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1044 (XI). The future of Togoland under British administration

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, by resolution 944 (X) of 15 December 1955, it recommended, in pursuance of Article 76 b of the Charter of the United Nations, that a plebiscite be organized and conducted in the Trust Territory of Togoland under British administration by the Administering Authority in consultation with and under the supervision of a United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner, in order to ascertain the wishes of its inhabitants in regard to the union of their Territory with an independent Gold Coast or otherwise,

Having received the report of the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner¹ on the organization, conduct and results of the plebiscite, and having noted in particular the conclusion contained in the report that the plebiscite was held in an atmosphere of freedom, impartiality and fairness,

Having also received the report of the United Kingdom Plebiscite Administrator,²

Noting that the majority of the inhabitants of the Trust Territory participating in the plebiscite have expressed themselves in favour of the union of the Territory with an independent Gold Coast,

Noting also the recommendation of the Trusteeship Council in its resolution 1496 (XVIII) of 31 July 1956 that appropriate steps be taken, in consultation with the Administering Authority, for the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement for the Territory to become effective upon the attainment of independence by the Gold Coast,

Having been informed by the Administering Authority that it is the intention of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that the Gold Coast shall become independent on 6 March 1957,

1. Expresses its approval of the union of the Territory of Togoland under British administration with an independent Gold Coast and accordingly invites the Administering Authority to take such steps as are necessary to this end;

2. Resolves, with the agreement of the Administering Authority, that, on the date on which the Gold Coast becomes independent and the union with it of the Territory of Togoland under British administration takes place, the Trusteeship Agreement approved by the General Assembly in resolution 63 (I) of 13 December 1946 shall cease to be in force, the objectives of trusteeship having been attained;

3. Requests the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to notify the Secretary-General as soon as the union of the

Territory of Togoland under British administration with an independent Gold Coast has been effected;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to communicate to all Member States and to the Trusteeship Council at its nineteenth session the notification by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, referred to in paragraph 3 above.

*619th plenary meeting,
13 December 1956.*

1045 (XI). Report of the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner for the Trust Territory of Togoland under British administration

The General Assembly,

Having received the report of the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner¹ on the organization, conduct and results of the plebiscite in the Trust Territory of Togoland under British administration,

1. Takes note of the report of the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner;

2. Expresses its high appreciation of the work carried out by the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner and by the United Nations staff under his direction.

*619th plenary meeting,
13 December 1956.*

1046 (XI). The future of Togoland under French administration

The General Assembly,

Recalling section II of its resolution 944 (X) of 15 December 1955,

Having received the special report of the Trusteeship Council,³

Noting that the Trusteeship Council has forwarded the memorandum by the Administering Authority,⁴ with Decree No. 56-847 of 24 August 1956, requesting termination of the Trusteeship Agreement,

Having received the document entitled "Memorandum by the Government of the Autonomous Republic of Togoland",⁵ which memorandum was transmitted by the Administering Authority to the United Nations,

Having taken note that the report of the Referendum Administrator in Togoland⁶ sets forth as a fact that the population of Togoland under French administration, consulted by referendum on 28 October 1956, expressed itself, by a substantial majority, in favour of the reforms introduced by Decree No. 56-847 setting forth the Statute of Togoland,

Noting further the statements made in the Fourth Committee by the delegation of France, which included representatives of the Government of Togoland,

¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Eleventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 39, documents A/3173 and Add.1.

² Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Eighteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 12, documents T/1269 and Add.1.

³ Official Records of the General Assembly, Eleventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 39, documents A/3169 and Add.1.

⁴ Ibid., document A/3169/Add.1, annex 1.

⁵ Ibid., document A/C.4/341.

⁶ Ibid., document A/3169/Add.1, annex II.

Taking note also of the views expressed by the petitioners before the Fourth Committee,

Being of the opinion that the reforms introduced by Decree No. 56-847 and their application require further study by the Trusteeship Council,

Taking note of the invitation by the Administering Authority to send a commission to Togoland under French administration to study on the spot the conditions under which the provisions of the Statute of 24 August 1956 are being applied,

Taking note also that the invitation by the Administering Authority was initiated by the Government of Togoland which was set up in consequence of the Statute of 24 August 1956,

1. *Considers with satisfaction* that the extent of powers transferred to the Territory of Togoland under French administration by the Administering Authority in consequence of the new political Statute of the Territory represents a very significant step in the achievement of the objectives of Article 76 of the Charter and of the Trusteeship Agreement;

2. *Congratulates* the population of Togoland under French administration on the progress it has made in the political, economic, social and cultural fields;

3. *Resolves* to dispatch to Togoland under French administration a Commission of six members, to be appointed on the basis of equitable geographical distribution by the President of the General Assembly, in order to examine in the light of the discussions in the Fourth Committee, the entire situation in the Territory resulting from the practical application of the new Statute and the conditions under which the Statute is being applied, and to submit a report thereon, with its observations and suggestions, to the Trusteeship Council for its consideration;

4. *Recommends* that, in addition to such further reforms as the authorities concerned may deem appropriate, the Legislative Assembly of the Territory should be constituted, as soon as possible, by election on the basis of universal adult suffrage;

5. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to study the question, taking into account the report of the Commission, and to transmit the results of its study to the General Assembly at its twelfth session.

643rd plenary meeting,
23 January 1957.

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At the 657th plenary meeting on 20 February 1957, the President of the General Assembly appointed the Members of the Commission established under the terms of the above resolution. The Commission is composed as follows: CANADA, DENMARK, GUATEMALA, LIBERIA, PHILIPPINES, and YUGOSLAVIA.

1047 (XI). Admissibility of hearings of petitioners by the Committee on South West Africa: Advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice

The General Assembly,

Having requested, in its resolution 942 (X) of 3 December 1955, an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice regarding the admissibility of oral hearings by the Committee on South West Africa,

Having noted that, in its advisory opinion⁷ of 1 June 1956, the Court was of the opinion that the grant of oral hearings to petitioners by the Committee on South West Africa would be consistent with the advisory opinion⁸ of the Court of 11 July 1950,

1. *Accepts and endorses* the advisory opinion of 1 June 1956 of the International Court of Justice on the question of the admissibility of hearings by the Committee on South West Africa;

2. *Therefore authorizes* the Committee on South West Africa to grant hearings to petitioners.

643rd plenary meeting,
23 January 1956.

1048 (XI). Educational conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Considering that, by resolution 445 (V) of 12 December 1950, it approved the special report⁹ drawn up in 1950 as a brief but considered indication of the importance of educational advancement and of the problems of education still to be faced in the Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Considering that, by resolution 743 (VIII) of 27 November 1953, it approved a further report on education¹⁰ as a supplement to the report approved in 1950,

Noting the report¹¹ prepared in 1956 by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories on educational conditions in these Territories,

1. *Approves* this new report on education in the Non-Self-Governing Territories and considers that it should be studied in conjunction with the reports approved in 1950 and 1953;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to communicate the 1956 report on education in Non-Self-Governing Territories to the Members of the United Nations responsible for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories, to the Economic and Social Council, to the Trusteeship Council and to the specialized agencies concerned for their consideration;

3. *Requests* the Members responsible for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories to bring the report to the attention of the authorities responsible for education in those Territories.

657th plenary meeting,
20 February 1957.

1049 (XI). Educational development plans in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling resolution 743 (VIII) of 27 November 1953, by which it emphasized the objectives of education in Non-Self-Governing Territories,

⁷ *Admissibility of hearings of petitioners by the Committee on South West Africa, Advisory Opinion of June 1st, 1956: I.C.J. Reports 1956, p. 23.*

⁸ *International status of South-West Africa, Advisory Opinion: I.C.J. Reports 1950, p. 128.*

⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/1303/Rev.1), part two.*

¹⁰ *Ibid., Eighth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/2465), part two.*

¹¹ *Ibid., Eleventh Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/3127), part two.*