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DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL
TRUSTEESHIP SYSTEM IN THE TRUST TERRITORIES

OFFERS BY MEMBER STATES OF STUDY AND TRAINING FACILITIES
FOR INHABITANTS OF TRUST TERRITORIES

Report of the Fourth Committee

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1. At its 1018th plenary meeting on 27 September 1961, the General Assembly allocated to the Fourth Committee the following items on its agenda:
 - "13. Report of the Trusteeship Council; ^{1/}
 - "50. Dissemination of information on the United Nations and the International Trusteeship System in the Trust Territories: report of the Secretary-General; ^{2/}
 - "51. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories: report of the Secretary-General." ^{3/}
2. At its 1156th meeting, on 2 October 1961, the Committee decided to take up the items before it in the order in which they were allocated in the letter of

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/4818).

2/ A/4864.

3/ A/4876 and Add.1.

the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman (A/C.4/497), and at its next meeting, the 1157th on 3 October 1961, it further decided to consider items 13, 50 and 51 together.

3. At its 1156th meeting, held on 2 October 1961, the Committee considered and, without objection, granted requests for hearings (A/C.4/499) submitted by three petitioners from the Trust Territory of Tanganyika in connexion with item 13. It also granted requests for supplementary hearings to two of these petitioners, at its 1166th and 1171st meetings, on 11 and 13 October 1961, respectively.

4. Item 13 consisted of the general report of the Trusteeship Council covering its activities from 1 July 1960 to 19 July 1961. Item 50 was the special report of the Secretary-General submitted in compliance with the request of the General Assembly that he report to its sixteenth session on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 1607 (XV) adopted on 21 April 1961. Item 51 also consisted of a special report of the Secretary-General submitted in compliance with the request of the General Assembly contained in its resolution 1611 (XV) of 21 April 1961.

5. The Committee heard Mr. Zuberi M'temvu, speaking as a petitioner on behalf of the Tanganyika African National Congress, at its 1157th meeting, on 3 October 1961. It also heard the petitioners, Mr. M.C. Zachariah, on behalf of the Tanganyika Overseas Recruited Asian Government Servants' Union, and Mr. P.K.G. Nayar, on behalf of the Tanganyika Asian Civil Servants' Association, at its 1165th meeting, on 10 October 1961. It heard Mr. Nayar again at its 1166th meeting, on 11 October 1961, and Mr. Zachariah, for a second time, at its 1172nd meeting, on 16 October 1961.

6. The President of the Trusteeship Council introduced the report of the Council (A/4818) at the 1157th meeting, on 3 October 1961, and the general debate took place from the 1159th to the 1166th meeting. During the course of and at the conclusion of the general debate, draft resolutions on the following subjects were submitted:

- I. The future of Tanganyika;
- II. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories;

- III. Dissemination of information on the United Nations and the International Trusteeship System in the Trust Territories;
- IV. Sub-Committee on the Questionnaire relating to Trust Territories;
- V. Report of the Trusteeship Council;
- VI. Hearing of petitioners in connexion with the Trust Territory of Tanganyika.

The consideration of these proposals is described separately under the subjects to which they relate.

7. On a proposal of the representative of Iraq, the Committee decided, at its 1166th meeting, on 11 October 1961, to proceed to vote on the draft resolutions before it, but to leave item 13, the report of the Trusteeship Council, open for the submission for further draft resolutions concerning it.

I. THE FUTURE OF TANGANYIKA

8. At the 1162nd meeting, on 9 October 1961, a joint draft resolution (A/C.4/L.689) was submitted by Australia, Canada, Ceylon, Cyprus, the Federation of Malay, Ghana, India, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sierra Leone and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland whereby the General Assembly would: (1) resolve, in agreement with the Administering Authority, that the Trusteeship Agreement for Tanganyika, approved by the General Assembly on 13 December 1946, should cease to be in force upon the accession of Tanganyika to independence on 9 December 1961; (2) recommend that upon the attainment of its independence on 9 December 1961, Tanganyika should be admitted to membership in the United Nations in accordance with Article 4 of the Charter of the United Nations.

9. The draft resolution was discussed briefly at the 1166th meeting and adopted unanimously.

10. The Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution I for text, see under paragraph 31 below.

II. OFFERS BY MEMBER STATES OF STUDY AND TRAINING FACILITIES
FOR INHABITANTS OF TRUST TERRITORIES

11. At the 1162nd meeting, Tunisia submitted a draft resolution (A/C.4/L.690) concerning the offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories. The text of the draft resolution was as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 1611 (XV) of 21 April 1961, in which it requested the Secretary-General to prepare for the General Assembly at its sixteenth session a further report on the scholarships offered by Member States to students from Trust Territories, and on their utilization,

"Recalling further that the United Nations scholarship programme for students from Trust Territories established in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 557 (VI) and 753 (VIII) is administered under the 4/ procedure approved by the Trusteeship Council at its thirteenth session,

"1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General and of part I, chapter VI, section D, of the report of the Trusteeship Council;

"2. Decides that the procedure for the administration of the scholarship programme for students from Trust Territories shall continue in effect, with the provision that the Secretary-General shall submit direct to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session the progress report containing all appropriate details of the programme."

12. At the 1166th meeting, Ghana, Guinea, India and Mali joined Tunisia in submitting a revised joint draft resolution (A/C.4/L.690/Rev.1) whereby the operative paragraphs of the draft resolution were modified as follows:

"The General Assembly,

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"1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General and of part I, chapter VI, section D, of the report of the Trusteeship Council;

"2. Notes with regret that full use is not being made of all offers of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories;

"3. Urges the Administering Authorities to provide all the necessary facilities to enable students to avail themselves of offers by Member States of study and training facilities;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the seventeenth session of the General Assembly on the scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States which should include, among other things, detailed information on the offers of scholarships and training facilities and their actual utilization and in cases of non-utilization reasons for the failure by Trust Territories to take advantage of the offers."

13. At the 1167th meeting, the representative of Tunisia introduced the revised draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors. The representative of Ceylon proposed a new operative paragraph 4 whereby the General Assembly would urge that closer liaison be established between the Secretariat and offering Member States to ensure the fullest exchange of information regarding the granting and the utilization of these offers.

14. At the same meeting, the sponsors accepted this amendment and the Committee adopted the revised draft resolution (A/C.4/L.690/Rev.2), without objection.

15. The Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution II [For text, see under paragraph 31 below].

III. DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEESHIP SYSTEM IN THE TRUST TERRITORIES

16. At the 1164th meeting, India submitted a draft resolution (A/C.4/L.691) concerning the dissemination of information on the United Nations and the International Trusteeship System in the Trust Territories whereby the General Assembly would: (1) take note with satisfaction of the establishment in Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, and in Usumbura, Ruanda-Urundi, on 16 June 1961, of United Nations information centres and of the training of qualified indigenous inhabitants for positions of responsibility in those two centres; (2) take further note of the report of the Secretary-General on the dissemination in the Trust Territories through all media of mass communication, in the principal local languages as well as in the language of the Administering Authority, of the

Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples; of information on the purposes and operation of the United Nations and of the International Trusteeship System, and on the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; (3) request the Secretary-General to take steps, in consultation with the Administering Authority concerned, to establish in New Guinea in 1962 a United Nations information centre in which responsible positions would be occupied by indigenous inhabitants of the Trust Territory; (4) further request the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session a report concerning the implementation of this resolution.

17. At the 1166th meeting, Ghana became a co-sponsor and the representative of India introduced the joint draft resolution.

18. At the same meeting, the representative of Liberia proposed an oral amendment to operative paragraph 3, to insert the word "without any further delay" between the words "to establish" and "in New Guinea" in the sentence "to establish in New Guinea in 1962 a United Nations information centre". The sponsors accepted the amendment and the Committee then adopted the revised joint draft resolution, without objection.

19. The representative of Mali stated that if the resolution had been put to the vote, he would have abstained.

20. The Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution III [For text, see under paragraph 31 below].

IV. SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE QUESTIONNAIRE RELATING TO TRUST TERRITORIES

21. At the 1164th meeting, Paraguay submitted a draft resolution (A/C.4/L.692) concerning the Sub-Committee on the Questionnaire relating to Trust Territories.

22. The draft resolution was introduced by the sponsor at the 1166th meeting, whereupon the Committee unanimously adopted it.

23. The Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution IV [For text, see under paragraph 31 below].

V. REPORT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

24. At the 1166th meeting, Burma submitted a draft resolution (A/C.4/L.693) concerning the report of the Trusteeship Council, the text of which reads as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Having received the report of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 1 July 1960 to 19 July 1961,

"1. Takes note of the report of the Trusteeship Council;

"2. Recommends that the Administering Authorities take account of the recommendations and observations contained in the report;

"3. Recommends that the Trusteeship Council consider at its next session the comments and suggestions made during the discussion of the report at the sixteenth session of the General Assembly."

25. After a statement made by the representative of Yugoslavia at the 1166th meeting, Burma submitted a revised draft resolution (A/C.4/L.693/Rev.1) at the 1167th meeting, whereby operative paragraph 3 would be modified to read:

"3. Recommends that the Trusteeship Council consider at its next session the comments and suggestions made during the discussion of the report at the sixteenth session of the General Assembly regarding the remaining Territories under trusteeship, as well as the Council's methods of work and procedure in order to bring them into accordance with the requirements of the new situation in the field of the International Trusteeship System."

26. At the latter meeting, a procedural discussion ensued in which several representatives took part. The Committee then decided, without objection, to defer the vote on this draft resolution until after the consideration by the General Assembly of item 88, the situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples.

VI. HEARING OF PETITIONERS IN CONNEXION WITH THE
TRUST TERRITORY OF TANGANYIKA

27. In accordance with decisions taken at its 1166th, 1170th and 1171st meetings, the Committee continued the consideration of item 13, report of the Trusteeship Council at its 1172nd meeting, on 16 October 1961. At this meeting, Liberia submitted a draft resolution (A/C.4/L.695) relating to the hearing of petitioners in connexion with the Trust Territory of Tanganyika, the text of which reads as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Having received the report of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 1 July 1960 to 19 July 1961,

"Noting that at its sixteenth session the Fourth Committee heard petitioners of the Asian Civil Servants in Tanganyika,

"Noting further that during its twenty-seventh session the Trusteeship Council heard petitioners from Tanganyika and commended their observations as well as those of various Member States to the attention of the Administering Authority for urgent action,

"Requests that the Administering Authority take note of the comments and suggestions made during the discussion of the report at the sixteenth session of the General Assembly with a view to extending similar consideration in the matter of compensation for loss of career to all expatriate civil servants without regard to race, colour, creed or origin."

28. At the same meeting, the representative of Guinea submitted oral amendments whereby, in the second preambular paragraph, the words "of the Asian Civil Servants in" would be replaced by the word, "from"; and in the operative paragraph, the word, "note", would be replaced by the word "account".

29. The amendments were accepted by the representative of Liberia and a brief discussion of the revised text took place. The Committee then adopted the revised draft resolution, without objection.

30. The Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution V [For text, see under paragraph 31 below].

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

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

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

The future of Tanganyika

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1609 (XV) concerning the future of the Trust Territory of Tanganyika,

Noting that the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Tanganyika have agreed since then that Tanganyika should become independent on 9 December 1961,

Noting further that the Trusteeship Council at its twenty-seventh session took note with satisfaction of the advancement of the date of independence of Tanganyika from 28 December 1961 to 9 December 1961 and drew the attention of the General Assembly to it for appropriate action at its current session,

1. Resolves, in agreement with the Administering Authority, that the Trusteeship Agreement for Tanganyika, approved by the General Assembly on 13 December 1946, shall cease to be in force upon the accession of Tanganyika to independence on 9 December 1961;

2. Recommends that upon the attainment of its independence on 9 December 1961, Tanganyika shall be admitted to membership in the United Nations in accordance with Article 4 of the Charter of the United Nations.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1611 (XV) of 21 April 1961, in which it requested the Secretary-General to prepare for the General Assembly at its sixteenth session a further report on the scholarships offered by Member States to students from Trust Territories, and on their utilization,

Recalling further that the United Nations scholarship programme for students from Trust Territories established in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 557 (VI) and 753 (VIII) is administered under the procedure approved by the Trusteeship Council at its thirteenth session,^{5/}

1. Takes note of the report^{6/} of the Secretary-General and of part I, chapter VI, section D, of the report of the Trusteeship Council;^{7/}
2. Notes with regret that full use is not being made of all offers of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories;
3. Urges the Administering Authorities to provide all the necessary facilities to enable students to avail themselves of offers by Member States of study and training facilities;
4. Urges that closer liaison be established between the Secretariat and offering Member States to ensure the fullest exchange of information regarding the granting and the utilization of these offers;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session on the scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States which should include, among other things, detailed information on the offers of scholarships and training facilities and their actual utilization and, in cases of non-utilization, reasons for the failure by Trust Territories to take advantage of the offers.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Dissemination of information on the United Nations and the International Trusteeship System in the Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1607 (XV) of 21 April 1961 whereby the General Assembly, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General (a) to take the necessary action to establish, without further delay, in Tanganyika, Ruanda-Urundi and New Guinea, United Nations information centres in which the responsible positions would be occupied by indigenous inhabitants of the Trust Territories concerned;

^{5/} T/1093.

^{6/} A/4876 and Add.1.

^{7/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/4818).

(b) to ensure the immediate and mass publication and the widest possible circulation and dissemination, in all the Trust Territories through all media of mass communication, of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples, and further requested that the information referred to in the resolution should be disseminated in the principal local languages as well as in the language of the Administering Authority,

Having perused the report of the Secretary-General^{8/} prepared in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1607 (XV),

1. Take note with satisfaction of the establishment in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanganyika and in Usumbura, Ruanda-Urundi, on 16 June 1961, of United Nations information centres and of the training of qualified indigenous inhabitants for positions of responsibility in those two centres;
2. Takes further note of the report of the Secretary-General on the dissemination in the Trust Territories through all media of mass communication, in the principal local languages as well as in the language of the Administering Authority, of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples; of information on the purposes and operation of the United Nations and of the International Trusteeship System, and on the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to take steps, in consultation with the Administering Authority concerned to establish without any further delay in New Guinea in 1962 a United Nations information centre in which responsible positions would be occupied by indigenous inhabitants of the Trust Territory;
4. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session a report concerning the implementation of this resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Sub-Committee on the Questionnaire relating to Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling that under General Assembly resolution 751 (VIII) of 9 December 1953 a Sub-Committee was established to examine the Questionnaire formulated by the

Trusteeship Council, to study such changes as might be necessary to adapt the Questionnaire to the special conditions of each Territory, and to submit its conclusions to the Council,

Noting that the Trusteeship Council has adopted special questionnaires for certain Trust Territories,

1. Expresses its appreciation of the work accomplished by the Sub-Committee on the Questionnaire;
2. Decides that the Sub-Committee, having completed its work, should be discontinued.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Hearing of petitioners in connexion with the Trust Territory of Tanganyika

The General Assembly,

Having received the report of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 1 July 1960 to 19 July 1961,^{9/}

Noting that at the sixteenth session the Fourth Committee heard petitioners from Tanganyika,

Noting further that during its twenty-seventh session the Trusteeship Council heard petitioners from Tanganyika and commended their observations as well as those of various Member States to the attention of the Administering Authority for urgent action,

Requests that the Administering Authority take account of the comments and suggestions made during the discussion of the report at the sixteenth session of the General Assembly with a view to extending similar consideration in the matter of compensation for loss of career to all expatriate civil servants without regard to race, colour, creed or origin.
