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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

Report of the Fourth Committee

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The report of the Trusteeship Council covering its second and third sessions (A/603) was referred to the Fourth Committee by the General Assembly on 24 September 1948.

After an introductory statement by the President of the Trusteeship Council, Mr. Liu Chieh, at the 61st meeting, the general debate was begun and was continued until the 68th meeting. Members of the Committee expressed opinions on the activities of the Trusteeship Council and on its observations, conclusions and recommendations, particularly in respect of the three Trust Territories - New Guinea, Ruanda-Urundi and Tanganyika - whose state of political, economic, social and educational advancement had been examined by the Council at its second and third sessions.

In the course of the debate, many members commented on conditions in the Territories, and made observations regarding their development in respect of the operation of the Trusteeship System.

Seven draft resolutions and several amendments thereto were submitted by delegations and groups of delegations, and were discussed by the Committee from its 68th to its 75th meeting. These proposals fell into two groups:

- I. General proposal: to take note of the report of the Trusteeship Council and to recommend to the Council to consider the comments and suggestions made during the discussion of the report.
- II. Specific proposals:
 - (a) Two proposals dealing with administrative unions concerning Trust Territories and adjacent territories;
 - (b) Three proposals dealing with educational advancement in certain Trust Territories;
 - (c) One proposal dealing with the promotion of the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the inhabitants of Trust Territories.

The Committee adopted four draft resolutions, the texts of which are reproduced at the end of this report.

I. GENERAL PROPOSAL: TO TAKE NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE
TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL AND TO RECOMMEND TO THE COUNCIL
TO CONSIDER THE COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS MADE
DURING THE DISCUSSION OF THE REPORT

The delegations of Brazil, India, Norway, Pakistan and the United States of America submitted a draft resolution (A/C.4/144) proposing that the General Assembly should take note of the report of the Trusteeship Council and should recommend that the Trusteeship Council consider at its next session the comments and suggestions made during the discussion of the report by the General Assembly.

The delegation of Cuba proposed an amendment (A/C.4/146) to the wording of the third paragraph of the draft resolution - dealing with the consideration by the Trusteeship Council of the comments and suggestions made during the discussion - in the following terms:

"RECOMMENDS that the Trusteeship Council take into account in its future examination of conditions in the Trust Territories the comments and suggestions made during the discussion of the report in the third session of the General Assembly, and that it include in its next annual report the conclusions which it has reached and the action which it may have found appropriate to take thereon."

At its 74th meeting, the Committee rejected the amendment of the delegation of Cuba by 23 votes against to 13 in favour. The draft resolution was adopted by 49 votes in favour to none against. It is reproduced at the end of this report as resolution I.

II (a) PROPOSALS DEALING WITH ADMINISTRATIVE UNIONS CONCERNING
TRUST TERRITORIES AND ADJACENT TERRITORIES

Two draft resolutions, together with an amendment, dealing with administrative unions concerning Trust Territories and adjacent territories, were submitted to the Committee:

- (i) The delegation of India submitted a proposal (A/C.4/147) to the effect, inter alia that the General Assembly should recommend to the Trusteeship Council to undertake a general and specific investigation of existing or proposed unions; to recommend any necessary safeguards for the preservation of the distinct political status of the Trust Territories and the effective exercise of the Council's supervisory functions; and to report to the next regular session of the General Assembly.

The Indian draft resolution further recommended that before constituting any customs, fiscal or administrative union or federation of a Trust Territory with adjacent territories, or extending the period or scope of any existing one, the Administering Authority should consult the Trusteeship Council.

- (ii) An amendment submitted by the delegation of Iraq (A/C.4/148) proposed, as an additional recommendation to the Trusteeship Council, that it should approach, whenever appropriate, the International Court of Justice with a view to ascertaining whether such unions were within the scope of and compatible with the stipulations of the Charter and the terms of the trusteeship agreements.
- (iii) The delegations of Venezuela, Cuba and the Philippines jointly submitted a draft resolution (A/C.4/149) which, inter alia, set forth basic considerations to be taken into account by the Trusteeship Council. These were (1) that the present status and identity of the Trust Territories should be carefully maintained until the inhabitants reach a state of political advancement enabling them to assume the responsibility of determining for themselves the form of their government and the political associations, if any, into which they may wish to enter; and (2) that no administrative union or federation should be such as to hinder the Council in obtaining information clearly showing the exact situation in the Trust Territory; should it become impossible to furnish separate data, the Administering Authority should, without prejudice to the status of the non-Trust Territories included in the union, submit the unified administration to such supervision by the Council as the latter may consider necessary for the effective discharge of its responsibilities with respect to the Trust Territory.

At its 68th meeting the Fourth Committee requested the sponsors of these two proposals and of the amendment to consult together with a view to submitting a consolidated draft resolution. The delegations concerned - Cuba, India, Iraq, Philippines and Venezuela - subsequently presented a joint draft resolution (A/C.4/151) which read as follows:

"THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

- (1) "MINDFUL that one of the basic objectives of the Trusteeship System is to promote the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the Trust Territories, and their progressive development towards self-government or independence,
- (2) "NOTING that the Trusteeship Agreements for some of these Territories authorize the Administering Authority concerned to constitute the Territory into a customs, fiscal or administrative union or federation with adjacent territories under its sovereignty or control; and that, in certain circumstances, such unions may be in the interests of the inhabitants of the Territory concerned, where such measures are not inconsistent with the basic objectives of the Trusteeship System and with the terms of the Trusteeship Agreement,
- (3) "NOTING further that the three types of unions or federations referred to in the Trusteeship Agreements, namely customs, fiscal and administrative unions or federations, clearly exclude any kind of political union,
- (4) "RECALLING that the General Assembly approved these Agreements upon the assurance of the Administering Powers that the constitution of such unions or federations would not lead to the establishment of any form of political association between the Trust Territories and adjacent territories which would involve annexation of the Trust Territories in any sense or would have the effect of extinguishing their status as Trust Territories,
- (5) "HAVING CONSIDERED the observations of the Trusteeship Council, contained in the report covering its second and third sessions, on the administrative unions already constituted or proposed,
- (6) "ENDORSES the observations of the Trusteeship Council on such administrative unions, and in particular its observation that an administrative union 'must remain strictly administrative in its nature and its scope, and that its operation must not have the effect of creating any conditions which will obstruct the separate development of the Trust Territory, in the fields of political, economic, social and educational advancement, as a distinct entity';

(7) "IS OF THE OPINION

- (a) That the present status and identity of the Trust Territories must be carefully maintained until, in accordance with the provisions of Article 76 of the Charter, the inhabitants of the Trust Territories reach a state of political advancement enabling them to assume the responsibility of determining for themselves the form of their government and the political associations, if any, into which they may wish to enter; and
- (b) That the establishment of these unions raises questions of fundamental importance affecting the political status of the Trust Territories and the attainment of the basic objectives of the Trusteeship System in regard to these Territories:

(8) "RECOMMENDS accordingly that the Trusteeship Council should:

- (a) Investigate these questions in all their aspects with special reference to such unions already constituted or proposed, and in the light of the terms of the Trusteeship Agreements and assurances given by the Administering Authorities in this connexion;
- (b) In the light of this investigation, recommend such safeguards as the Council may deem necessary to preserve the distinct political status of the Trust Territories and to enable the Trusteeship Council effectively to exercise supervisory functions over such Territories;
- (c) Request, whenever appropriate, an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice as to whether such unions are within the scope of, and compatible with, the stipulations of the Charter and the terms of the Trusteeship Agreements as approved by the General Assembly; and
- (d) Report specifically to the next regular session of the General Assembly on the results of its investigations and the action taken by it;

(9) "RECOMMENDS further

- (a) That before constituting any customs, fiscal or administrative union or federation of a Trust Territory with adjacent territories, or extending the period or scope of any existing union or federation, the Administering Authority concerned should consult the Trusteeship Council; and

/(b) That no

- (b) That no administrative union or federation should be such as to hinder the Trusteeship Council in obtaining information clearly showing the exact situation in the Trust Territory; and should it become impossible to furnish separate financial, statistical and other data relating to the Trust Territory, then the Administering Authority, without prejudice to the status of the other territory or territories included in the union, should submit the unified administration to such supervision by the Trusteeship Council as the latter may consider necessary for the effective discharge of its responsibilities with respect to the Trust Territory."

The delegation of the United States of America submitted an amendment (A/C.4/153) which would have had the effect of deleting from the joint draft resolution the first four paragraphs of the preamble, substituting in the sixth paragraph the word "NOTES" for the word "ENDORSES" and inserting the word "ENDORSES" after the word "particular". The United States amendment proposed to limit the remainder of the joint draft resolution to the four sub-paragraphs of paragraph 8 relating to the recommended investigation by the Trusteeship Council.

At the 69th meeting, the sponsors of the joint draft resolution (A/C.4/151), together with the delegation of the United States of America, agreed to consult one another with a view to reconciling further, if possible, the resolution and the amendment. No consolidated text was forthcoming, but the delegation of the United States of America submitted a revised version of its amendment (A/C.4/153/Rev.1).

Four amendments were also submitted by the delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (A/C.4/160/Rev.1). These amendments are referred to below. At its 73rd meeting, the Fourth Committee voted on the amendments and the joint draft resolution, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraph (1) of the joint draft resolution was adopted by 46 votes in favour to none against.

Paragraph (2): The delegation of the United States of America proposed to substitute for the original text two paragraphs involving (a) a reference to common services; and (b) the transfer to a new paragraph of the words "that, in certain circumstances, such unions may be in the interests of the inhabitants of the Territory concerned."

This amendment was accepted by the sponsors of the joint resolution, and the two new paragraphs were adopted by 46 votes in favour to none against.

Paragraph (3): This paragraph, the deletion of which was proposed by the delegation of the United States of America, was adopted by a roll-call vote of 24 votes in favour to 14 against, with 9 abstentions.

Paragraph (4): The delegation of the United States of America proposed to substitute a text reproducing more precisely the assurances of the Administering Authorities contained in the report of the Rapporteur of Sub-Committee I of the Fourth Committee at the second part of the first session of the General Assembly.* This proposal was accepted by the sponsors, and the new text was adopted by 46 votes in favour to none against.

Paragraph (5): A textual revision proposed by the delegation of the United States of America was accepted by the sponsors, and was adopted by 47 votes in favour to none against.

Paragraph (6): The amendment of the delegation of the United States of America to substitute the word "NOTES" for the word "ENDORSES" and to insert the word "ENDORSES" after the word "particular", thereby replacing the original paragraph by two separate paragraphs, was also accepted; the two new paragraphs were voted separately, the first being adopted by 45 votes in favour to none against, and the second by 38 votes in favour to 3 against.

Paragraph (7) (a): An amendment of the delegation of the United States of America to delete sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 7 was rejected by a roll-call vote of 24 votes against, to 17 in favour, with 5 abstentions. An amendment of the delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to delete the words "and the political associations, if any, into which they may wish to enter" was rejected by 16 votes against, to 8 in favour. The sub-paragraph was adopted by 20 votes in favour to 16 against.

Paragraph (7) (b): Sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph 7, which the delegation of the United States of America also proposed to delete, was adopted by 22 votes in favour to 16 against.

Paragraph (8) (a): Sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 8, to which there were no proposed amendments, was adopted by 46 votes in favour to none against.

Paragraph (8) (b): The delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics proposed to add the following words at the end of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph 8:

* See Official Records of the Second Part of the First Session of the General Assembly, Fourth Committee; Part 1, Page 300.

aiming primarily at the restoration by the Administering Authorities for the Trust Territories of Tanganyika, Ruandi-Urundi and New Guinea, of independent legislative and administrative bodies not subordinated to any central body established on the basis of union between the Trust Territory and colonies."

This amendment was rejected by 20 votes against to 10 in favour. The sub-paragraph was adopted by 44 votes in favour, to none against.

Paragraph (8) (c): Sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph 8; which the delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics proposed to delete, was adopted by a roll-call vote of 40 in favour to 6 against, with no abstentions.

New sub-paragraph: The proposal of the delegation of the United States of America to insert a new sub-paragraph (d) inviting the Administering Authorities to make available information relating to administrative unions which would facilitate the investigation by the Trusteeship Council was accepted by the sponsors of the joint draft resolution, and was adopted by 43 votes in favour to none against.

Paragraph (8) (d): Sub-paragraph (d) of paragraph 8, which appears as sub-paragraph (e) in the approved draft resolution and to which no amendments were proposed, was adopted by 43 votes in favour to none against.

Paragraph (9) (a): Sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 9, which the delegation of the United States of America proposed to delete, was adopted by a roll-call vote of 25 votes in favour to 11 against, with 10 abstentions.

Paragraph (9) (b): An amendment by the delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to delete from sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph 9 the words "without prejudice to the status of the other territory or territories included in the union" was accepted by the sponsors of the joint proposal. The sub-paragraph, which the delegation of the United States of America proposed to delete, was adopted by a roll-call vote of 25 in favour to 15 against, with 7 abstentions.

The draft resolution, as amended, was adopted by a roll-call vote of 25 votes in favour to 12 against, with 10 abstentions. It was reproduced at the end of this report as resolution II.

II (b) PROPOSALS DEALING WITH EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT IN CERTAIN TRUST TERRITORIES

Three separate draft resolutions dealing with educational advancement in Trust Territories were submitted to the Committee:

- (a) A proposal by Uruguay and Venezuela (A/C.4/143) recommending inter alia that the Trusteeship Council should remind the Administering Authorities that they should wherever possible, intensify existing educational plans, even at the cost of increased budgetary allocations; and request the Administering Authorities to transmit annually "the most complete and detailed information possible regarding education";
- (b) A proposal by Haiti (A/C.4/145/Rev.1) recommending inter alia that the Trusteeship Council, in inviting the intensification of educational development, should propose that education should be free and should be divided into urban primary, rural and technical education; that there should be at least one school to each five hundred registered children, and an average of eight teachers to each school; that a primary training college for indigenous teachers should be established in each large town; and that a secular secondary school should be established in the principal town of each Territory;
- (c) A proposal by Costa Rica (A/C.4/150) inter alia requesting the Trusteeship Council, in co-operation with the Administering Authorities concerned and, if so decided, in consultation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to study the financial and technical implications of the establishment and maintenance of an African university in a Trust Territory.

At its 68th meeting, the Committee requested the sponsors of these proposals to confer together with a view to combining the three drafts into a consolidated proposal. Subsequently, the delegations of Costa Rica, Haiti, Uruguay and Venezuela submitted a joint draft resolution (A/C.4/154, later revised as A/C.4/154/Rev.1).

In this draft resolution, the General Assembly notes the deficiencies in education pointed out by the Trusteeship Council in certain Trust Territories, considers the development and the democratization of education as essential to the progress of the Territories, and that self-government or independence cannot be achieved unless suitable means are found to provide education for all their inhabitants. After noting the plans of the Administering Authorities for extending educational facilities, the draft resolution recommends that the Trusteeship Council should request them to intensify their efforts, should propose that education be free at all levels, should suggest the improvement and expansion of facilities for

training indigenous teachers, should study the financial and technical implications of the establishment and maintenance of an African university in a Trust Territory, and should request the Administering Authorities to furnish each year the most complete and detailed information obtainable on the progress of education.

Five amendments were submitted to the draft resolution, and were adopted by the Committee:

- (i) An amendment by the delegation of Australia to substitute, in the first paragraph of the preamble, the words "the needs of education" for the words "the deficiencies in education" was adopted by 26 votes in favour to 13 against.
- (ii) An amendment by the delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which now forms the wording of the fourth paragraph of the preamble, was adopted by 37 votes in favour to none against.
- (iii) An amendment, proposed by the delegation of Belgium, to substitute, in sub-paragraph 2 of paragraph 6, the words "primary education should be free and that access to higher education should not be dependent on means" for the words "education should be free at all levels" was adopted by 24 votes in favour to 7 against. The sub-paragraph as amended was adopted by 26 votes in favour to 5 against.
- (iv) An amendment was proposed by the delegation of the United Kingdom to substitute for the original sub-paragraph 4 of paragraph 6 of the joint resolution a new sub-paragraph recommending that the Trusteeship Council should study the financial and technical implications of a further expansion of higher education, including the possibility of establishing and maintaining a university in Africa.
- (v) The delegation of Mexico proposed an amendment to that of the United Kingdom delegation mentioned under (iv) to add, after the words "the possibility of establishing", the words "in 1952". After this amendment had been adopted by 27 votes in favour to 10 against, the United Kingdom amendment, as amended, was adopted by 28 votes in favour to 2 against.

The draft resolution, which is reproduced at the end of this report as resolution III, was adopted, as amended, by a roll-call vote of 39 votes in favour to none against, with 6 abstentions.

II (c) PROPOSAL DEALING WITH THE PROMOTION OF THE
POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL
ADVANCEMENT OF THE INHABITANTS OF TRUST
TERRITORIES

The delegation of Poland submitted a draft resolution (A/C.4/152) which proposed that the General Assembly should call upon the Administering Authorities to improve and promote the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the inhabitants of Trust Territories and to accelerate their progressive development towards self-government or independence. The draft resolution also referred to administrative unions, inter alia calling for prior approval of these by the United Nations, and stating that in cases where a union was in the interests of the people concerned, a Non-Self-Governing Territory included in the union should be brought under the Trusteeship System. The draft resolution proposed also that the Trusteeship Council should investigate the question of the political status of Trust Territories with special reference to such unions, and submit its findings and recommendations to the next regular session of the General Assembly.

After the Committee had adopted a draft resolution dealing with administrative unions (resolution II), the delegation of Poland submitted a revised text of its proposal (A/C.4/152/Rev.1) reading as follows:-

"THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- (1) "RECALLING that the Trusteeship System is aimed at the progressive development of Trust Territories towards self-government or independence;
- (2) "CONSIDERING that this development should not be subject to any undue delay; and that the Trust Territories should attain self-government or independence as soon as possible so as to enable them to take their rightful place among the Members of the United Nations;
- (3) "RECALLING that Article 77 of the Charter contemplates the application of the Trusteeship System to the three types of territories enumerated therein;
- (4) "REAFFIRMS that the ultimate responsibility for Trust Territories rests with the United Nations;

- (5) "RECOMMENDS that the Administering Authorities
- (a) Improve and promote the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the inhabitants of Trust Territories;
 - (b) Accelerate the progressive development towards self-government or independence of the Trust Territories they administer; and
- (6) "REQUESTS the Trusteeship Council in the light of the foregoing considerations to exercise the rights and powers conferred upon it by the Charter to this effect."

At the 75th meeting of the Committee, the delegation of India submitted eight amendments (A/C.4/161) to the draft resolution. The amendments were as follows:-

Paragraph (2): To delete the words "not be subject to undue delay" and substitute the words "be achieved at the earliest possible date".

Paragraph (2): To delete the words "so as to enable them to take their rightful place among the Members of the United Nations".

New paragraph: To add after paragraph (2) a new paragraph as follows: "NOTING the efforts of the Administering Authorities already made in this direction".

Paragraph (3): To add the words "in terms of that Article" after the words "Trusteeship System".

Paragraph (4): To replace the words "ultimate responsibility for" by "supervisory authority over".

Paragraph (5): At the beginning of sub-paragraph (a) to add the words "Take all measures to".

Paragraph (5): At the beginning of sub-paragraph (b), to add the words "Take all possible steps to".

Paragraph (6): To delete the last paragraph of the draft resolution.

These amendments were accepted by the delegation of Poland, with the exception of the proposal to insert a new paragraph noting the efforts already made by the Administering Authorities, which the delegation requested that the Committee should vote upon as an amendment.

The first two paragraphs of the draft resolution, embodying the changes proposed by the delegation of India, were adopted by 36 votes in favour to none against.

The new third paragraph proposed by the delegation of India was adopted by 36 votes in favour to 2 against.

The remaining paragraphs of the draft resolution, embodying the changes proposed by the delegation of India, were adopted by 30 votes in favour to 2 against.

The draft resolution as a whole, as amended, was adopted by a roll-call vote of 26 votes in favour to 10 against, with 10 abstentions. It is reproduced at the end of this report as resolution IV.

The Fourth Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION I

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL COVERING ITS SECOND AND THIRD SESSIONS

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

TAKES NOTE of the report of the Trusteeship Council covering its second and third sessions (A/603);

EXPRESSES its confidence that the Trusteeship Council, in a spirit of co-operation, will effectively contribute to achieving the high objectives of the Trusteeship System;

RECOMMENDS that the Trusteeship Council consider at its next session the comments and suggestions made during the discussion of the report at the third session of the General Assembly;

REQUESTS the Secretary-General to prepare for the use of the Trusteeship Council an appropriate document setting forth such comments and suggestions.

RESOLUTION II

ADMINISTRATIVE UNIONS AFFECTING TRUST TERRITORIES

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

MINDFUL that one of the basic objectives of the Trusteeship System is to promote the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the Trust Territories, and their progressive development towards self-government or independence,

2 NOTING that the Trusteeship Agreements for some of these Territories authorize the Administering Authority concerned to constitute the Territory into a customs, fiscal or administrative union or federation with adjacent territories under its sovereignty or control and to establish common services between the Trust Territory and such adjacent territories, where such measures are not inconsistent with the basic objectives of the Trusteeship System and with the terms of the Trusteeship Agreement,

3 RECOGNIZING that in certain circumstances such unions may be in the interests of the inhabitants of the Territory concerned,

4 NOTING further that the three types of unions or federations referred to in the Trusteeship Agreements, namely customs, fiscal and administrative unions or federations, clearly exclude any kind of political union,

5 RECALLING that the General Assembly approved these Agreements upon the assurance of the Administering Powers that they do not consider the terms of the relevant articles in the Trusteeship Agreements "as giving powers to the Administering Authority to establish any form of political association between the Trust Territories respectively administered by them and adjacent territories which would involve annexation of the Trust Territories in any sense or would have the effect of extinguishing their status as Trust Territories",

6 HAVING CONSIDERED the observations of the Trusteeship Council, contained in the report covering its second and third sessions, on the existing or proposed administrative unions between certain Trust Territories and the adjacent territories under the sovereignty or control of the Administering Authority,

7 NOTES the observations of the Trusteeship Council on such administrative unions; and in particular,

8 ENDORSES the observations of the Trusteeship Council that an administrative union "must remain strictly administrative in its nature and its scope and that its operation must not have the effect of creating any conditions which will obstruct the separate development of the Trust Territory, in the fields of political, economic, social and educational advancement, as a distinct entity";

IS OF THE OPINION

(a) That the present status and identity of the Trust Territories must be carefully maintained until, in accordance with the provisions of Article 76 of the Charter, the inhabitants of the Trust Territories reach a state of political advancement enabling them to assume the responsibility of determining for themselves the form of their government and the political associations, if any, into which they may wish to enter;

(b) That the establishment of these unions raises questions of fundamental importance affecting the political status of the Trust Territories and the attainment of the basic objective of the Trusteeship System in regard to these Territories;

RECOMMENDS accordingly that the Trusteeship Council should:

(a) Investigate these questions in all their aspects with special reference to such unions already constituted or proposed and in the light of the terms of the Trusteeship Agreements and of the assurances given by the Administering Authorities in this connexion;

(b) In the light of this investigation, recommend such safeguards as the Council may deem necessary to preserve the distinct political status of the Trust Territories and to enable the Council effectively to exercise supervisory functions over such Territories;

(c) Request, whenever appropriate, an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice as to whether such unions are within the scope of and compatible with, the stipulations of the Charter and the terms of the Trusteeship Agreements as approved by the General Assembly;

(d) Invite the Administering Authorities to make available to the Council such information relating to administrative unions as will facilitate the investigation by the Council referred to above;

(e) Report specifically to the next regular session of the General Assembly on the results of its investigations and the action taken by it;

RECOMMENDS further

(a) That before constituting any customs, fiscal or administrative union or federation of a Trust Territory with adjacent territories, or extending the period or scope of any existing union or federation, the Administering Authority concerned should consult the Trusteeship Council;

(b) That no administrative union or federation should be such as to hinder the Trusteeship Council in obtaining information clearly showing the exact situation in the Trust Territory and that, should it become impossible to furnish separate financial, statistical and other data relating to the Trust Territory, the Administering Authority concerned should submit the unified administration to such supervision by the Trusteeship Council as the latter may consider necessary for the effective discharge of its responsibilities with respect to the Trust Territory.

RESOLUTION III

EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT IN TRUST TERRITORIES

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Trusteeship Council, which points out the needs of education in certain Trust Territories,

CONSIDERING that the development of education is an essential condition for the advancement of the inhabitants of these Territories in all spheres of human progress,

CONSIDERING that the democratization of education is an essential condition for the progressive development of these Territories,

CONSIDERING that the objective formulated in the Charter of promoting the development of the inhabitants of these Territories towards self-government requires the creation of a system of universal education for the inhabitants without exception or discrimination,

TAKES NOTE of the plans of the Administering Authorities for extending educational facilities in their respective Trust Territories;

RECOMMENDS the Trusteeship Council

(a) To request the Administering Authorities to intensify, within their possibilities, their efforts to increase educational facilities, even if this should involve an increase in the budgetary provisions for this purpose;

(b) In order to ensure that this increase of educational facilities be carried out in a democratic manner, to propose to the Administering Authorities that primary education should be free and that access to higher education should not be dependent on means;

(c) To suggest to the Administering Authorities the improvement and expansion of existing facilities for the training of indigenous teachers;

(d) Having regard to the existing facilities for higher education in Africa already provided by certain Administering Authorities and bearing in mind the plans already made for their development, to study, in consultation with these Administering Authorities and, if the Council

considers it desirable, with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the financial and technical implications of a further expansion of these facilities, including the possibility of establishing in 1952 the maintaining a university, to meet the higher educational needs of the inhabitants of Trust Territories in Africa;

(e) In accordance with the objectives of Article 76 b of the Charter and so that the United Nations may be in a position to form an opinion of the progress achieved in the field of education, to request the Administering Authorities to furnish it each year with the most complete and detailed information obtainable on this subject.

RESOLUTION IV

PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF TRUST TERRITORIES

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING that the Trusteeship System is aimed at the progressive development of Trust Territories toward self-government or independence,

CONSIDERING that this development should be achieved at the earliest possible date and that the Trust Territories should attain self-government or independence as soon as possible,

NOTING the efforts of the Administering Authorities already made in this direction,

RECALLING that Article 77 of the Charter contemplates the application of the Trusteeship System, in accordance with the terms of that Article, to the three types of territories enumerated therein,

REAFFIRMS that the supervisory authority over Trust Territories rests with the United Nations;

RECOMMENDS that the Administering Authorities

(a) Take all measures to improve and promote the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the inhabitants of Trust Territories;

(b) Take all possible steps to accelerate the progressive development towards self-government or independence of the Trust Territories they administer.
