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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

320 (IV). Political advancement of Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report¹ of the Trusteeship Council covering its fourth and fifth sessions and the various decisions and recommendations made by it in the course of the discharge of its functions,

1. *Takes note* of the decisions taken by the Trusteeship Council and expresses its full support of the Council's recommendations to the Administering Authorities for the adoption by the latter of measures which would hasten the advancement of the Trust Territories towards self-government or independence, in accordance with the objectives laid down in Article 76 b of the Charter;

2. *Recommends* to the Trusteeship Council that it should include in its annual reports to the General Assembly information in a special section dealing with the implementation by the Administering Authorities of the Council's recommendations concerning the measures adopted to grant the indigenous inhabitants of the Trust Territories a larger degree of self-government through participation in the legislative, executive and judicial organs and procedures of the Trust Territories.

*240th plenary meeting,
15 November 1949.*

321 (IV). International Trusteeship System: petitions and visiting missions

The General Assembly,

Considering that the examination of petitions is one of the principal functions of the Trusteeship Council under the Charter, and that the prompt and effective discharge of this function is indispensable for the realization of the objectives set forth in Article 76 b of the Charter and for the promotion of the confidence of the inhabitants of the Trust Territories in the International Trusteeship System,

Observing with particular interest the activities of the Trusteeship Council in sending visiting missions to the Territories under trusteeship,

Recommends to the Trusteeship Council that it should:

1. Take such measures as it may deem appropriate with a view to facilitating and accelerating the examination and disposal of petitions;

¹ See *Official Records of the fourth session of the General Assembly*, Supplement No. 4.

2. Direct visiting missions to report fully on the steps taken towards the realization of the objectives set forth in Article 76 b of the Charter, under the headings of political, economic, social and educational advancement, and in particular, on the steps taken towards self-government or independence.

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322 (IV). Economic advancement in Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the conclusions² and recommendations of the Trusteeship Council on the economic 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,

Resolves:

1. To express full support of the recommendations of the Trusteeship Council and of all steps leading to a greater participation of indigenous inhabitants in the profits and management of entities, public or private, engaged in the exploitation of mineral and other natural resources or in the production of, or trade in, raw materials and commodities basic to the economy of Trust Territories;

2. To reaffirm the principle that the interests of the indigenous inhabitants must be paramount in all economic plans or policies in Trust Territories, particularly in raising the standards of living and the level of wages, and in improving housing, nutrition and health conditions;

3. To express its concern that the lack of budgetary autonomy in some cases and the scarcity of data in others did not allow the Trusteeship Council to make a thorough examination of the financial situation of certain Territories;

4. To note with satisfaction the excellent financial situation in the Trust Territories of Western Samoa and Nauru and to endorse the recommendations of the Council regarding the need for the formulation of plans laying down a sound economic foundation for these two Territories;

5. To recommend to the Trusteeship Council the inclusion in its annual reports to the General Assembly of a special section on the implementation by the Administering Authorities of its recommendations on the economic advancement of the Trust Territories.

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15 November 1949.*

² See *Official Records of the fourth session of the General Assembly*, Supplement No. 4.