

ascertain the wishes of the majority of its inhabitants in regard to

(a) The union of their Territory with an independent Gold Coast; or

(b) Separation of Togoland under British administration from the Gold Coast and its continuance under trusteeship pending the ultimate determination of its political future;

3. *Decides* to appoint a United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner who shall exercise on behalf of the General Assembly the powers and functions of supervision defined by the Visiting Mission in its special report, and who shall be assisted by observers and staff to be appointed by the Secretary-General in consultation with him;

4. *Recommends further* that the plebiscite be organized and conducted on the basis of the arrangements proposed in chapter IV of the special report of the Visiting Mission, subject to such modifications of detail as are agreed upon between the Administering Authority and the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner, and such additional measures as may be proposed by the Commissioner in order to secure a free and neutral atmosphere for the plebiscite;

5. *Requests* the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner to submit a report on the organization, conduct and results of the plebiscite to the Trusteeship Council for its consideration, and for transmission to the General Assembly at its eleventh session in order that the latter may, in consultation with the Administering Authority, assess the results and determine the further action to be taken on the attainment of independence by the Gold Coast in the light of all the circumstances and in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the Trusteeship Agreement;

6. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council, in virtue of the provisions of the Trusteeship Agreement and of the Charter, to continue to exercise its functions at either its regular or special sessions as may be necessary, and to take into consideration any matter that may arise, or be referred to it, in respect of the Trust Territory;

II. *The future of Togoland under French administration:*

Noting with regard to Togoland under French administration, the statements made by the Administering Authority, as recorded by the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Trust Territories of Togoland under British Administration and Togoland under French Administration, 1955, in its special report, to the effect that the Authority itself, taking into account the views of the Territorial Assembly, contemplates holding in due course consultations with the inhabitants of the Territory to ascertain their wishes in respect of the future of the Territory,

Noting also the statements by the representative of France in both the Fourth Committee and the Trusteeship Council to the effect that his Government supports in principle the proposals made by the Visiting Mission,

Noting also the view expressed by the Visiting Mission that, following the political reforms at present contemplated by the Administering Authority, steps will

²⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 32, document A/AC.35/L.206.*

be taken to ascertain the wishes of the inhabitants of the Territory as to their future,

1. *Endorses* the conclusion of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Trust Territories of Togoland under British Administration and Togoland under French Administration, 1955, in respect of Togoland under French administration, that the implementation of the contemplated political reforms will play a helpful role in enabling the wishes of the inhabitants of the Territory as to their future to be ascertained at an early date by direct and democratic methods;

2. *Recommends* that this consultation of the population be conducted, as in the case of Togoland under British administration, under the supervision of the United Nations;

3. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council, at its forthcoming regular session, to undertake a special study of this matter, in consultation with the Administering Authority, and to report thereon, if possible, to the General Assembly at its eleventh session.

*556th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.*

945 (X). *Communication from the Government of the Netherlands concerning the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam*

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, by resolution 222 (III) of 3 November 1948, the General Assembly, while welcoming any development of self-government in Non-Self-Governing Territories, considers it essential that the United Nations be informed of any change in the constitutional status of any such Territory as a result of which the responsible Government concerned thinks it unnecessary to transmit information in respect of that Territory under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling that, by resolution 747 (VIII) of 27 November 1953, the General Assembly invited the Government of the Netherlands to communicate to the Secretary-General the result of the negotiations between the representatives of the Netherlands, the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam, and invited the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to report to the General Assembly on the information received,

Having received the communication²⁸ dated 30 March 1955, by which the Government of the Netherlands transmitted to the Secretary-General the constitutional provisions embodied in the Charter for the Kingdom of the Netherlands promulgated on 29 December 1954, together with an explanatory memorandum thereon,

Having studied the report²⁹ prepared by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories, during its session of 1955, on the question of the cessation of the transmission of information with respect to the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam,

Bearing in mind the competence of the General Assembly to decide whether or not a Non-Self-Governing Territory has attained the full measure of self-govern-

²⁹ *Ibid., Tenth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/2908) and Supplement No. 16A (A/2908/Add.1).*

ment referred to in Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Takes note* of the documentation submitted, and of the explanations provided, to the effect that the peoples of the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam have expressed, through their freely elected representative bodies, their approval of the new constitutional order, and takes note also of the opinion of the Government of the Netherlands;

2. *Expresses the opinion* that, without prejudice to the position of the United Nations as affirmed in General Assembly resolution 742 (VIII) of 27 November 1953, and to such provisions of the Charter of the United Nations as may be relevant, on the basis of the information before it as presented by the Government of the Netherlands, and as desired by the Government of the Netherlands, cessation of the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter in respect of the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam is appropriate.

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15 December 1955.*

946 (X). Attainment by the Trust Territories of the objective of self-government or independence

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, by its resolutions 558 (VI) of 18 January 1952, 752 (VIII) of 9 December 1953 and 858 (IX) of 14 December 1954, it invited the Administering Authority of each Trust Territory, other than Somaliland under Italian administration, to include in each annual report information concerning measures taken or contemplated towards self-government or independence, and estimates of the periods of time required for such measures, and requested the Trusteeship Council to include in each of its reports to the General Assembly a separate section dealing with the subject and stating in each case its conclusions and recommendations,

Noting with regret the omission from the report⁸⁰ of the Council covering the period from 17 July 1954 to 22 July 1955 of the separate section envisaged by the above-mentioned resolutions,

Noting further that the Council, by its resolution 1254 (XVI) of 19 July 1955, decided to instruct each of its drafting committees on the annual reports concerned, beginning from its seventeenth session, to prepare, in the course of its regular functions and in the light of General Assembly resolutions 752 (VIII) and 858 (IX), appropriate draft conclusions and recommendations concerning the question of the attainment by the Territory of self-government or independence,

1. *Draws the attention* of the Trusteeship Council to the importance which the General Assembly continues to attach to the question of the attainment by the Trust Territories of the objective of self-government or independence;

2. *Requests* the Council to ensure that the procedure devised by it for dealing in future with this question will enable it to comply fully with the terms of the relevant General Assembly resolutions and, accordingly, to include in its next and succeeding reports to the Assembly a separate section containing the information indicated

in those resolutions and the conclusions and recommendations of the Council thereon.

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15 December 1955.*

947 (X). Question of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 392 (V) of 15 December 1950, recommending that the portion of the boundary between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia not already delimited by international agreement be delimited by bilateral negotiations between the Government of Ethiopia and the Administering Authority,

Recalling further its resolution 854 (IX) of 14 December 1954 in which the Governments of Ethiopia and Italy were urged to exert their utmost efforts to achieve a final settlement of the frontier question by direct negotiations,

Having noted the encouraging views expressed during its tenth session by the representatives of the Governments of Ethiopia and Italy,

Having heard the statements of the representative of the Somali Youth League before the Fourth Committee,

Considering the progress made in the discussions between the Governments of the two countries since July 1955,

Confident in the good faith and willingness of the two Governments to pursue vigorously direct negotiations for an early delimitation of the frontier,

Mindful of the patent urgency of establishing a delimitation of the frontier between Ethiopia and the Trust Territory as soon as possible,

1. *Recommends* that the Governments of Ethiopia and Italy expedite their current direct negotiations so that the question of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia may be settled as soon as possible;

2. *Requests* the Governments of Ethiopia and Italy to report on the progress of these direct negotiations to the General Assembly at its eleventh session.

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15 December 1955.*

948 (X). Report of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 17 July 1954 to 22 July 1955

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the report⁸⁰ of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 17 July 1954 to 22 July 1955;

2. *Recommends* that the Trusteeship Council, in its future deliberations, take into account the comments and suggestions made in the course of the discussion of its report at the tenth session of the General Assembly.

*557th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.*

⁸⁰ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 4 (A/2933).