



Tenth session
Agenda item 35

THE TOGOLAND UNIFICATION PROBLEM AND THE FUTURE OF THE
TRUST TERRITORY OF TOGOLAND UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

Financial implications of the draft resolution proposed
by the Fourth Committee (A/3088)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. In accordance with the provisions of rule 15⁴ of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Fifth Committee, at its 529th meeting held on 13 December 1955, considered the financial implications of the draft resolution proposed by the Fourth Committee regarding item 35 of the agenda of the tenth session, "The Togoland unification problem and the future of the Trust Territory of Togoland under British administration".
2. For its consideration of this item, the Fifth Committee had before it a report (A/3086) of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions containing its recommendations on tentative estimates submitted by the Secretary-General on the financial implications of proposals before the Fourth Committee. The Committee was informed by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee that, in the light of the decisions finally taken by the Fourth Committee, the report of the Advisory Committee could be considered as containing firm recommendations.
3. In its report, the Advisory Committee, while making a number of observations on the proposals of the Secretary-General, refrained from recommending any reductions in the total monetary provision of \$135,000 suggested by him.

4. During the discussion, several delegations sought further information from the representative of the Secretary-General on the estimated requirements. With particular regard to the observations of the Advisory Committee on the number of staff to be assigned to the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner, the representative of the Secretary-General assured the Committee that the requirements had been gone into carefully, but that the Secretary-General accepted the maximum limitation proposed by the Advisory Committee of twenty-two officials in addition to the Plebiscite Commissioner and would bear in mind the observations which had been made by various delegations when deciding finally on the composition of the staff to be sent to Togoland.
5. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics reiterated the reasons given by his delegation in the Fourth Committee which had led it to oppose the draft resolution, and stated that for those reasons his delegation could not support the appropriation recommended by the Advisory Committee.
6. The Fifth Committee decided, by 35 votes to 3, to inform the General Assembly that the financial implications of the draft resolution adopted by the Fourth Committee were of the order of \$135,000, and that in the event of the adoption by the General Assembly of the draft resolution, the 1956 estimates under section 5 would accordingly be increased by that amount.
