/4840.*

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)*.