



Fifth session  
Agenda item 21 (f)

PROCEDURE TO BE ADOPTED TO DELIMIT THE BOUNDARIES OF THE  
FORMER ITALIAN COLONIES IN SO FAR AS THEY ARE NOT  
ALREADY FIXED BY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT

Resolution adopted by the General Assembly at  
its 326th plenary meeting on 15 December 1950

(adopted on the report of the Ad Hoc Political Committee (A/1723))

The General Assembly,

In accordance with its resolution 289 C (IV) adopted on 21 November 1949, in which the General Assembly called upon the Interim Committee "to study the procedure to be adopted to delimit the boundaries of the former Italian colonies in so far as they are not already fixed by international agreement, and report with conclusions to the fifth regular session of the General Assembly",

Having taken note of the memorandum, prepared at the Interim Committee's request by the Secretariat (A/AC.18/103), giving information relating to the boundaries of the former Italian colonies not already fixed by international agreement, and having taken into consideration the views of the interested Governments,

1. Recommends:

(a) With respect to Libya,

That the portion of its boundary with French territory not already delimited by international agreement be delimited, upon Libya's achievement of independence, by negotiation between the Libyan and French Governments, assisted on the request of either party by a third person to be selected by them or, failing their agreement, to be appointed by the Secretary-General;

(b) With respect to the Trust Territory of Somaliland,

That the portion of its boundaries with British Somaliland, as well as with Ethiopia, not already delimited by international

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agreement be delimited by bilateral negotiations between the United Kingdom Government and the Administering Power, in respect of the boundaries with British Somaliland, and between the Ethiopian Government and the Administering Power in respect of the boundaries with Ethiopia;

In order to resolve any and all differences arising in the course of such negotiations, the respective parties to each bilateral negotiation 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;

2. Recommends, further, that, with respect to any other boundaries not delimited by international agreement, the parties concerned seek to reach agreement by negotiation or by arbitration.

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