

1051 (XI). Procedures for the consideration of communications relating to the cessation of the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter

The General Assembly,

Considering that, by resolution 222 (III) of 3 November 1948, it considered it essential that the United Nations be informed of any change in the constitutional position and status of any Non-Self-Governing Territory as a result of which the responsible Government concerned thinks it unnecessary to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations, and requested any Member concerned to communicate to the Secretary-General appropriate information on such a change,

Noting that resolution 448 (V) of 12 December 1950 requested the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to examine information transmitted in pursuance of resolution 222 (III),

Noting that the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories has examined communications from the Members concerned relating to the cessation of the transmission of information in respect of Puerto Rico, Greenland, the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam,

Considering that, in accordance with resolution 850 (IX) of 22 November 1954, the methods and procedures to be followed in the consideration of such communications were to be studied further,

Considering that, in the examination of communications relating to the cessation of the transmission of information, questions may arise requiring primary consideration by the General Assembly at its regular sessions,

1. *Decides* that, notwithstanding the provisions of resolution 448 (V) of 12 December 1950, communications relating to the cessation of the transmission of information in respect of a Non-Self-Governing Territory, transmitted to the Secretary-General by the Members concerned, should be referred directly to the General Assembly;

2. *Considers* that the General Assembly should, as indicated in resolutions 742 (VIII) of 27 November 1953 and 850 (IX) of 22 November 1954, examine cases of the cessation of the transmission of information, with particular emphasis on the manner in which the right of self-determination has been attained and freely exercised;

3. *Considers* that the General Assembly, as circumstances may make appropriate, should adopt such conclusions as it deems fit, or should refer points for study to the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories or any such future committee which may be established, or should take other measures to reach conclusions in the interests of the inhabitants of the Territory concerned.

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1052 (XI). Summaries of information concerning Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Having noted that in the 1956 report of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Terri-

tries¹² it is suggested that the printed edition of the Secretary-General's summaries of information from Non-Self-Governing Territories should, in two years out of three, be replaced by fascicles produced by the offset process,

Considering that there should be no lowering in the standards of reproduction or distribution of information on Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Considering that the new system should be regarded as an experiment without prejudice to the future,

Invites the Secretary-General to prepare a report for the twelfth session of the General Assembly showing the comparative costs of the various methods of reproducing the summaries of information, so that the General Assembly may be provided with the opportunity of examining the relative advantages of both systems of reproduction and distribution of the summaries of information from Non-Self-Governing Territories and of making appropriate arrangements for the future.

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1053 (XI). Progress achieved by the Non-Self-Governing Territories in pursuance of Chapter XI of the Charter

The General Assembly,

Considering that Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations makes provision for the regular transmission to the Secretary-General of information on conditions in the Territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government, and that General Assembly resolution 218 (III) of 3 November 1948, establishes a system for the transmission of such information and for the preparation of summaries of the information so transmitted,

Considering that, by resolutions 551 (VI) of 7 December 1951 and 930 (X) of 8 November 1955, the Standard Form for the guidance of Members in the preparation of information has been adapted in the light of experience,

Noting that resolution 932 (X) of 8 November 1955 suggests that an examination of the progress achieved in the Non-Self-Governing Territories since the establishment of the United Nations, based on the information received under Article 73 e of the Charter, would be highly desirable,

Noting that, although the Administering Members have annually supplied reports on the progress in Territories under their administration, there does not exist in an appropriate form a record of such progress as has been made since the establishment of the United Nations,

Considering that the principal points indicated by the Secretary-General in his report of 28 September 1956¹³ form a satisfactory basis for such a record,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the assistance provided to the Secretary-General, in giving effect to General Assembly resolution 932 (X) of 8 November 1955, by the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the

¹² *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 15 (A/3127).

¹³ *Ibid.*, Eleventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 35, document A/3196.