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EXAMINATION OF PETITIONS

Eighth Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Petitions

Chairman: Mr. Melchor P. AQUINO (Philippines)

1. The Ad Hoc Committee on Petitions, established by the Trusteeship Council at the fourth meeting of its seventh session and composed of the representatives of Belgium, China, the Dominican Republic, New Zealand, the Philippines and the United States of America, was instructed by the Council to examine the request for an oral hearing, made by Mr. Theodore O. Asare, attorney, on behalf of the chiefs, elders and councillors of Worawora on their petition concerning Togoland under British administration (T/PET.6/185 and T/PET.6/185/Add.1).
2. The Committee examined this question at its twelfth meeting on 18 July 1950. Mr. Sutherland participated in this examination as the special representative of the Administering Authority.
3. The Committee felt that full information on secondary education was already available to it and that an oral presentation would not add anything to this information.
4. As to the substance of the petition, the Ad Hoc Committee submit the following report -
5. Summary of the petition (T/PET.6/185)
The chiefs, elders and councillors of Worawora request the assistance of the Trusteeship Council in obtaining better secondary educational facilities in the Worawora division.
6. Summary of the observations of the Administering Authority
The Administering Authority submitted its observations on this petition in the form of an oral statement by its representative to the Ad Hoc Committee on Petitions at its twelfth meeting on 18 July 1950. He stated that the existing secondary school at Ho was to be expanded, and would accommodate 350

students, and was expected to be adequate to meet for some years the requirement of the Southern Section of Togoland.

7. Action taken by the Ad Hoc Committee

This petition was examined and discussed at the twelfth meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on 18 July 1950. The relevant discussion is contained in document T/AC.24/SR.12.

At its twelfth meeting on 18 July, the Committee adopted the draft resolution which is reproduced below.

RESOLUTION

PETITION FROM THE CHIEFS, ELDERS AND COUNCILLORS AT WORAWORA
CONCERNING TOGOLAND UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

Acting under Article 87 b of the Charter and in accordance with its rules of procedure,

Having accepted and examined at its seventh session the petition from the chiefs, elders and councillors of Worawora (T/PET.6/185 and T/PET.6/185/Add.1), in consultation with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as the Administering Authority concerned, which designated Mr. D. A. Sutherland as special representative,

Having taken note of the statement of the special representative of the Administering Authority that the existing secondary school at Ho was being expanded, and was expected to accommodate 350 students, and that such facilities were expected to meet the requirements of the Southern Section of Togoland for some years,

The Trusteeship Council

Decides that under the circumstances no action by the Council is called for on this petition;

Draws the attention of the petitioner to the recommendation on educational advancement adopted by the Trusteeship Council in connection with its examination of the 1948 annual report on the administration of the Territory the text of which reads as follows:

"The Council, noting the progress achieved in education, particularly in the increased school enrolment, the increase in teachers, the moderate expansion of teacher training facilities and the opening of the University College of the Gold Coast, expresses the hope that the Administering Authority will give every possible encouragement to continued expansion of teacher training facilities and to increasing opportunities of secondary and higher education. The Council is aware of the difficulties in the way of educational advancement in the Northern Section of the Trust Territory, but it considers for that reason that special attention and vigorous efforts should be devoted to the educational needs of this area.

/"The Council,

"The Council, noting that the management of schools is largely left to the religious missions and to the Native Authorities, considers that the Administering Authority itself has the primary responsibility of ensuring that adequate educational opportunities are available for all people of the Territory; urges the Administering Authority to take more vigorous initiative for the expansion of education and teachers' training in the Territory.

"The Council commends the Administering Authority for the notable progress made in the field of adult education as reported by the Visiting Mission and hopes that the start which has been made in this field will lead to adult education programmes on the widest possible scale";

Invites the Secretary-General to inform the Administering Authority and the petitioner of this resolution in accordance with rule 93 of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council.