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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

Report of the Fourth Committee

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1. The General Assembly, at its 478th plenary meeting on 25 September 1954, referred to the Fourth Committee item 13 of its agenda, namely, the report^{1/} of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 22 July 1953 to 16 July 1954.
2. At its 434th meeting, the Committee acceded to the request of the Italian Observer to the United Nations, as representative of the Administering Authority for Smaliland under Italian administration, to be allowed to participate in the Committee's work during its examination of the report of the Trusteeship Council.
3. At the same meeting, the President of the Trusteeship Council, Mr. M. R. Urquía (El Salvador), introduced the Council's report.
4. At the 435th meeting, the Committee began a general debate on the report of the Council; the debate was concluded at the 445th meeting.
5. Seven draft resolutions and a number of amendments thereto were submitted to the Committee and were considered from the 435th to the 451st meetings. These draft resolutions concerned the following matters:

- A. Participation of the indigenous inhabitants of the Trust Territories in the work of the Trusteeship Council;

1/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 4, document A/2680.

- B. Question of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia;
 - C. Financing of the economic development plans of the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration;
 - D. Form of the annual report of the Trusteeship Council to the General Assembly;
 - E. Report of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 22 July 1953 to 16 July 1954;
 - F. Attainment by the Trust Territories of the objective of self-government or independence;
 - G. Hearings of petitioners from the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under French administration.
6. A detailed account of the consideration by the Committee of the various proposals before it is given in sections A to G below.
7. The Committee approved seven draft resolutions the texts of which are reproduced in annexes A to G of the present report.

A. PARTICIPATION OF THE INDIGENOUS INHABITANTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORIES IN THE WORK OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

8. At the 435th meeting, Syria submitted a draft resolution (A/C.4/L.332) concerning the participation of the indigenous inhabitants of the Trust Territories in the work of the Trusteeship Council. At the 437th meeting, a revised text of the draft resolution (A/C.4/L.332/Rev.1) was submitted, to which Egypt and Haiti became co-sponsors. According to the revised text the General Assembly would: (1) recommend to the Trusteeship Council that, in order to develop further the participation of the indigenous inhabitants in its work through the medium of the visiting missions, it should instruct each mission (a) not only to consider such public opinions as might be spontaneously brought before it by all sections of the population, but also to take the initiative in seeking out public opinion on all important problems and to undertake popular consultations in whatever forms it might deem appropriate; (b) to report fully on the development of the free expression of the wishes of the people and on the main trends of their opinions

and to make recommendations concerning the further development of a free public opinion; (2) recommend to the Trusteeship Council that, in order to develop further the participation of the indigenous inhabitants in its work through the medium of their right of petition, it should (a) examine and propose specific action, as part of its examination of conditions in each Trust Territory, upon all petitions which might reflect public opinion on questions of general concern to the development of the Territory; (b) request the Administering Authorities to make copies of their annual reports promptly available to all organs of public opinion existing in each Territory concerned and to encourage these organs to examine the reports; (c) instruct each visiting mission to encourage in the Trust Territories such public discussion and expression of views on the annual reports, and to report on the extent to which facilities had been made available to the population for the purpose; and (3) recommend to the Trusteeship Council that, as a means of ensuring in cases of urgency that a given situation in a Trust Territory met with the freely expressed wishes of the people, it should immediately grant a hearing to those qualified representatives of public opinion who applied for one, or in the case of representatives who were unable to travel, examine all communications, letters or telegrams expressing their points of view.

9. At the 439th meeting, Israel proposed an amendment (A/C.4/L.369) to the revised draft resolution which would replace in the third preambular paragraph the phrase "it is essential to develop to their fullest extent the means which already exist in the Charter" by "it is essential to employ to their fullest extent the means which are already enumerated in the Charter".

10. At the 442nd meeting, the United States of America proposed amendments (A/C.4/L.372) to the revised draft resolution providing for (1) deletion of the word "specific" in operative paragraph 2 (a); (2) insertion of the word "responsible" between "to all" and "organs of public opinion" in operative paragraph 2(b); (3) substitution of the words "provide them an opportunity" for the words "encourage these organs" in the same sub-paragraph; and (4) substitution of the words "which it deems urgent" for the words "of urgency" in operative paragraph 3.

11. At the 444th meeting, the Philippines proposed amendments (A/C.4/L.375) to the draft resolution, which would: (1) redraft the second paragraph of the preamble to read: "Concerned at ensuring that the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the inhabitants of Trust Territories and their progressive development towards self-government or independence shall be attained in accordance with the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned" (2) redraft the third paragraph of the preamble to read: "Considering it essential that free public opinion, when it evolves, be brought effectively to bear in the examination by the Trusteeship Council of conditions in Trust Territories"; (3) delete the word "the" before "visiting missions" and the word "should" before "instruct each mission", in operative paragraph 1; (4) in operative paragraph 1(a): delete the word "spontaneously"; delete the words "and to undertake" and substitute for them the word "through"; delete the words "in whatever" and substitute for them the words "or other"; delete also the words "it may" and replace the word "deem" by the word "deemed"; (5) redraft operative paragraph 2(b) to read: "Requests the Administering Authorities to distribute at least twenty copies of their annual reports to different representative organs of public opinion in their respective Trust Territories simultaneously with the transmittal of the required copies to the Secretary-General of the United Nations"; (6) add a new paragraph 4 to the operative part of the draft resolution to read: "Reiterates its views and recommendations in its resolutions 554 (VI) of 18 January 1952 and 653 (VII) of 21 December 1952".

12. The amendments proposed by the United States of America (A/C.4/L.372) and the sixth amendment proposed by the Philippines (A/C.4/L.375, paragraph 6) were accepted by the sponsors of the revised draft resolution who accordingly submitted, at the 446th meeting, a further revised text (A/C.4/L.332/Rev.2).

13. At this meeting, India proposed an amendment (A/C.4/L.378) to the new revised draft resolution which would replace, in operative paragraph 2(b), the words "all responsible organs of public opinion existing in each Territory concerned and to provide them an opportunity to examine the reports" by the words "the peoples of the Territories". The representative of Yugoslavia proposed an oral amendment to the revised draft resolution by which the word "concrete" would be inserted before the word "action" in operative paragraph 2(a)

14. At the 447th meeting, the Philippines withdrew two of its amendments (A/C.4/L.375, paragraph 4, first sentence, and paragraph 5).

15. Thereafter, at the same meeting, the Committee voted on the revised draft resolution and the amendments thereto. The voting was as follows:

The Philippines amendment to the second paragraph of the preamble (A/C.4/L.375, paragraph 1) was adopted by 15 votes to 7, with 24 abstentions.

The Philippines amendment to the third paragraph of the preamble (A/C.4/L.375, paragraph 2) was rejected by 11 votes to 4, with 30 abstentions.

The Israel amendment to the third paragraph of the preamble (A/C.4/L.369) was adopted by 30 votes to one, with 13 abstentions.

The Philippines amendment to operative paragraph 1 (A/C.4/L.375, paragraph 3) was adopted by 15 votes to one, with 26 abstentions.

The Philippines amendment to operative paragraph 1(a) (A/C.4/L.375, paragraph 4 as revised) was rejected by 3 votes to 3, with 36 abstentions.

The oral amendment proposed by Yugoslavia to operative paragraph 2(a) was adopted by 25 votes to 10, with 11 abstentions.

The Indian amendment to operative paragraph 2(b) (A/C.4/L.378) was adopted by 20 votes to one, with 23 abstentions.

The phrase "and to undertake popular consultations" in operative paragraph 1(a) of the draft resolution, as amended, was adopted by 31 votes to 7, with 9 abstentions.

Operative paragraph 2(c) of the draft resolution, as amended, was adopted by 33 votes to 9, with 6 abstentions.

The revised draft resolution as a whole, as amended, was approved by 38 votes to 8, with 3 abstentions.

16. The text of the resolution as approved is set out in annex A to the present report.

B. QUESTION OF THE FRONTIER BETWEEN THE TRUST TERRITORY OF
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION AND ETHIOPIA

17. At the 435th meeting, Haiti submitted a draft resolution (A/C.4/L.366) in which the General Assembly would: (1) note with concern that no progress had been made to date in the direct negotiations between the Governments of Ethiopia and Italy on the delimitation of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian Administration and Ethiopia; (2) urge the Governments of Ethiopia and Italy to exert their utmost effort to achieve a final settlement of the frontier question by direct negotiations; and (3) recommend that, should direct negotiations fail to achieve any results by July 1955, the two Governments concerned should agree to the procedure outlined in resolution 392 (V).

18. At the 444th meeting, the United States of America submitted an amendment (A/C.4/L.337) to the draft resolution. This amendment would replace operative paragraph 3 by a text in which the General Assembly would recommend that, should direct negotiations fail to achieve results, the Trusteeship Council, preferably not later than the conclusion of the sixteenth session of the Council, should propose to the two parties concerned procedures for a settlement of the frontier question taking into account General Assembly resolution 392 (V), the discussion in the Fourth Committee at the ninth session of the General Assembly and the report of the 1954 Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in East Africa. This amendment was, however, subsequently withdrawn at the 451st meeting.

19. At the 451st meeting, the representative of Yugoslavia made an oral proposal that the debate on the draft resolution should be postponed until the next regular session of the General Assembly. This proposal was rejected by 20 votes to 13, with 14 abstentions.

20. The voting on the draft resolution, which took place at the 451st meeting, was as follows:

The draft resolution, minus operative paragraph 3, was adopted by 38 votes to none, with 13 abstentions.

Operative paragraph 3 was adopted by 22 votes to 7, with 20 abstentions.

The draft resolution as a whole was approved by a roll-call vote of 24 to none, with 27 abstentions, as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United States of America, Uruguay, Yemen.

Against: None

Abstaining: Australia, Belgium, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, China, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Israel, Liberia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of South Africa, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Venezuela, Yugoslavia.

21. The text of the resolution as approved, is set out in annex B to the present report.

C. FINANCING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS OF THE TRUST
TERRITORY OF SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

22. At the 437th meeting, El Salvador and Mexico proposed a joint draft resolution (A/C.4/L.367) which was subsequently resubmitted in a revised form (A/C.4/L.367/Rev.1) at the 446th meeting. In accordance with the revised version, the General Assembly would: (1) take sympathetic note of Trusteeship Council resolution 1001 (XIV); (2) request the Secretary-General to consider in agreement with the Italian Government the advisability of asking the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to send a mission to study the situation and the possibilities of economic development in the Territory; (3) request the Trusteeship Council to continue its study of the question and, on the basis of the Visiting Mission's conclusions and the report of the Bank, if the plan for the mission referred to in the preceding paragraph was carried out, to endeavour to decide on practical measures for financing the economic development plans for Somaliland and report to the General Assembly at its next session.

23. At the 447th meeting, the Philippines submitted an amendment (A/C.4/L.380) to the revised draft resolution according to which an additional operative paragraph 4 would be added in which the General Assembly would express the hope that in the meantime the Administering Authority would continue unremittingly in its efforts to further the economic development of the Trust Territory. This amendment was accepted by the sponsors of the draft resolution, which was consequently resubmitted in a further revised form (A/C.4/L.367/Rev.2) at the 448th meeting.

24. At the 448th meeting, the Committee voted on the draft resolution in its new form. The result of the voting was as follows:

The draft resolution, minus operative paragraph 4, was adopted by 41 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

Operative paragraph 4 was adopted by 31 votes to one, with 12 abstentions.

The draft resolution as a whole was approved by 40 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

25. The text of the resolution as approved is set out in annex C to the present report.

D. FORM OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

26. At the 435th meeting, Belgium, India, Syria and the United States of America submitted a joint draft resolution (A/C.4/L.365) in which the General Assembly would approve the proposals of the Trusteeship Council concerning the form of its report to the General Assembly to the effect that a comprehensive report on a given Trust Territory should be presented by the Council only every third year coinciding with the Council's examination of the report on the Territory by a visiting mission, and that the Council should submit a shorter report in the intervening years giving only an account of the developments and progress made during the year under review but including such background material as would enable the Assembly to appreciate the significance of important developments and the conclusions and recommendations of the Council.

27. At the 437th meeting, Pakistan proposed an amendment (A/C.4/L.368) which would add a new operative paragraph to the draft resolution in which the General Assembly would request the Trusteeship Council, in view of the time-limit for the attainment of independence by Somaliland under Italian administration in 1960, to submit annually a comprehensive report on that Trust Territory.

28. At the same meeting, the representative of Yugoslavia proposed an oral amendment to the draft resolution to insert after the word "approves" in the operative paragraph the words "on a trial basis". This amendment was accepted by the sponsors of the draft resolution who subsequently submitted a revised text thereof (A/C.4/L.365/Rev.1).

29. At the 444th meeting, the Philippines submitted amendments (A/C.4/L.376) to the draft resolution in its new form. According to these amendments (1) the words "a condensed review of conditions and" would be inserted between the words "only" and "an" in the operative paragraph and (2) the words "the comments and observations of Member States" would be inserted after the word "developments" in the last phrase of the operative paragraph.

30. At the 448th meeting, the Committee voted on the joint draft resolution and the amendments thereto. The result of the voting was as follows:

The amendment proposed by Pakistan (A/C.4/L.368) was adopted by 18 votes to one, with 17 abstentions.

The first amendment proposed by the Philippines (A/C.4/L.376, paragraph 1) was rejected by 15 votes to 11, with 13 abstentions.

The second amendment proposed by the Philippines (A/C.4/L.376, paragraph 2) was adopted by 16 votes to 11, with 14 abstentions.

The joint draft resolution, as amended, was approved by 33 votes to 6, with 5 abstentions.

31. The text of the resolution as approved is set out in annex D to the present report.

E. REPORT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL COVERING THE
PERIOD FROM 22 JULY 1953 TO 16 JULY 1954

32. At the 435th meeting, Canada submitted a draft resolution (A/C.4/L.364) in which the General Assembly would: (1) take note of the report of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 22 July 1953 to 16 July 1954; and (2) recommend that the Trusteeship Council, in its future deliberations should take into account the comments and suggestions made in the course of the discussions of the report of the Council at the ninth regular session of the General Assembly.

33. At the 448th meeting, the Committee voted on the draft resolution, which was approved unanimously.

34. The text of the resolution as approved is set out in annex E to the present report.

F. ATTAINMENT BY THE TRUST TERRITORIES OF THE OBJECTIVE
OF SELF-GOVERNMENT OR INDEPENDENCE

35. At the 442nd meeting, Egypt, Greece, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Lebanon, the Philippines and Yugoslavia submitted a joint draft resolution (A/C.4/L.373) according to which the General Assembly, the Trusteeship Council had included in its report covering the period from 22 July 1953 to 16 July 1954 a separate section dealing with the attainment by the Trust Territories of the objective of self-government or independence; (2) note, however, that the Council had not formulated in this report any conclusions or recommendations on the measures taken or contemplated toward self-government or independence; (3) express the hope that the Council would include its conclusions and recommendations on this question in its next and succeeding reports to the General Assembly; (4) recommend that the Council should instruct its visiting missions to give special attention in their reports to the Council to the question of attainment by the Trust Territories of self-government or independence in the light of resolutions 558 (VI) and 752 (VIII) and of the present resolution.

36. At the 444th meeting, Chile, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela submitted amendments to the joint draft resolution which, in their revised version (A/C.4/L.374/Rev.1) would (1) add the following as third paragraph of the preamble: "Considering that one of the most effective means of assisting the peoples of the Trust Territories to achieve the objectives set forth in Article 76, paragraph b, of the Charter is to provide them with an opportunity to obtain experience in the work of government and administration by participation in representative bodies with adequate powers to carry out such work"; and (2) add at the end of the operative part a paragraph in which the General Assembly would recommend to the Administering Authorities that, as a means to facilitate an approximate determination of the date on which the populations of the Trust Territories would be prepared for self-government or independence, they should make every effort to hasten the establishment of new organs of government and administration, with increasing participation by indigenous elements, or to develop organs of that type already in existence, on the principle that such organs should be a characteristic expression of the special nature of the status conferred on the Trust Territories by the Charter and the Trusteeship Agreements.

37. At the 448th meeting, Chile, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela submitted a further revised text of their amendments (A/C.4/L.374/Rev.2). According to this new version, the first amendment would remain unchanged but in the second amendment the General Assembly would recommend to the Administering Authorities that, as a means to facilitate an approximate determination of the date on which the populations of the Trust Territories would be prepared for self-government or independence, they should intensify their efforts to the utmost to bring about the establishment of new representative organs of government and administration in the Trust Territories, with increasing participation by indigenous elements of those Territories, or to develop on the same basis organs of that type already in existence; ensure that the nature and powers of these organs reflected the special status conferred on those Territories by Chapter XII of the Charter and the Trusteeship Agreements; and hasten the attainment of the objectives set forth in Article 76 of the Charter.

38. The voting on the draft resolution and the proposed amendments thereto, which took place at the 448th meeting, was as follows:

The first amendment proposed by Chile, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela (A/C.4/L.374/Rev.2, paragraph 1) was adopted by 46 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.

The second amendment proposed by Chile, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela (A/C.4/L.374/Rev.2, paragraph 2) was adopted by 38 votes to 3, with 6 abstentions.

The draft resolution, as amended, was approved by 36 votes to 7, with 5 abstentions.

39. The text of the resolution as approved is set out in annex F to the present report.

G. HEARINGS OF PETITIONERS FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

40. The Committee received six requests from organizations and political parties in the Cameroons under French administration that their representatives should be allowed to make oral presentations to the Committee. These requests were from the M'Balmayo branch of the Union des populations du Cameroun (A/C.4/262, page 2), the Evolution sociale camerounaise (A/C.4/262, page 8), the Union des populations du Cameroun (A/C.4/262, page 9), the Secretary-General of the Bureau and the Honorary Chairman of the Coordination des indépendants camerounais (A/C.4/262, page 12 and A/C.4/264) and the Mouvement de la Jeunesse démocratique du Cameroun (A/C.4/L.267).

41. At its 398th meeting, the Committee decided to grant the first five of these requests as follows:

- (a) Request from the Union des populations du Cameroun, M'Balmayo branch, by 40 votes to 11, with 1 abstention;
- (b) Request from the Evolution sociale camerounaise by 41 votes to 11, with one abstention;
- (c) Request from the Union des populations du Cameroun by 40 votes to 11, with 2 abstentions;
- (d) Request from the Secretary-General of the Bureau of the Coordination des indépendants camerounais by 41 votes to 11, with one abstention;
- (e) Request from the Honorary Chairman of the Coordination des indépendants camerounais by 41 votes to 11, with one abstention.

42. At its 401st meeting, the Committee decided, by 28 votes to 11, with 3 abstentions, to grant the request for a hearing received from the Mouvement de la Jeunesse démocratique du Cameroun.

43. The Union des populations du Cameroun, M'Balmayo branch, the Evolution sociale camerounaise and the Coordination des indépendants camerounais failed to send representatives to appear before the Committee.

44. At the 442nd and 443rd meetings, Mr. Ruben Um Nyobe, representative of the Union des populations du Cameroun, made statements (A/C.4/280 and Add.1) and answered questions put to him by members of the Committee.

45. At the 446th meeting, Mr. Abel Kingue, representative of the Mouvement de la Jeunesse démocratique du Cameroun, made a statement (A/C.4/281) and answered questions put to him by members of the Committee.

46. At the 446th meeting, Mexico submitted a draft resolution (A/C.4/L.379) in which the General Assembly would: (1) take note of the statements of the petitioners, representatives of organizations in the Cameroons under French administration; (2) decide to transmit to the Trusteeship Council the statements of the petitioners; and (3) recommend to the Council to give appropriate attention at its next regular session to the matters raised by the petitioners.

47. At the 447th meeting, the Philippines submitted an amendment (A/C.4/L.381) to the draft resolution which would delete in operative paragraph 3 the words "at its next regular session" and add the following words: "and to study in connexion therewith the question of unification of the two Cameroons as a single unit for eventual self-government or independence as envisaged in Article 76 of the Charter, and to report accordingly to the tenth regular session of the General Assembly". This amendment was accepted by the sponsor, and was incorporated in a revised text of the draft resolution (A/C.4/L.379/Rev.1) submitted at the 448th meeting.

48. At the 449th meeting, Mexico submitted a new revised version of the draft resolution (A/C.4/L.379/Rev.2) of which Denmark, Pakistan, the Philippines and the United States of America became co-sponsors. In accordance with the revised version the General Assembly would: (1) take note of the statements of the petitioners, representatives of organizations in the Cameroons under French

administration; (2) decide to transmit to the Trusteeship Council the statements of the petitioners; (3) recommend to the Council (a) to continue giving appropriate attention to the matters raised by the petitioners, (b) to request its next visiting mission to study these matters, and (c) to report accordingly to the General Assembly.

49. At the same meeting, the representative of Poland proposed oral amendments to the revised draft resolution which would (1) add the words "for its study" at the end of operative paragraph 2; and (2) add the words "at its tenth session" at the end of operative paragraph 3(c).

50. The voting on the draft resolution and the amendments thereto, which took place at the 449th meeting, was as follows:

The oral amendment proposed by Poland to operative paragraph 2 was adopted by 39 votes to none, with 8 abstentions;

The oral amendment proposed by Poland to operative paragraph 3 was adopted by 22 votes to 6, with 20 abstentions;

The draft resolution, as amended, was approved by 41 votes to none, with one abstention.

51. The text of the resolution as approved is set out in annex G to the present report.

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52. The Fourth Committee accordingly recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following resolutions:

ANNEX A

PARTICIPATION OF THE INDIGENOUS INHABITANTS OF THE TRUST
TERRITORIES IN THE WORK OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 554 (VI) of 18 January 1952 and 653 (VII) of 21 December 1952 in so far as they concern the participation of the indigenous inhabitants of the Trust Territories in the work of the Trusteeship Council,

Concerned to ensure that the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the inhabitants of the Trust Territories and their progressive development towards self-government or independence shall be attained in accordance with the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned,

Considering that it is essential to employ to their fullest extent the means which are already enumerated in the Charter to ensure that, as free public opinion evolves in each Trust Territory, it will be brought effectively to bear on the examination by the Council of conditions in that Territory,

1. Recommends to the Trusteeship Council that, in order to develop further the participation of the indigenous inhabitants in its work through the medium of visiting missions, it instructs each mission:

(a) Not only to consider such expressions of public opinion as may be spontaneously brought before it by all sections of the population, but also to take the initiative in seeking out public opinion on all important problems and to undertake popular consultations in whatever forms it may deem appropriate;

(b) To report fully on the development of the free expression of the wishes of the people and on the main trends of their opinions and to make recommendations concerning the further development of a free public opinion;

2. Recommends to the Council that, in order to develop further the participation of the indigenous inhabitants in its work through the medium of their right of petition, it should:

(a) Examine and propose concrete action upon, as part of its examination conditions in each Trust Territory, petitions which may reflect public opinion on questions of general concern to the development of the Territory;

(b) Request the Administering Authorities to make copies of their annual reports promptly available to the peoples of the Territories;

(c) Instruct each visiting mission to encourage in the Trust Territories public discussion of and expression of views on the annual reports, and to report on the extent to which facilities have been made available to the population for the purpose;

3. Recommends to the Council that, as a means of ensuring in cases which it deems urgent that a given situation in a Trust Territory meets with the freely expressed wishes of the people, it should immediately grant a hearing to those qualified representatives of public opinion who apply for one, or in the case of representatives who are unable to travel, the Council should examine all communications, letters or telegrams expressing their points of view;

4. Reiterates the views and recommendations put forward in its resolutions 554 (VI) of 18 January 1952 and 653 (VII) of 21 December 1952.

ANNEX B

QUESTION OF THE FRONTIER BETWEEN THE TRUST TERRITORY OF SOMALILAND
UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION AND ETHIOPIA

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, in its resolution 392 (V) of 15 December 1950, it recommended that the boundary between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia should be delimited by bilateral negotiations between the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory and the Government of Ethiopia and that, in order to resolve any and all differences arising in the course of such negotiations, the parties to such bilateral negotiations should agree, on the request of either party, to a procedure of mediation by a United Nations Mediator to be appointed by the Secretary-General and, further, in the event of the inability of the parties to accept the recommendations of the Mediator, to a procedure of arbitration,

Recalling further that, in its resolution 755 (VIII) of 9 December 1953, it recommended to the two Governments that they should intensify their efforts to achieve a final, just, equitable and friendly settlement of the question,

Having taken note of the conclusion of the Trusteeship Council, contained in its resolution 1000 (XIV) of 6 July 1954, that the delimitation of the frontier is a matter of the utmost urgency in view both of the approach of the date of the attainment of independence by the Trust Territory and of the continuing political, economic and social difficulties in the area of the present provisional frontier,

Having taken note of the information (A/C.4/277, pages 3 to 10) submitted by the Governments of Ethiopia and Italy concerning the progress of the direct negotiations between them on the delimitation of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia,

Having further taken note of the information (A/C.4/277, pages 11 to 16) submitted by the United Nations Advisory Council for the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration concerning the situation in the frontier area,

1. Notes with concern that no progress has been made to date in the direct negotiations between the Governments of Ethiopia and Italy on the delimitation of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia;
2. Urges the Governments of Ethiopia and Italy to exert their utmost efforts to achieve a final settlement of the frontier question by direct negotiations;
3. Recommends that, should direct negotiations fail to achieve any results by July 1955, the two Governments agree to the procedure outlined in its resolution 392 (V) of 15 December 1950.

ANNEX C

FINANCING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY
OF SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

The General Assembly,

Having considered Trusteeship Council resolution 1001 (XIV) of 7 July 1954 on the financing of the economic development plans of the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration,

Bearing in mind the fact that a United Nations Visiting Mission has just travelled through the Territory and will have to submit to the Trusteeship Council a full report on the general situation there, including reference to the economic development plan prepared by the Administering Authority,

1. Takes sympathetic note of Trusteeship Council resolution 1001 (XIV) of 7 July 1954;
2. Requests the Secretary-General to consider in agreement with the Italian Government the advisability of asking the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to send a mission to study the situation and the possibilities of economic development in the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration;
3. Requests the Trusteeship Council to continue its study of the question and on the basis of the conclusions of the 1954 Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in East Africa and the report of the Bank, if the plan for the mission referred to in the preceding paragraph is carried out, to endeavour to decide on practical measures for financing the economic development plans for Somaliland and to report to the General Assembly at its next session;
4. Expresses the hope that, in the meantime, the Administering Authority will continue unremittingly in its efforts to further the economic development of the Trust Territory.

ANNEX D

FORM OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL TO
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 433 (V) of 2 December 1950 on the annual reports of the Trusteeship Council,

Recalling its resolution 789 (VIII) of 9 December 1953 on the control and limitation of documentation,

Having taken note of the conclusions of the Council on this question as contained in its report covering the period from 22 July 1953 to 16 July 1954,^{1/}

1. Approves, on a trial basis, the proposals of the Trusteeship Council concerning the form of its report to the General Assembly to the effect that a comprehensive report on a given Trust Territory should be presented by the Council only every third year coinciding with the Council's examination of the report on the Territory by a visiting mission, and that the Council should submit a shorter report in the intervening years, giving only an account of the developments and progress made during the year under review but including such background material as would enable the Assembly to appreciate the significance of important developments, the comments and observations of Member States and the conclusions and recommendations of the Council;

2. Requests, however, that in view of the time-limit set for the attainment by 1960 of independence by Somaliland under Italian administration, the Council annually submit a comprehensive report on that Trust Territory.

^{1/} See Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 4, document A/2680.

ANNEX E

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL COVERING THE
PERIOD FROM 22 JULY 1953 TO 16 JULY 1954

The General Assembly

1. Takes note of the report of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 22 July 1953 to 16 July 1954;^{1/}
2. Recommends that the Council, in its future deliberations, take into account the comments and suggestions made in the course of the discussions of its report at the ninth session of the General Assembly.

^{1/} See Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 4, document A/2680.

ANNEX F

ATTAINMENT BY THE TRUST TERRITORIES OF THE OBJECTIVE
OF SELF-GOVERNMENT OR INDEPENDENCE

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 558 (VI) of 18 January 1952 by which 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, inter alia, the estimated period of time required for such measures and for the attainment of the ultimate objective,

Recalling further its resolution 752 (VIII) of 9 December 1953 by which it requested the Trusteeship Council to include in its next and succeeding reports to the General Assembly a separate section dealing with the implementation of resolutions 558 (VI) and 752 (VIII), specifying the various measures taken or contemplated toward self-government or independence and stating in each case its conclusions and recommendations in the light of these resolutions,

Considering that one of the most effective means of assisting the peoples of the Trust Territories to achieve the objectives set forth in Article 76 b of the Charter is to provide them with an opportunity to obtain experience in the work of government and administration by participation in representative bodies with adequate powers to carry out such work,

1. Notes with satisfaction that, in response to the request of the General Assembly, the Trusteeship Council has included in its report covering the period from 22 July 1953 to 16 July 1954^{1/} a separate section dealing with the attainment by the Trust Territories of the objective of self-government or independence;

2. Notes, however, that the Council has not formulated in this report any conclusions or recommendations on the measures taken or contemplated towards self-government or independence;

1/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 4, document A/2680

3. Expresses the hope that the Council will include its conclusions and recommendations on this question in its next and succeeding reports to the General Assembly;

4. Recommends that the Council instruct its visiting missions to give special attention in their reports to the Council to the question of attainment by the Trust Territories of self-government or independence in the light of resolutions 558 (VI) and 752 (VIII) and of the present resolution;

5. Recommends to the Administering Authorities that, as a means to facilitate an approximate determination of the date on which the populations of the Trust Territories would be prepared for self-government or independence, they should intensify their efforts to the utmost to bring about the establishment of new representative organs of government and administration in the Trust Territories, with increasing participation therein by indigenous elements of those Territories, or to develop on the same basis organs of that type already in existence; that they should ensure that the nature and powers of these organs reflect the special status conferred on the Trust Territories by Chapter XII of the Charter and by the Trusteeship Agreements; and that they should hasten the attainment of the objectives set forth in Article 76 of the Charter.

ANNEX G

HEARINGS OF PETITIONERS FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE
CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 655 (VII) 21 December 1952 and 758 (VIII)

9 December 1953,

Having granted oral hearings to petitioners, representatives of organizations in the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under French administration,

1. Takes note of the statements of the petitioners, representatives of organizations in the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under French administration;
2. Decides to transmit to the Trusteeship Council the statements of the petitioners for its study;
3. Recommends to the Council:
 - (a) To continue to give appropriate attention to the matters raised by the petitioners;
 - (b) To request its next visiting mission to study these matters;
 - (c) To report accordingly to the General Assembly at its tenth session.
