

323 (IV). Social advancement in Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the conclusions³ 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 report⁴ 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 Ruandi-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;

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.

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³ See *Official Records of the fourth session of the General Assembly*, Supplement No. 4.

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ *Ibid.*

⁶ See *Resolutions adopted by the Trusteeship Council during its third session*, page 1.

324 (IV). Educational advancement in Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Considering the desirability of including in the school curricula in the Trust Territories instruction on the United Nations, the International Trusteeship System and the special status of Trust Territories,

Having examined the conclusions⁵ and recommendations of the Trusteeship Council with respect to educational advancement in the Trust Territories of the Cameroons and Togoland under British administration, the Cameroons and Togoland under French administration, Western Samoa, New Guinea and Nauru,

Considering resolutions 36 (III)⁶ of 8 July 1948, 83 (IV)⁷ of 9 February 1949 and 110 (V)⁸ of 19 July 1949 adopted by the Trusteeship Council, concerning the implementation of which the Assembly desires more detailed information,

Resolves:

1. To recommend to the Trusteeship Council to continue its programme for developing and promoting in the Trust Territories the diffusion of information on the United Nations and on the International Trusteeship System and to make the necessary recommendations to the Administering Authorities;

2. To draw the attention of the Trusteeship Council to the necessity of requesting the Administering Authorities to study the possibility of including in the curricula of schools in the Trust Territories instruction on the United Nations, the International Trusteeship System and the special status of Trust Territories, and to this end to make use, if they so desire, of the co-operation that may be furnished by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

3. To express its hope that, in the spirit of the Trusteeship Council's recommendations for an increase in the budgetary provisions for education in the Trust Territories, the Administering Authorities will give, in preparing their budgets, special prominence to improving and increasing educational facilities;

4. To express the opinion that the wider expansion and more rapid development of the present facilities for the higher education of indigenous students in the Trust Territories constitute an essential contribution to the progress towards autonomy or independence of the inhabitants of these Territories;

5. To congratulate the Administering Authorities which have adopted measures for the establishment in Africa of educational institutions of university standard and systems of scholarships allowing indigenous students to complete their university training in other countries, and to recommend to the Trusteeship Council that it call upon those Administering Authorities to intensify such measures and that it call upon the Administering Authorities which up to the present time have not applied any of these measures to adopt them as soon as possible;

⁷ See *Official Records of the fourth session of the Trusteeship Council*, Resolutions, page 26.

⁸ See *Official Records of the fifth session of the Trusteeship Council*, Resolutions, page 16.

6. To declare formally that discrimination on racial grounds as regards educational facilities available to the different communities in the Trust Territories is not in accordance with the principles of the Charter, the Trusteeship Agreements and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

7. To recommend to the Trusteeship Council to include in its annual reports to the General Assembly a special section on the manner in which the Administering Authorities have implemented resolution 36 (III) on the provision of information concerning the United Nations to the peoples of Trust Territories, resolution 83 (IV) on educational advancement in Trust Territories, free primary education and the training of indigenous teachers, and resolution 110 (V) on higher education in the Trust Territories in Africa, and, generally, on the implementation of the Council's recommendations in the field of education.

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325 (IV). Use of the flag of the United Nations in Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Considering its resolution 167 (II)⁹ of 20 October 1947 by which it adopted the United Nations flag,

Realizing that the accomplishment of the objectives of the International Trusteeship System requires not only the closest collaboration between the Trusteeship Council and the Administering Authorities concerned, but also the active co-operation of the peoples of all Trust Territories,

Mindful of the fact that one of the most potent means of stimulating the interest and enlisting the co-operation of the peoples of Trust Territories is to keep them constantly reminded of the abiding concern of the United Nations in the promotion of their political, economic, social and educational advancement, and their full enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Considering that the flag of the United Nations symbolizes the ideals and aspirations proclaimed in the Charter, which include the effective implementation of the principles of the International Trusteeship System,

Requests the Trusteeship Council to recommend to the Administering Authorities concerned, that the flag of the United Nations be flown over all Trust Territories side by side with the flag of the Administering Authority concerned and with the territorial flag if there is one.

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326 (IV). Administrative unions affecting Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Having noted the action taken by the Trusteeship Council in respect of General Assembly resolution 224 (III)¹⁰ of 18 November 1948, concerning administrative unions affecting Trust Territories,

⁹ See *Official Records of the second session of the General Assembly, Resolutions, page 91.*

¹⁰ See *Official Records of the third session of the General Assembly, Part I, Resolutions, page 86.*

Having considered the information on administrative unions received by the Trusteeship Council and transmitted by its resolution 109 (V)¹¹ of 18 July 1949 to the General Assembly,

Considering that the Trusteeship Council has not yet completed the investigation, requested under the aforesaid resolution of the General Assembly, with respect to all the questions arising out of the said administrative unions,

Noting that, although the Trusteeship Agreements authorize customs, fiscal and administrative unions or federations, they do not authorize any form of political association which would involve annexation of the Trust Territories in any sense or would have the effect of extinguishing their status as Trust Territories,

Affirming the view that measures of customs, fiscal or administrative union must not in any way hamper the free evolution of each Trust Territory towards self-government or independence,

1. *Recommends* to the Trusteeship Council to complete its investigation, paying particular attention to the following:

(a) The desirability of having the Administering Authorities inform the Trusteeship Council beforehand when they propose to create new administrative unions of Trust Territories with adjacent territories, or extend the scope of any existing union or federation;

(b) The desirability, should it be impossible as a consequence of the establishment of an administrative union to furnish clear and precise separate financial, statistical and other data relating to a Trust Territory, of the Administering Authority concerned accepting such supervision by the Trusteeship Council over the unified administration as the Council may consider necessary for the effective discharge of its high responsibilities under the Charter,

(c) The desirability of establishing a separate judicial organization in each Trust Territory;

(d) The desirability of establishing in each Trust Territory a separate legislative body with increasing powers and with headquarters within the Trust Territory, and of eliminating any type of legislative action originating in any other legislative body with headquarters in a Non-Self-Governing Territory;

(e) The desirability of taking into account, before any administrative, customs or fiscal union is established or extended in its nature or scope, the freely expressed wishes of the inhabitants of the Trust Territories concerned;

2. *Recommends* that the Trusteeship Council complete its investigation, in accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 224 (III) and of the present resolution, and present a special report to the next regular session of the General Assembly on the results of its investigation and the action taken by it, with particular reference to any safeguards which the Council may consider it necessary to request of the Administering Authorities concerned, and that the Council continue likewise to observe the development of such unions and to report to the General Assembly at its regular sessions.

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¹¹ See *Official Records of the fifth session of the Trusteeship Council, Resolutions, page 15.*