

443 (V). Administrative unions affecting Trust Territories

The General Assembly

Decides to carry over the item relating to administrative unions affecting Trust Territories for consideration at the next regular session of the General Assembly.

*320th plenary meeting,
12 December 1950.*

444 (V). Technical assistance to Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Considering that, under the expanded programme of technical assistance for economic development of underdeveloped countries (resolution 222 (IX) of the Economic and Social Council), the Non-Self-Governing Territories are eligible to receive technical assistance on the request of the Administering Members concerned,

Noting with appreciation that resolution 321 (XI) of the Economic and Social Council draws the attention of the Administering Members to the facilities available under the expanded programme of technical assistance,

1. *Invites* the Administering Members which need technical assistance for the economic, social and educational advancement of their Non-Self-Governing Territories to submit their requests;

2. *Recommends* that the Administering Members include yearly in the statistical information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter as full a report as possible on all applications made in behalf of their respective Non-Self-Governing Territories and on the manner in which technical assistance received from the United Nations and the specialized agencies has been integrated into long-range development programmes in such Territories.

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12 December 1950.*

445 (V). Work of the Special Committee on Information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter

The General Assembly,

1. *Takes note* of the report⁸ of the Special Committee on Information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter on the work of its 1950 session;

2. *Confirms* its recognition of the importance of international collaboration in regard to economic, social and educational conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories as expressed in resolution 331 (IV) adopted by the General Assembly on 2 December 1949;

3. *Approves* the special report on education⁹ as a brief but considered indication of the importance of

⁸ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifth Session, Supplement No. 17.*

⁹ *Ibid.*

educational advancement and the problems still to be faced in the Non-Self-Governing Territories;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General to communicate this special report to the Members of the United Nations responsible for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories and to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for their consideration;

5. *Notes* with interest the special studies carried out by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the education and training of teachers, and expresses the hope that full account will be taken of such studies in the formulation of policies on this matter in the Non-Self-Governing Territories;

6. *Notes* the intention¹⁰ of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to place before the Special Committee for its consideration at its 1951 session documents relating to the use of the indigenous or national languages for teaching purposes and the eradication of illiteracy;

7. *Approves* the arrangements¹¹ proposed by the Special Committee for its work in 1951;

8. *Invites* the specialized agencies concerned, with a view to the preparation of studies, based on the information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter and relevant supplemental information, in respect of economic conditions and development to be considered by the Special Committee in 1951, to collaborate with the Secretary-General in the study of problems of the prices of tropical export crops and arrangements for their marketing, migrant labour in Africa, the development of co-operative societies in peasant communities and the economic value of preventive medicine.

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In accordance with the terms of resolution 332 (IV), the Fourth Committee, at its 191st meeting on 30 November 1950, elected, on behalf of the General Assembly, two members to the Special Committee to fill the vacancies created by the expiration of the terms of office of Sweden and Venezuela. The States Members elected were: CUBA and PAKISTAN.

446 (V). Information on human rights in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling the recommendation contained in resolution 327 (IV) adopted by the General Assembly on 2 December 1949,

Noting the provision contained in article 2¹² of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights that no distinction shall be made on the basis of the political, jurisdictional or international status of the country or territory to which a person belongs, whether it be

¹⁰ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifth Session, Fourth Committee, 186th meeting.*

¹¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifth Session, Supplement No. 17, Part One, paragraphs 113-131.*

¹² See resolution 217 A (III).

independent, Trust, Non-Self-Governing or under any other limitation of sovereignty,

Having regard to the mission which has been given by the General Assembly to the Commission on Human Rights with a view to the drafting of an International Covenant on Human Rights which will also be applicable to Non-Self-Governing Territories,¹³

1. *Invites* the Members responsible for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories to include, in the information to be transmitted to the Secretary-General in 1951 under Article 73 e of the Charter, a summary of the extent to which the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is implemented in the Non-Self-Governing Territories under their administration;

2. *Requests* the Special Committee on Information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter to include in its report to the General Assembly at its sixth session such recommendations as it may deem desirable relating to the application in Non-Self-Governing Territories of the principles contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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447 (V). Comparable statistical information relating to the subjects treated under Article 73 e of the Charter

The General Assembly,

Having regard to paragraph 6 of resolution 143 (II) adopted by the General Assembly on 3 November 1947 and paragraph 3 of resolution 218 (III) adopted by the General Assembly on 3 November 1948 and relating to the use of comparable statistical information,

Desirous of arriving at correct conclusions from the use of such information,

1. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in making use of such information, to obtain the consent of the Member State concerned and to take into account all elements necessary for scientific and objective comparison;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to bear in mind that an objective comparison can be made only if the comparable information is representative of the whole region concerned.

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448 (V). Development of self-government in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Considering that resolution 222 (III) adopted by the General Assembly on 3 November 1948, while welcoming any development of self-government in Non-Self-Governing Territories, considers that it is essential that the United Nations be informed of any change in the constitutional position and status of any such Territory as a result of which the responsible government concerned thinks it unnecessary to transmit information in

respect of that Territory under Article 73 e of the Charter,

Noting the communication¹⁴ dated 29 June 1950 from the Government of the Netherlands in which it is stated that the Netherlands will no longer present a report pursuant to Article 73 e on Indonesia with the exception of West New Guinea,

Noting that the full independence of the Republic of Indonesia has been followed by the admission of that State to membership in the United Nations,

1. *Takes note* with satisfaction of the communication of the Government of the Netherlands with reference to the cessation of the transmission of information on Indonesia;

2. *Requests* the Special Committee on Information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter to examine such information as may be transmitted in future to the Secretary-General in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 222 (III), and to report thereon to the General Assembly.

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449 (V). Question of South West Africa

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The General Assembly,

Considering that the International Court of Justice, duly consulted by the General Assembly pursuant to resolution 338 (IV) of 6 December 1949, reached the conclusion¹⁵ that the Territory of South West Africa is a Territory under the international Mandate assumed by the Union of South Africa on 17 December 1920,

Considering that the International Court of Justice is of the opinion that the Union of South Africa continues to have the international obligations laid down in Article 22 of the Covenant of the League of Nations and in the Mandate for South West Africa,

Considering that the International Court of Justice is of the opinion that the functions of supervision over the administration of the Territory of South West Africa by the Union of South Africa should be exercised by the United Nations, to which the annual reports as well as the petitions from the inhabitants of the Territory are to be submitted,

Considering that, in accordance with the opinion of the International Court of Justice, the Union of South Africa is under an obligation to accept the compulsory jurisdiction of the Court as provided by Article 37 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, by Article 80, paragraph 1, of the Charter of the United Nations and by Article 7 of the Mandate for South West Africa,

Considering that the International Court of Justice is of the opinion that the Union of South Africa acting alone is not competent to modify the international status of the Territory of South West Africa, and that the

¹³ See resolution 422 (V), page 43.

¹⁴ See document A/1302/Rev.1.

¹⁵ See *International Status of South West Africa, Advisory Opinion*: I.C.J. Reports 1950, page 128.