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Draft special report of the Trusteeship Council

(working paper prepared by the Secretariat)

1. At the twelfth session of the General Assembly, the Administering Authority stated that it intended to transfer to the Togoland Government all powers except defence, diplomacy and currency, that the Legislative Assembly of Togoland would be renewed in 1958 by universal adult suffrage, and that the United Nations was invited by the Togoland Government to supervise the elections to the Legislative Assembly.
2. By resolution 1182 (XII) of 29 November 1957, the General Assembly accepted the invitation of the Togoland Government, decided to elect a Commissioner (Mr. Max H. Dorsinville, of Haiti) who should supervise the elections, and requested the Administering Authority and the Togoland Government to make, in consultation with the United Nations Commissioner, the arrangements for the organization and conduct of the elections.
3. In the same resolution, the General Assembly requested the Commissioner to submit to the Trusteeship Council, for its consideration and for transmission to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session, a report on the organization, conduct and results of the elections and invited the Administering Authority to inform the Trusteeship Council concerning the carrying-out of the above-mentioned transfer of powers, the convening of the new Togoland Legislative Assembly, and regarding any wishes which might have been expressed by the Legislative Assembly concerning the new Statute and the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement for Togoland under French administration.

4. Finally, the General Assembly requested the Trusteeship Council to consider these matters and report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session, so as to enable it, if requested by the new Legislative Assembly and the Administering Authority, to reach a decision, in the light of the circumstances then prevailing, concerning the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement in accordance with Article 76 b of the United Nations Charter.
5. The United Nations Commissioner for the supervision of the elections submitted his report to the Council on 27 June 1958.^{1/} The representative of France transmitted to the Council a communique concerning the talks between France and Togoland of September 1958.^{2/} He also made available to the Council the text of the Decree No. 58-187 of 22 February 1958 amending the Decree of 24 August 1956 setting forth the Statute of Togoland and the Conventions of 23 February 1958 between France and Togoland.^{3/}
6. The Council considered the question of the future of Togoland under French administration at its eighth special session, taking into consideration the above-mentioned documents. It decided to examine at the same time the annual report of the Administering Authority on the administration of the Territory for the year 1956,^{4/} the consideration of which it had postponed from its twenty-second session to its eighth special session.
7. At the 937th meeting, the Commissioner introduced his report on the organization, conduct and results of the elections. At the same meeting, the representative of France made an opening statement, the text of which appears in Annex II.
8. At the 938th meeting, Burma, Guatemala, India, Italy, New Zealand and the United States submitted a draft resolution. The general debate as well as the consideration of the draft resolution took place at the same meeting.
9. The draft resolution was unanimously adopted by the Council. The text of the resolution appears in Annex I.

^{1/} T/1392, 1392/Corr.1 French only, 1392/Corr.2 English only, 1392/Add.1.
^{2/} T/1410, 1410/Rev.1 English only.
^{3/} T/1409.
^{4/} T/1371, 1381, T/L.882 and L.883.