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Agenda item 13

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCILReport of the Fourth Committee

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1. The General Assembly, at its 435th plenary meeting on 17 September 1953, referred to the Fourth Committee item 13 of its agenda, namely, the report of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 4 December 1952 to 21 July 1953.^{1/}
2. At its 454th plenary meeting, the General Assembly also referred to the Fourth Committee for further consideration, an amendment proposed in the Third Committee by Syria concerning item 65, development of political rights of women in territories where these rights are not fully enjoyed (A/C.4/246). At the 387th meeting of the Fourth Committee, however, Syria withdrew its proposal.
3. At its 377th meeting, the Committee acceded to the request of the Italian observer to the United Nations, as representative of the Administering Authority for Somaliland under Italian administration, to be allowed to participate in the Committee's work during its examination of the report of the Trusteeship Council.
4. At the 377th meeting, the President of the Trusteeship Council, Mr. L.K. Munro (New Zealand) introduced the Council's report. A general debate on the report then followed which was concluded at the 386th meeting.

^{1/} See Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 4, document A/2427.

5. Nine draft resolutions and a number of amendments thereto were submitted to the Committee and were considered from the 387th to the 394th meetings. They concerned the following matters:

- A. Revision of the Questionnaire;
- B. Attainment by the Trust Territories of the objective of self-government or independence;
- C. Educational advancement in Trust Territories; offers by Member States of study and training facilities;
- D. Dissemination of information on the United Nations and on the International Trusteeship System in Trust Territories;
- E. Attainment of independence by the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration by 1960;
- F. Means towards improving the functioning of the International Trusteeship System;
- G. Report of the Trusteeship Council;
- H. Petition from the Ngoa-Ekéle Community, Cameroons under French administration, concerning adjustment of their land complaint;
- I. Hearing of petitioners from the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under French administration.

6. A detailed account of the consideration by the Committee of the various proposals before it is given in sections A to I below.

7. The Committee adopted nine draft resolutions the texts of which are reproduced in annexes A to I of the present report.

A. REVISION OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE

8. At the 387th meeting, Burma, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Lebanon, Liberia, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Uruguay resubmitted (A/C.4/L.319) a draft resolution which had originally been submitted at the seventh session of the General Assembly by El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Syria (A/C.4/L.253) but which the Fourth Committee at its 299th meeting during the seventh session, had decided to postpone for consideration until a later session.

Under this draft resolution the General Assembly would invite the Trusteeship Council to undertake the preparation of separate questionnaires adapted to the particular circumstances of each Trust Territory.

9. At the 388th meeting, Belgium submitted two amendments (A/C.4/L.325) to the draft resolution, the first of which was revised at the 390th meeting (A/C.4/L.325/Rev.1). The first amendment, as revised, was to add a new paragraph after the preamble in which the General Assembly would: (1) instruct a sub-committee, consisting of representatives of El Salvador, Haiti, India and Syria, to examine the questionnaire formulated by the Trusteeship Council, to study such changes as might be necessary to adapt it to the special conditions of each Territory, and to submit its conclusions to the Trusteeship Council. The second amendment was to insert after the words "to undertake" in the operative paragraph of the draft resolution, which would become operative paragraph 2, the words "on the basis of the work of the sub-committee established under the preceding paragraph".

10. The draft resolution and the amendments proposed thereto were voted upon at the 392nd meeting of the Committee as follows:

11. The Belgian amendments were adopted by a roll-call vote of 32 to 3, with 17 abstentions as follows:

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ethiopia, France, Greece, India, Israel, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Sweden, Thailand, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Against: Burma, Haiti, Indonesia.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Egypt, El Salvador, Guatemala, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Liberia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Union of South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

The draft resolution, as amended, was adopted by 43 votes to 4, with 5 abstentions.

12. The text of the resolution is set out as annex A to the present report.

B. ATTAINMENT BY THE TRUST TERRITORIES OF THE OBJECTIVE
OR SELF-GOVERNMENT OR INDEPENDENCE

13. At the 387th meeting, Egypt, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Lebanon, the Philippines, Yemen and Yugoslavia submitted a draft resolution (A/C.4/L.320) in which the General Assembly, having recalled its resolution 558(VI) of 18 January 1952 by which it invited the Administering Authority of each Trust Territory other than Somaliland under Italian administration to include in each annual report information concerning the measures taken or contemplated towards self-government or independence and, inter alia, the estimated period of time required for such measures and for the attainment of the ultimate objective, would:

(1) re-affirm the said resolution; (2) commend to the Administering Authorities of other Trust Territories the example provided by the Administering Authority of Western Samoa in inviting the inhabitants themselves in 1954 to formulate proposals for the establishment of a self-governing State; (3) request the Trusteeship Council to include in its next and succeeding reports to the General Assembly a separate section dealing with the implementation of resolution 558 (VI) and the present resolution, specifying in particular the measures taken in respect of

(a) consultation with the inhabitants of each Trust Territory in regard to the measures taken or contemplated towards self-government; (b) the development in each Trust Territory of representative, executive and legislative organs and the extension of their powers; (c) the development in each Trust Territory of universal adult suffrage and direct elections; (d) the training and appointment of indigenous persons in each Trust Territory for positions of responsibility in the administration; and (e) the development of adequate public revenue; and stating in each case its conclusions and recommendations in the light of resolution 558 (VI) and the present resolution.

14. The Committee voted upon this resolution at its 392nd meeting as follows:

The first two paragraphs of the preamble were adopted by 39 votes to none, with 12 abstentions.

The third paragraph of the preamble was adopted by 28 votes to 10, with 14 abstentions.

The fourth paragraph of the preamble was adopted by 40 votes to none, with 11 abstentions.

Paragraph 1 of the operative part was adopted by 39 votes to 8, with 4 abstentions.

Paragraph 2 of the operative part was adopted by 32 votes to 2, with 18 abstentions.

Paragraph 3 of the operative part was adopted by 35 votes to 7, with 10 abstentions.

The draft resolution as a whole was adopted by 35 votes to 9, with 7 abstentions.

15. The text of the resolution as adopted is set out in annex B to the present report.

C. EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT IN TRUST TERRITORIES: OFFERS BY
MEMBER STATES OF STUDY AND TRAINING FACILITIES

16. At the 387th meeting, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Lebanon and Yugoslavia submitted a draft resolution (A/C.5/L.321) subsequently revised in A/C.4/L.321/Rev.1, in which the General Assembly, referring to the results to date of the project of fellowships, scholarships and internships for students from Trust Territories under General Assembly resolution 557 (VI) would:

(1) endorse the tribute paid by the Trusteeship Council to the generosity of those Member States which had offered facilities and express the hope that additional offers would be forthcoming; (2) express regret that, in the absence of a sufficient number of qualified candidates, only a small proportion of the fellowships and scholarships offered had been utilized; (3) invite Member States, in renewing or initiating offers of facilities, to take into account the special needs of the Trust Territories arising from their generally low levels of education, and to contemplate the provision of facilities not only for university study but also for post-primary and technical education and training of kinds which might most effectively further the political, economic social and educational advancement of the Territories; (4) invite Member States offering facilities, in cases where the languages of instruction

differed from the languages of the Trust Territories, to consider the possibility of extending the duration of the facilities offered by a preliminary period of language training and other adjustment to the country of study or training; (5) recommend that all Administering Authorities which had not done so should give the fullest publicity in the Trust Territories under their administration to all offers of study and training facilities and take such other measures as would ensure that the greatest possible advantage was taken of the offers; (6) request the Trusteeship Council to undertake such amendment of its procedure for the administration of the project as might be necessary to permit applications to be made through the Secretary-General as well as through the territorial authorities, it being understood that upon receipt of any such applications the Secretary-General would transmit them simultaneously to the Administering Authorities and the offering States concerned; and (7) request the Secretary-General to include in United Nations information material prepared for dissemination in the Trust Territories details of all such offers and of the procedures to be followed in submitting applications.

17. At the 389th meeting Syria joined in the sponsorship of the draft resolution (A/C.4/L.321/Add.1).

18. The voting on the draft resolution, which took place at the 392nd meeting, was as follows:

The second paragraph of the preamble was adopted by 49 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

Paragraph 2 of the operative part was adopted by 36 votes to none, with 16 abstentions.

Paragraph 6 of the operative part was adopted by 43 votes to 2, with 7 abstentions.

Paragraphs 1 to 7 of the operative part were adopted by 47 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

The joint draft resolution as a whole was adopted by 48 votes to 1, with 3 abstentions.

19. The text of the resolution as adopted is set out in annex C to the present report.

United Nations Technical Assistance Mission to the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration, particular attention being paid to methods for developing basic economic resources such as agriculture and stock-breeding, and to possibilities for improving and expanding existing industries; (d) efforts should be made to increase the revenue in order to balance the budget, as soon as possible, and to that effect expenditures for military and police forces should be reduced to the indispensable minimum; (e) use of technical assistance facilities provided by the United Nations and the specialized agencies to assist in economic development and the improvement of social and educational conditions in the Territory should be encouraged; and (f) efforts should be intensified to increase the number and improve the quality of public elementary and secondary schools; training for indigenous teachers should be expedited; a mass education programme should be instituted; attention should be devoted to vocational training, particularly in agricultural and veterinary science; and facilities for further studies should be expanded by granting an adequate number of scholarships to enable Somalis to take advanced training courses abroad; (3) recommend also to the Governments of Italy and Ethiopia that they should intensify their efforts to achieve a final, just, equitable and friendly settlement of the question of the frontier between the State of Ethiopia and the Trust Territory of Somaliland in order that this problem might be finally settled before the date appointed for the attainment of independence by Somaliland.

28. At the 391st meeting Pakistan and Saudi Arabia submitted an amendment (A/C.4/L.328) to the joint draft resolution which was revised at the 392nd meeting (A/C.4/L.328/Rev.1). The representatives of Venezuela and the United Kingdom proposed orally changes which were accepted by the sponsors of the amendment. According to this amendment, a new sub-paragraph (g) would be added to the second operative paragraph to the effect that review should be continued of all special legislation relating to Somaliland which had been enacted prior to the trusteeship administration and which was still in effect, with a view to revising legislation found to be inconsistent with the letter or the spirit of the Trusteeship Agreement.

29. At the 392nd meeting, Brazil submitted an amendment (A/C.4/L.329) to the joint draft resolution, according to which a new paragraph would be added at the

end of the operative part requesting the Advisory Council for Somaliland in its annual report to give precise information on the implementation of the resolution, together with its observations, comments or suggestions as to the means of carrying out the recommendations contained in it.

30. Both of these amendments were accepted by the sponsors of the joint draft resolution.

31. The voting on the draft resolution, as amended, which took place at the 392nd meeting, was as follows:

Paragraph 1 of the operative part was adopted by 41 votes to 5, with 3 abstentions.

Sub-paragraph (g) of paragraph 2 of the operative part was adopted by 33 votes to 2, with 5 abstentions.

Paragraph 3 of the operative part was adopted by 38 votes to 1, with 11 abstentions.

Paragraph 4 of the operative part was adopted by 30 votes to 8, with 11 abstentions.

The joint draft resolution as a whole was adopted by a roll-call vote of 38 to 1, with 12 abstentions, as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Argentina, Brazil, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chile, China, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Lebanon, Liberia, Mexico, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Against: Belgium.

Abstaining: Australia, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, France, Greece, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Thailand, Union of South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

32. The text of the resolution as adopted is set out in annex E to the present report.

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

20. At the 387th meeting, the Dominican Republic submitted a draft resolution (A/C.4/L.322) in which the General Assembly would (1) express the opinion that the existing arrangements for the dissemination of information on the United Nations in the Trust Territories were, in general, inadequate and of limited effectiveness; (2) invite the Administering Authorities to furnish the Secretary-General, in accordance with Trusteeship Council resolution 36 (III), with suggestions as to the appropriate channels through which information on the United Nations and on the International Trusteeship System might be communicated to the general public in the Trust Territories (e.g., press, radio, non-governmental organizations, trade unions, libraries, cultural, educational and religious institutions, teachers, missionaries, etc.); (3) request the Secretary-General to initiate at the earliest possible date, on the basis of the suggestions furnished by the Administering Authorities and his own knowledge of appropriate information channels, a direct flow of information material addressed to the general public in the Trust Territories; (4) request the Secretary-General to include in his periodic reports on this matter to the Trusteeship Council lists of the channels of dissemination which he had established in pursuance of this resolution.

21. At the 391st meeting, the representative of Yugoslavia proposed an oral amendment to the draft resolution by which the word "and" in operative paragraph 3 would be replaced by the word "or" and the words "or by making use of both of these sources together," would be inserted between the words "appropriate information channels" and the words "a direct flow".

22. At its 392nd meeting, the Committee voted on the draft resolution and the oral amendment as follows:

The amendment proposed by Yugoslavia was adopted by 29 votes to 16, with 6 abstentions.

The draft resolution as a whole, as amended, was adopted by 43 votes to none, with 8 abstentions.

23. The text of the resolution as adopted is set out in annex D to the present report.

E. ATTAINMENT OF INDEPENDENCE BY THE TRUST TERRITORY OF SOMALILAND
UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION BY 1960

24. Two requests for oral hearings from organizations in Somaliland under Italian administration were received by the Committee. The first was from the Somali Youth League (A/C.4/234), the second from representatives of seven political parties in the Trust Territory (A/C.4/244).

25. At its 319th meeting, the Committee decided, by 39 votes to 4, with 11 abstentions, to grant the request of the Somali Youth League. At its 349th meeting, it granted that of the seven political organizations. By a telegram dated 21 November 1953, however, the latter organizations informed the Committee that they would not send a representative to give an oral presentation, but would submit a written memorandum instead. Following the receipt of this memorandum, the Committee decided, at its 385th meeting, that it should be circulated as a document (A/C.4/L.256).

26. At the 377th meeting Mr. Abdullahi Issa, representative of the Somali Youth League, made a statement (A/C.4/253); at the same meeting and at the 378th and 379th meetings, he answered questions put to him by members of the Committee.

27. At the 387th meeting, Egypt, Guatemala, Haiti, Indonesia, Iraq, Lebanon, the Philippines and Syria submitted a draft resolution (A/C.4/L.323) the text of which was subsequently revised (A/C.4/L.323/Rev.1), and the sponsors of which were joined by Burma. According to the revised text, the General Assembly would (1) note with appreciation the efforts made by the Administering Authority in Somaliland to fulfil the obligations laid down in the Charter and the Trusteeship Agreement; (2) recommend that the Administering Authority, in consultation with the Advisory Council, should continue to take the necessary steps to prepare the Somali people progressively for the attainment of complete independence, and to that end: (a) the Territorial Council should be granted the powers of a legislative organ and its members should be elected by the people on the basis of universal adult suffrage; (b) the administration of Somaliland should be progressively transferred to the indigenous inhabitants as a necessary preliminary to its assumption of independence; (c) a general economic plan for the Territory should be completed without delay, taking into account the recommendations of the

F. MEANS TOWARD IMPROVING THE FUNCTIONING OF THE
INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEESHIP SYSTEM

33. At the 388th meeting Afghanistan, Brazil, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia submitted a draft resolution (A/C.4/L.324) in which the General Assembly would recommend that the Trusteeship Council should undertake a study of ways and means of improving the functioning of the International Trusteeship System and particularly of the possibility and desirability of designating one or more United Nations representatives for the Trust Territories for an initial period of two years. The draft resolution set forth certain specific means, including liaison and good offices, by which such a representative or representatives might effectively function.

34. At its 392nd meeting the Committee adopted the joint draft resolution by a roll-call vote of 28 to 11, with 13 abstentions, as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Argentina, Brazil, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Egypt, Guatemala, Haiti, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Liberia, Mexico, Netherlands, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Thailand, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Against: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Cuba, France, Israel, New Zealand, Sweden, Union of South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Burma, Chile, China, Colombia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Greece, India, Indonesia, Nicaragua, Norway.

35. The text of the resolution as adopted is set out in annex F to the present report.

G. REPORT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

36. At the 389th meeting, Denmark submitted a draft resolution (A/C.4/L.326) in which the General Assembly would take note of the report of the Trusteeship Council and would recommend that the Trusteeship Council should take into account the comments and suggestions made in the course of the discussions of the report.

37. At its 392nd meeting, the Committee voted upon the draft resolution as follows:

Paragraph 1 of the draft resolution was adopted by 43 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

Paragraph 2 was adopted by 49 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

The draft resolution as a whole was adopted by 45 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

38. The text of the resolution as adopted is set out in annex G to the present report.

H. PETITION FROM THE NGOA-EKELE COMMUNITY, CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION CONCERNING ADJUSTMENT OF THEIR LAND COMPLAINT

39. At its 318th meeting, the Committee decided, by 36 votes to 10, with 6 abstentions, to grant a request from the Ngoa-Ekéle Community, for an oral hearing.

40. Mr. Joseph Ndzinga, representative of the Ngoa-Ekéle Community, accordingly made a statement (A/C.4/255) in the Committee at the 382nd meeting; at the same meeting and at the 387th meeting, he answered questions put to him by members of the Committee.

41. At the 389th meeting, Lebanon, Liberia and Pakistan submitted a draft resolution (A/C.4/L.327). The representative of France proposed orally two amendments which the sponsors accepted and incorporated in their revised draft (A/C.4/L.327/Rev.1), submitted at the 391st meeting. According to the revised draft resolution, the General Assembly would (1) note the steps already taken by the Administering Authority to assist the Ngoa-Ekéle Community to settle on other lands; (2) suggest to the Administering Authority to take all necessary steps which could in a satisfactory manner alleviate the difficulties experienced by the Ngoa-Ekéle Community in the process of their re-establishment (3) recommend that assistance be also given by the Administering Authority to the Ngoa-Ekéle Community for it to avail itself of whatever legal recourse remained open in connexion with the lands on which they were originally settled

and whatever further compensation might be possible; (4) recommend to the Administering Authority to further its purpose of allotting to the Ngoa-Ekéle Community an adequate area of lands by delimiting these lands in accordance with the legal procedures obtaining in the Territory; (5) invite the Trusteeship Council to examine this question in the light of this resolution and to include in its next report to the General Assembly the results of its examination.

42. The voting, on the revised draft resolution, which took place at the 392nd meeting was as follows:

Paragraph 1 of the operative part was adopted by 45 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.

The joint draft resolution as a whole was adopted by 49 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

43. The text of the resolution as adopted is set out in annex H to the present report.

I. HEARING OF PETITIONERS FROM THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

44. The Committee received four requests from organizations and political parties in the Cameroons under French administration that their representatives should be allowed to make oral presentations to the Committee. These requests were from the Evolution Sociale Camerounaise (A/C.4/235, page 4), the Union des populations du Cameroun, Douala branch, (A/C.4/235, page 6) the Coordination des Indépendants Camerounais (A/C.4/235, page 24) and the Union des populations du Cameroun, M'Balmayo branch, (A/C.4/243).

45. At its 318th meeting, the Committee decided, by 37 votes to 10, with 3 abstentions, to grant the request of the Evolution Sociale Camerounaise and, by 40 votes to 10, with 3 abstentions, to grant the request of the Coordination des Indépendants Camerounais. At the same meeting, it was decided, by a roll-call vote of 33 to 12, with 8 abstentions, to grant the request of the

Union des populations du Cameroun, Douala branch. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Byelrussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Liberia, Mexico, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Against: Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Greece, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Sweden, Union of South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: China, Colombia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Norway, Peru, Thailand.

At its 349th meeting, the Committee decided, by 28 votes to 12, with 7 abstentions, to grant the request of the Union des populations du Cameroun, M'Balmayo branch.

46. The Co-ordination des Indépendants Camerounais and the Union des populations du Cameroun, M'Balmayo branch, failed to send representatives to appear before the Committee.

47. At the 388th meeting, Mr. Guillaume Bissek, representative of the Evolution Sociale Camerounaise made a statement (A/C.4/257).

48. At the 393rd meeting, Mr. Ruben Um Nyobe, representative of the Union des populations du Cameroun, Douala branch, made a statement (A/C.4/261); at the same meeting and at the 394th meeting, he and Mr. Bissek answered questions put to them by members of the Committee.

49. At the 394th meeting, Guatemala and Syria submitted a draft resolution (A/C.4/L.331) in which the General Assembly would (1) reaffirm resolution 655 (VII) adopted on 21 December 1952; (2) recommend to the Trusteeship Council to give preferential attention to the matter at its next regular session; (3) also recommend to the Council that, in considering the matter, it should also take into consideration the statements of the petitioners and the comments made by

the members of the Fourth Committee at the current session of the General Assembly; and that it should include a special study of the matter in its report to the General Assembly at its ninth session.

50. At its 394th meeting, the Committee adopted the joint draft resolution by 43 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

51. The text of the resolution is set out as Annex I to the present report.

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44. The Fourth Committee accordingly recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following resolutions:

ANNEX A

REVISION OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE

The General Assembly,

Noting that the Trusteeship Council has adopted the revised Questionnaire (T/1010),

Considering that, under Article 88 of the Charter, the Administering Authorities shall make an annual report to the General Assembly, upon the basis of a questionnaire formulated by the Trusteeship Council, on the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the inhabitants of each Trust Territory,

Considering that, in approving the Provisional Questionnaire, the Trusteeship Council emphasized that it would be adapted, if necessary, to specific Trust Territories,

Considering that the revised Questionnaire is not applicable in its entirety to all Trust Territories,

1. Instructs a Sub-Committee consisting of representatives of El Salvador, Haiti, India, and Syria to examine the questionnaire formulated by the Trusteeship Council, to study such changes as may be necessary to adapt it to the special conditions of each Territory, and to submit its conclusions to the Trusteeship Council;

2. Invites the Trusteeship Council to undertake, on the basis of the work of the Sub-Committee established under the preceding paragraph, the preparation of separate questionnaires adapted to the particular circumstances of each Trust Territory.

ANNEX B

ATTAINMENT BY THE TRUST TERRITORIES OF THE OBJECTIVE
OF SELF-GOVERNMENT OR INDEPENDENCE

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 558 (VI) of 18 January 1952 by which it invited the Administering Authority of each Trust Territory other than Somaliland under Italian administration to include in each annual report information concerning measures taken or contemplated towards self-government or independence and, inter alia, the estimated period of time required for such measures and for the attainment of the ultimate objective,

Having received from the Administering Authorities concerned annual reports covering periods subsequent to 18 January 1952 in respect of all except one of the Trust Territories, namely, the Territories of Western Samoa, New Guinea, Nauru, Tanganyika, Ruanda-Urundi, Togoland under British administration, Togoland under French administration and the Cameroons under French administration,

Noting that the Administering Authorities have not provided in these annual reports the information requested in its resolution 558 (VI),

Noting, however, that the Administering Authority of Western Samoa has declared its intention to initiate in 1954 consultations among the representatives of the inhabitants leading to the establishment of a self-governing State,

1. Reaffirms the said resolution;
2. Commends to the Administering Authorities of the other Trust Territories the example provided by the Administering Authority of Western Samoa in inviting the inhabitants themselves in 1954 to formulate proposals for the establishment of a self-governing State;

3. Requests the Trusteeship Council to include in its next and succeeding reports to the General Assembly a separate section dealing with the implementation of resolution 558 (VI) and the present resolution, specifying in particular the measures taken in respect of

- (a) Consultations with the inhabitants of each Trust Territory in regard to the measures taken or contemplated towards self-government;

4. Invites Member States offering facilities, in cases where the languages of instruction differ from the languages of the Trust Territories, to consider the possibility of extending the duration of the facilities offered by a preliminary period of language training and other adjustment to the country of study or training;

5. Recommends that all Administering Authorities which have not done so give the fullest publicity in the Trust Territories under their administration to all offers of study and training facilities and take such other measures as will ensure that the greatest possible advantage is taken of the offers;

6. Requests the Trusteeship Council to undertake such amendment of its procedure for the administration of the project as may be necessary to permit applications to be made through the Secretary-General as well as through the territorial authorities, it being understood that upon receipt of any such applications the Secretary-General will transmit them simultaneously to the Administering Authorities and the offering States concerned;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to include in United Nations information material prepared for dissemination in the Trust Territories details of all such offers and of the procedures to be followed in submitting applications.

ANNEX D

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

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the opinion expressed in its resolution 556 (VI) of 18 January 1952 that it is essential that the peoples of Trust Territories should receive adequate information concerning the United Nations,

Observing that the existing arrangements for the supply of such information are based on Trusteeship Council resolution 36 (III) of 8 July 1948, which invites the Administering Authorities to furnish the Secretary-General (a) with the names and addresses of officials in the Trust Territories to whom suitable material should be sent for information and (b) with suggestions as to the appropriate channels through which information concerning the United Nations may be communicated to the general public,

Noting, however, from the most recent report submitted to the Council by the Secretary-General on the implementation of the above-mentioned resolution (T/1073), that while the Administering Authorities have submitted lists of names and addresses in accordance with the first part of the resolution, they have in no case made any specific suggestions concerning the dissemination of information to the inhabitants of the Trust Territories and to the general public,

Noting from the report that, as the Secretary-General had pointed out in his previous reports on the subject, and as had been emphasized by the observations of the Visiting Missions to West Africa and the Pacific, which are summarized in the report, the dissemination of information on the United Nations to the peoples of the Trust Territories is still far from satisfactory,

1. Expresses the opinion that the existing arrangements for the dissemination in the Trust Territories of information on the United Nations are, in general, inadequate and of limited effectiveness;
2. Invites the Administering Authorities to furnish the Secretary-General, in accordance with Trusteeship Council resolution 36 (III), with suggestions as to the appropriate channels through which information on the United Nations

and on the International Trusteeship System may be communicated to the general public in the Trust Territories (e.g., press, radio, non-governmental organizations, trade unions, libraries, cultural, educational and religious institutions, teachers, missionaries, etc.);

3. Requests the Secretary-General to initiate at the earliest possible date, on the basis of the suggestions furnished by the Administering Authorities or his own knowledge of appropriate information channels, or by making use of both of these sources together, a direct flow of information material addressed to the general public in the Trust Territories;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to include in his periodic reports on this matter to the Trusteeship Council lists of the channels of dissemination which he has established in pursuance of the present resolution.

ANNEX E

ATTAINMENT OF INDEPENDENCE BY THE TRUST TERRITORY OF
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION BY 1960

The General Assembly,

Taking into consideration the fact that, under General Assembly resolution 289 A (IV), adopted on 21 November 1949, the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration is to attain complete independence by 1960.

Mindful that it is necessary for that purpose that the people of Somaliland shall be prepared for self-government,

Considering that it is the duty of both the United Nations and the Administering Authority to take the necessary measures for the implementation of that decision,

1. Notes with appreciation the efforts made by the Administering Authority in Somaliland to fulfil the obligations laid down in the Charter and in the Trusteeship Agreement;

2. Recommends that the Administering Authority, in consultation with the Advisory Council, should continue to take the necessary steps to prepare the Somali people progressively for the attainment of complete independence, and to that end:

(a) The Territorial Council should be granted the powers of a legislative organ and its members should be elected by the people on the basis of universal adult suffrage;

(b) The administration of Somaliland should be progressively transferred to the indigenous inhabitants as a necessary preliminary to its assumption of independence;

(c) A general economic plan for the Territory should be completed without delay, taking into account the recommendations of the United Nations Technical Assistance Mission to the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration, particular attention being paid to methods for developing basic economic resources such as agriculture and stock-breeding, and to possibilities for improving and expanding existing industries;

(d) Efforts should be made to increase the revenue in order to balance the budget as soon as possible, and to that effect expenditures for military and police forces should be reduced to the indispensable minimum;

(e) Use of technical assistance facilities provided by the United Nations and the specialized agencies to assist in economic development and the improvement of social and educational conditions in the Territory should be encouraged;

(f) Efforts should be intensified to increase the number and improve the quality of public elementary and secondary schools; training for indigenous teachers should be expedited; a mass education programme should be instituted; attention should be devoted to vocational training, particularly in agricultural and veterinary science; and facilities for further studies should be expanded by granting an adequate number of scholarships to enable Somalis to take advanced training courses abroad;

(g) Review should be continued of all special legislation relating to Somaliland which was enacted prior to the trusteeship administration and which is still in effect with a view to revising legislation found to be inconsistent with the letter or the spirit of the Trusteeship Agreement;

3. Recommends also to the Governments of Italy and Ethiopia that they should intensify their efforts to achieve a final, just, equitable and friendly settlement of the question of the frontier between the State of Ethiopia and the Trust Territory of Somaliland in order that this problem may be finally settled before the date appointed for the attainment of independence by Somaliland;

4. Requests the Advisory Council, in its annual report, to give precise information on the implementation of the present resolution, together with its observations, comments or suggestions as to the means of carrying out the recommendations contained in the resolution.

ANNEX F

MEANS TOWARD IMPROVING THE FUNCTIONING OF THE
INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEESHIP SYSTEM

The General Assembly,

Seeking to improve the functioning of the International Trusteeship System,

Desiring particularly to achieve a closer liaison and a more understanding and harmonious working relationship between the Trust Territories and their peoples, and the Administering Authorities, on the one hand, and the interested organs of the United Nations, on the other;

1. Recommends that the Trusteeship Council undertake a study of ways and means of achieving these ends, with particular attention to the possibility and desirability, in pursuance of Article 87 of the Charter and without prejudice to the existing practice of regular visiting missions to the Trust Territories, of designating one or more United Nations representatives for the Trust Territories for an initial period of two years, who might, inter alia,

(a) Act in an observatory and advisory capacity on all matters affecting the operation of the International Trusteeship System;

(b) Perform a liaison function in the relations between the United Nations, the Administering Authorities, and the peoples of the Trust Territories;

(c) Offer good offices, when and where required, in matters relating to the Trusteeship System;

(d) Assist in the appropriate dissemination in the Trust Territories of information about the United Nations;

(e) Make periodic visits to each Trust Territory in the area to which he is assigned, devoting to each such Territory a period of time appropriate to the conditions and problems prevailing therein;

(f) Report annually to the Secretary-General on his observations and his work, with particular reference to the objectives of the International Trusteeship System and the provisions of the Trusteeship Agreements;

2. Requests the Trusteeship Council to report on the results of this study to the General Assembly at its ninth session.

ANNEX G

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

The General Assembly

1. Takes note of the report^{1/} of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 4 December 1952 to 21 July 1953;
2. Recommends that the Trusteeship Council, in its future deliberations, take into account the comments and suggestions made in the course of the discussion of the report of the Council at the eighth session of the General Assembly.

^{1/} See Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 4, document A/2427.

ANNEX H

PETITIONS FROM THE NGOA-EKELE COMMUNITY, CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH
ADMINISTRATION, CONCERNING ADJUSTMENT OF THEIR LAND COMPLAINT

The General Assembly,

Having heard the declaration and answers of the representative of the
Ngoa-Ekéle Community, Cameroons under French administration,

Bearing in mind the observations and explanations given by the Administering
Authority,

1. Notes the steps already taken by the Administering Authority to assist
the Ngoa-Ekéle Community to settle on other lands;
2. Suggests to the Administering Authority to take all necessary steps
which can in a satisfactory manner alleviate the difficulties experienced by
the Ngoa-Ekéle Community in the process of their re-establishment;
3. Recommends that assistance be also given by the Administering Authority
to the Ngoa-Ekéle Community for it to avail itself of whatever legal recourse
remains open in connexion with the lands on which they were originally settled
and whatever further compensation might be possible;
4. Recommends to the Administering Authority to further its purpose of
allotting to the Ngoa-Ekéle Community an adequate area of lands by delimiting
these lands in accordance with the legal procedures obtaining in the Trust
Territory;
5. Invites the Trusteeship Council to examine this question in the light
of the present resolution and to include in its next report to the General Assembly
the results of its examination.