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SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT IN TRUST TERRITORIES

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The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the conclusions and recommendations of the Trusteeship Council on the social advancement of the following Trust Territories: the Cameroons and Togoland under British administration, the Cameroons and Togoland under French administration, Western Samoa, New Guinea and Nauru, and of the conclusions and observations of its Visiting Mission to East Africa, incorporated in the report of the Trusteeship Council,

Recalling that one of the basic objectives of the International Trusteeship System is to encourage respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Resolves

1. To express its satisfaction at the recommendations of the Trusteeship Council concerning the absolute prohibition of such uncivilized practices as child marriage in the Trust Territories where such practices exist;
2. To recommend the adoption of strong and effective measures to abolish immediately the corporal punishment of whipping in Ruanda-Urundi, and to give full support to the recommendation of the Trusteeship Council that corporal punishment should be abolished immediately in the Cameroons and Togoland under British administration and that corporal punishment should be formally abolished in New Guinea;
3. To recommend to the Trusteeship Council the adoption of suitable measures for solving in a broad and humanitarian spirit such important social problems as migrant labour and penal sanctions for breach of labour contracts by indigenous inhabitants;

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4. To recommend the abolition of discriminatory laws and practices contrary to the principles of the Charter and the Trusteeship Agreements, in all Trust Territories in which such laws and practices still exist;

5. To recommend that the Trusteeship Council should examine all laws, statutes and ordinances, as well as their application, in the Trust Territories and make positive recommendations to the Administering Authorities concerned with a view to the abolition of all discriminatory provisions or practices;

6. To ask the Trusteeship Council to include in its annual reports to the General Assembly a special section dealing with the implementation by the Administering Authorities of its recommendations concerning the improvement of social conditions in Trust Territories, the abolition of corporal punishment and, in particular, the action taken in pursuance of the recommendation contained in paragraph 5 above.
