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TRANSMITTED UNDER ARTICLE 73(e) OF THE CHARTER  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF NON-SELF-GOVERNING  
TERRITORIES

The representative of Canada made a statement at the 682nd meeting of the Fourth Committee on 28 October 1957 in which he suggested that the following passage may be included in its report under the appropriate heading:

"The Committee also considered the possible effects of the establishment of the European Economic Community on the economic development of non-self-governing territories.

"The delegations concerned stated that the application of the European Common Market to their non-self-governing territories would, of course, be fully in accordance with their undertakings under Article 73 of the Charter to recognize the principle that the interests of the inhabitants of these territories are paramount, and to accept as a sacred trust the obligation to promote to the utmost the well-being of these inhabitants.

"The Committee noted that the Economic and Social Council had devoted considerable attention to the question of assessing the implications of the European Common Market. In the Council it was generally considered that it was too early to estimate accurately the effects of this project. The Council considered that examination within the United Nations of the evolution of the Common Market could normally be expected to take place within the framework of the annual surveys of the economic situation of each regional commission as well as of the annual survey by the Secretary-General of the world economic situation.

"The view was expressed during the debates of the Committee that such annual surveys should also include information regarding the impact of the establishment and development of the European Common Market upon the economic situation within the non-self-governing territories associated with it as well as on changes in the pattern of world trade resulting from such association.

"The Committee noted that in addition the effects which the European Economic Community would have on the non-self-governing territories associated with it, would be included in the information which the administering governments provide to the United Nations under Article 73 (e) of the Charter."

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