

1534 (XV). Preparation and training of indigenous civil and technical cadres in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report on the progress achieved in the Non-Self-Governing Territories since the establishment of the United Nations,<sup>1</sup>

Noting that, while information is not available in the report as to the strength, the composition and the state of training of indigenous civil and technical personnel employed in all the various branches of administration in Non-Self-Governing Territories, the report gives evidence of the serious shortages of trained personnel of all kinds in these Territories,

Considering that the existence of adequate personnel of this kind is indispensable to the effective implementation of plans and programmes of development in the educational, social and economic fields,

Bearing in mind that suitably trained indigenous civil and technical cadres are essential to the efficient functioning of the administrations of the Territories,

Believing that the absence of such cadres has, in the past, resulted in serious administrative dislocation in certain Territories upon their attainment of independence, and that their very expeditious development in the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories will assist in the transfer of full control of powers, in conditions of stability, from the Administering Members to the administrations of Territories emerging from the status of non-self-government,

1. Urges the Administering Members to take immediate measures aimed at the rapid development of indigenous civil and technical cadres and at the replacement of expatriate personnel by indigenous officers;

2. Invites the Administering Members to make full use of the United Nations technical assistance programmes for training in public administration and related fields;

3. Requests the Administering Members to transmit, before the next session of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories, special reports setting out all available information on the training facilities for, and the current strength, composition, state of preparation etc. of, civil and technical services in the Territories for which they are respectively responsible, so as to enable the Committee, at that session, to undertake an examination of such information and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session;

4. Further requests the Administering Members to include such information on their Territories regularly in their annual reports to the Secretary-General under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations.

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15 December 1960.

1535 (XV). Progress achieved in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 932 (X) of 8 November 1955 and 1053 (XI) of 20 February 1957, by which it invited the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the

<sup>1</sup> Progress of the Non-Self-Governing Territories under the Charter (United Nations publication, Sales No.: 60.VI.B.1), vols. 1-5.

specialized agencies concerned, to prepare a report on the progress that has been achieved in the Non-Self-Governing Territories in accordance with the objectives set forth in Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations since the establishment of the Organization,

Having regard to the objectives set forth in Chapter XI of the Charter, and particularly the objectives of Article 73 a and b,

1. Takes note of the report on the progress achieved in the Non-Self-Governing Territories<sup>2</sup> prepared by the Secretary-General in collaboration with the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Health Organization in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 932 (X) and 1053 (XI);

2. Notes with appreciation the observations and conclusions<sup>3</sup> on the progress report prepared by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1461 (XIV) of 12 December 1959;

3. Notes that progress has been achieved in some of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, and notes that, in spite of the increased tempo of change, a substantial number of Territories still remain non-self-governing and that in the great majority of these the achievements of the period fall short of the needs of the inhabitants of these Territories;

4. Expresses its satisfaction that since 1946 a number of former Non-Self-Governing Territories have become Members of the United Nations after acceding to independence, and that the transmission of information on some others has ceased, with the approval of the General Assembly, after the achievement of the objectives of the Charter;

5. Considers that, while rapid economic, social and educational advancement must be directed towards the independence of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, the inadequate level of economic, social and educational development in the Territories should never serve as a pretext for deferring their accession to independence;

6. Urges the Administering Members to strengthen their efforts in the economic, social and educational fields, with the full participation of the indigenous inhabitants of the Territories in all fields of activity, by transferring to those inhabitants effective powers so that during the period of transition from dependence to independence the Non-Self-Governing Territories will be able to establish sound foundations for their future;

7. Further notes with regret that, in spite of some reference in the progress report to constitutional and political developments in some of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, the absence of information of a political and constitutional character on a majority of these Territories renders it impossible to assess the extent of their progress towards the goals of the Charter;

8. Considers that a full knowledge of the political and constitutional developments in Non-Self-Governing Territories is essential not only to a proper evaluation of the progress of the Territories towards independence but also to that of their economic, social and cultural advancement;

9. Urges once again the Administering Members concerned to extend their full co-operation to the General

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/4371), part two.

Assembly in the performance of its functions by transmitting information of a political and constitutional character on developments in the Territories under their respective administration;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the progress report and the observations and conclusions prepared by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to the Member States responsible for the administration of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, to the Economic and Social Council, to the regional economic commissions and to the specialized agencies concerned, for necessary action.

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15 December 1960.*

### 1536 (XV). Racial discrimination in Non-Self-Governing Territories

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* that it is among the purposes and principles of the United Nations to ensure equal rights, and to promote respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

*Recalling further* that in its resolutions 644 (VII) of 10 December 1952 and 1328 (XIII) of 12 December 1958 it recommended the adoption of certain measures for the abolition of all practices and policies of discrimination on racial grounds in the Non-Self-Governing Territories,

*Noting with deep concern*, from the information available in the report on the progress achieved in the Non-Self-Governing Territories, that racial discrimination persists in several Territories and that in some cases discriminatory practices continue to be reinforced by law and regulation,<sup>4</sup>

1. *Endorses* the view of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories that not only is racial discrimination a violation of human rights, but it also constitutes a deterrent to progress in all fields of development in the Non-Self-Governing Territories;<sup>5</sup>

2. *Recommends* that the Administering Members immediately rescind or revoke all laws and regulations which tend to encourage or sanction, directly or indirectly, discriminatory policies and practices based on racial considerations, and that they do their utmost to discourage such practices by all other means possible;

3. *Urges* the Administering Members to give full and immediate effect to the recommendation of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories that measures to solve the problem of race relations should include the extension to all inhabitants of the full exercise of basic political rights, in particular the right to vote, and the establishment of equality among the members of all races inhabiting the Non-Self-Governing Territories;

4. *Requests* the Administering Members to furnish all relevant information relating to the present resolution to the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories so as to enable the latter to submit a report to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session.

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### 1537 (XV). Report on economic conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* that by resolution 564 (VI) of 18 January 1952 it approved the special report drawn up in 1951<sup>6</sup> as a brief but considered indication of economic conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories and the problems of economic development,

*Recalling further* that by resolution 846 (IX) of 22 November 1954 it approved another special report on economic conditions<sup>7</sup> as a supplement to the 1951 report,

*Recalling also* that by resolution 1152 (XII) of 26 November 1957 it approved a further special report on economic conditions,<sup>8</sup>

*Having received and considered* a further report on economic conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories<sup>9</sup> prepared by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories at its eleventh session, in 1960,

1. *Takes note* of the report on economic conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories prepared in 1960 by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories and considers that this report should be studied in connexion with the other reports mentioned above;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to communicate this report to Member States responsible for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories, to the Economic and Social Council, to the regional economic commissions, to the Trusteeship Council and to the specialized agencies concerned, for their consideration;

3. *Expresses its confidence* that the Members responsible for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories will bring the report to the attention of the authorities responsible for economic development in those Territories.

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### 1538 (XV). Dissemination of information on the United Nations in the Non-Self-Governing Territories

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1465 (XIV) of 12 December 1959 on the dissemination of information on the United Nations in the Non-Self-Governing Territories,

*Reiterating* the principle that the interests of the inhabitants of these Territories are paramount,

*Considering* that the story of the United Nations, its purposes and principles, as well as the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, would greatly stimulate the interest of the adult populations of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the political activities and peaceful objectives of the Organization,

*Keeping in mind* the ever-growing needs for the dissemination of information on the United Nations, particularly as the increased tempo of change has

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, Sixth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/1856), part three.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/2729), part two.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/3647 and Corr.1), part two.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/4371), part three.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, part two, para. 177.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 188.