

**RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FROM 20 FEBRUARY TO 13 MARCH 1959<sup>1</sup>**

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**1349 (XIII). The future of the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under French administration**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 1282 (XIII) of 5 December 1958 requesting the Trusteeship Council to examine, as early as possible during the twenty-third session, the reports of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in West Africa, 1958, on the Cameroons under French administration and the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration, and to transmit them, with its observations and recommendations, to the General Assembly not later than 20 February 1959, to enable the Assembly, in consultation with the Administering Authorities, to take the necessary measures in connexion with the full attainment of the objectives of the Trusteeship System,

Having examined the special report of the Trusteeship Council,<sup>2</sup> as well as the report of the Visiting Mission on the Cameroons under French administration<sup>3</sup> and the observations of the Administering Authority on it,<sup>4</sup>

Taking into account the statements made in the Fourth Committee by the representatives of the Administering Authority and by the Prime Minister of the Cameroons under French administration,<sup>5</sup>

Noting with satisfaction the adoption by the Legislative Assembly of the Cameroons under French administration of the amnesty law of 14 February 1959 and the assurances given by the Prime Minister of the Cameroons that this law is being put into effect on the widest possible basis and with the least possible delay,

Noting the statements of the representatives of the Cameroons Government that it welcomes the return of all Cameroonians who in recent years have left the country and invites them to re-enter normal life without fear of reprisal,

Having been assured by the representatives of the Administering Authority and the Government of the Cameroons that there exist in the Territory freedom of the Press, of assembly and of political association, and other fundamental freedoms,

Having been informed by the Prime Minister of the Cameroons under French administration that his Government has issued a decree fixing 12 April 1959 as the date for elections to be held to fill the four seats in the Legislative Assembly allocated to the Sanaga-Maritime area, as well as two vacant seats in the Mbouda subdivision,

Noting with satisfaction the statement of the Prime Minister of the Cameroons under French administration

<sup>1</sup> Resolutions adopted on the report of the Fourth Committee. For the text of the report, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 13, document A/4095.

<sup>2</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 13, document A/4094.

that there will be general elections after independence since such elections will then be necessary and useful in order to settle various constitutional and other questions,

Noting the resolution adopted by the Legislative Assembly of the Cameroons on 24 October 1958, the conclusions of the Visiting Mission and the declarations of the Administering Authority and the representatives of the Cameroons Government concerning the desire and readiness of the people of the Cameroons for independence,

Taking into account the declarations of the Administering Authority and the Government of the Cameroons under French administration that the Territory will become completely independent on 1 January 1960, and the assurances given by the representative of France that his Government will sponsor the application that will thereupon be made by the Government of the Cameroons to be admitted to membership of the United Nations,

Having heard the views of the petitioners,

1. Resolves, in agreement with the Administering Authority, that, on 1 January 1960, when the Cameroons under French administration becomes independent, the Trusteeship Agreement approved by the General Assembly on 13 December 1946 shall cease to be in force in accordance with Article 76 b of the Charter of the United Nations;

2. Expresses its confidence that, at the earliest possible date after the attainment of independence on 1 January 1960, elections will be held for the formation of a new assembly which should take decisions regarding the establishment, in their final form, of the institutions of the free and independent Cameroons;

3. Recommends that, upon the attainment of independence on 1 January 1960, the Cameroons under French administration shall be admitted to membership of the United Nations according to Article 4 of the Charter.

*794th plenary meeting,  
13 March 1959.*

**1350 (XIII). The future of the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 1282 (XIII) of 5 December 1958 requesting the Trusteeship Council to examine, as

<sup>3</sup> *Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 3 (T/1441)*, documents T/1427 and T/1434.

<sup>4</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 13, document A/4094, annex III.

<sup>5</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Fourth Committee*, 845th, 846th, 849th, 860th and 871st meetings.

early as possible during the twenty-third session, the reports of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in West Africa, 1958, on the Cameroons under French administration and the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration, and to transmit them, with its observations and recommendations, to the General Assembly not later than 20 February 1959, to enable the Assembly, in consultation with the Administering Authorities, to take the necessary measures in connexion with the full attainment of the objectives of the Trusteeship System,

*Having examined*, in consultation with the Administering Authority, the special report of the Trusteeship Council,<sup>2</sup> as well as the report of the Visiting Mission on the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration,<sup>6</sup>

*Noting* the statements made in the Fourth Committee by the representatives of the Administering Authority, by the Premier of the Southern Cameroons, by the Leader of the Opposition in the Southern Cameroons House of Assembly, and by the Minister for Northern Cameroons Affairs in the Government of the Northern Region of Nigeria,<sup>7</sup>

1. *Recommends* that the Administering Authority, in pursuance of Article 76 b of the Charter of the United Nations, take steps, in consultation with a United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner, to organize, under the supervision of the United Nations, separate plebiscites in the northern and southern parts of the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration, in order to ascertain the wishes of the inhabitants of the Territory concerning their future;

2. *Recommends further* that in the northern part of the Territory the plebiscite should take place about the middle of November 1959, that the people of the northern part of the Territory should be asked:

“(a) Do you wish the Northern Cameroons to be part of the Northern Region of Nigeria when the Federation of Nigeria becomes independent?

or

“(b) Are you in favour of deciding the future of the Northern Cameroons at a later date?”

<sup>6</sup> *Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 2 (T/1440), documents T/1426 and Add.1.*

and that the plebiscite should be conducted on the basis of the electoral register at present being compiled for the elections to the Federal House of Representatives;

3. *Recommends further* that the plebiscite in the southern part of the Territory should be conducted during the next dry season between the beginning of December 1959 and the end of April 1960;

4. *Decides* that the two alternatives to be put to the people of the southern part of the Territory and the qualifications for voting in the plebiscite there should be considered by the General Assembly at its fourteenth session;

5. *Expresses the hope* that all concerned in the Territory will endeavour to reach agreement before the opening of the fourteenth session of the General Assembly on the alternatives to be put in the plebiscite in the Southern Cameroons and the qualifications for voting in it;

6. *Decides* to appoint a United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner who shall exercise, on behalf of the General Assembly, all the necessary powers and functions of supervision, and who shall be assisted by observers and staff to be appointed by the Secretary-General in consultation with him;

7. *Requests* the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner to submit to the Trusteeship Council a report in two parts on the organization, conduct and results of the plebiscites, the first part of the report, which shall deal with the northern part of the Territory, to be submitted in time for transmission to the General Assembly for consideration before the end of its fourteenth session;

8. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to transmit to it the reports of the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner, together with any recommendations and observations it considers necessary.

*794th plenary meeting,  
13 March 1959.*

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*At its 794th plenary meeting, on 13 March 1959, the General Assembly, voting by secret ballot, elected Mr. Djalal Abdoh (Iran) United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner.*

<sup>7</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Fourth Committee, 846th, 847th, 849th and 850th meetings.*

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**1352 (XIV). The future of the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration: organization of the plebiscite in the southern part of the Territory**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 1350 (XIII) of 13 March 1959 concerning the future of the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration, which expressed the hope that all concerned in the Territory would endeavour to reach agreement before the opening of the fourteenth session of the General Assembly on the alternatives to be put in the plebiscite in the Southern Cameroons and the qualifications for voting in it,

Noting the statements made by the representative of the Administering Authority, by the Premier of the Southern Cameroons and by the Leader of the Opposition in the Southern Cameroons House of Assembly to the effect that no agreement was reached before the fourteenth session of the General Assembly as to the alternatives to be put in the plebiscite and the qualifications for voting in it, and that a postponement of the plebiscite in the Southern Cameroons to a later date would help to establish more favourable conditions for ascertaining the freely expressed wishes of the population,

Noting the opinions expressed during the debate on this question at the fourteenth session of the General Assembly,<sup>1</sup>

Noting the statements made by the Premier of the Southern Cameroons and by the Leader of the Opposition in the Southern Cameroons House of Assembly at the 898th meeting of the Fourth Committee on 7 October 1959,

1. *Decides* that the arrangements for the plebiscite referred to in General Assembly resolution 1350 (XIII) shall begin on 30 September 1960, and that the plebiscite shall be concluded not later than March 1961;

2. *Recommends* that the two questions to be put at the plebiscite should be:

“(a) Do you wish to achieve independence by joining the independent Federation of Nigeria?”

“(b) Do you wish to achieve independence by joining the independent Republic of the Cameroons?”;

3. *Recommends* that only persons born in the Southern Cameroons or one of whose parents was born in the Southern Cameroons should vote in the plebiscite;

4. *Recommends* that the Administering Authority, in consultation with the Government of the Southern Cameroons, take steps to implement the separation of the administration of the Southern Cameroons from that of the Federation of Nigeria not later than 1 October 1960

*829th plenary meeting,  
16 October 1959.*

**1356 (XIV). Petitions and communications relating to South West Africa**

*The General Assembly,*

Having accepted the advisory opinion of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa,<sup>2</sup>

Having authorized the Committee on South West Africa, by resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953, to examine petitions in accordance with the Mandates procedure of the League of Nations,

Having received a report<sup>3</sup> from the Committee dealing with petitions and related communications from Chief Samuel Witbooi, Chief Hosea Kutako, the Reverend Michael Scott, Mr. Jariretundu Kozonguizi, the Reverend Markus Kooper, Mr. J. Dausab and others in the Hoachanas Native Reserve, Chief P. Keharanyo, Mr. Jacobus Beukes, Messrs. J. G. A. Diergaardt, J. H. Mall, P. Diergaardt and others in the Rehoboth Community, Messrs. Toivo Ja-Toivo and F. Isaacs, Mr. Neville Rubin, and Mr. Hans Beukes,

Noting that these petitions and communications raise questions concerning various aspects of the administration of the Territory of South West Africa and of

<sup>2</sup> *International status of South West Africa, Advisory Opinion: I.C.J. Reports 1950, p. 128.*

<sup>3</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/4191), part I, section III.*

<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Fourth Committee, 885th to 899th and 901st to 903rd meetings.*

should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,<sup>81</sup>

*Having considered* the application for membership of the Republic of Mali,<sup>82</sup>

*Decides to* admit the Republic of Mali to membership in the United Nations.

*876th plenary meeting,  
28 September 1960.*

#### 1492 (XV). Admission of the Federation of Nigeria to membership in the United Nations

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received* the recommendation of the Security Council of 7 October 1960 that the Federation of Nigeria should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,<sup>83</sup>

*Having considered* the application for membership of the Federation of Nigeria,<sup>84</sup>

*Decides to* admit the Federation of Nigeria to membership in the United Nations.

*893rd plenary meeting,  
7 October 1960.*

#### 1495 (XV). Co-operation of Member States

*The General Assembly,*

*Deeply concerned* by the increase in world tensions,

*Considering* that the deterioration in international relations constitutes a grave risk to world peace and co-operation,

*Conscious* that both in the General Assembly and in the world at large it is necessary to arrest this trend in international relations and to contribute towards greater harmony among nations irrespective of the differences in their political and economic systems,

1. *Urges* that all countries, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, refrain from actions likely to aggravate international tensions;

2. *Reaffirms the conviction* that the strength of the United Nations rests on the co-operation of its Member States which should be forthcoming in full measure so that the Organization becomes a more effective instrument for the safeguarding of peace and for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples;

3. *Urges further* that immediate and constructive steps should be adopted in regard to the urgent problems concerning the peace of the world and the advancement of its peoples;

4. *Appeals* to all Member States to use their utmost endeavours to these ends.

*907th plenary meeting,  
17 October 1960.*

#### 1503 (XV). Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency

*The General Assembly*

*Takes note* of the report of the International Atomic

Energy Agency to the General Assembly for the year 1959-1960.<sup>85</sup>

*943rd plenary meeting,  
12 December 1960.*

#### 1513 (XV). Report of the Security Council

*The General Assembly*

*Takes note* of the report of the Security Council to the General Assembly covering the period from 16 July 1959 to 15 July 1960.<sup>86</sup>

*943rd plenary meeting,  
12 December 1960.*

#### 1514 (XV). Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples

*The General Assembly,*

*Mindful* of the determination proclaimed by the peoples of the world in the Charter of the United Nations to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

*Conscious* of the need for the creation of conditions of stability and well-being and peaceful and friendly relations based on respect for the principles of equal rights and self-determination of all peoples, and of universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

*Recognizing* the passionate yearning for freedom in all dependent peoples and the decisive role of such peoples in the attainment of their independence,

*Aware* of the increasing conflicts resulting from the denial of or impediments in the way of the freedom of such peoples, which constitute a serious threat to world peace,

*Considering* the important role of the United Nations in assisting the movement for independence in Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories,

*Recognizing* that the peoples of the world ardently desire the end of colonialism in all its manifestations,

*Convinced* that the continued existence of colonialism prevents the development of international economic co-operation, impedes the social, cultural and economic development of dependent peoples and militates against the United Nations ideal of universal peace,

*Affirming* that peoples may, for their own ends, freely dispose of their natural wealth and resources without prejudice to any obligations arising out of international economic co-operation, based upon the principle of mutual benefit, and international law,

*Believing* that the process of liberation is irresistible and irreversible and that, in order to avoid serious crises, an end must be put to colonialism and all practices of segregation and discrimination associated therewith,

*Welcoming* the emergence in recent years of a large number of dependent territories into freedom and independence, and recognizing the increasingly powerful trends towards freedom in such territories which have not yet attained independence,

<sup>86</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 2 (A/4494).*

<sup>81</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4514.

<sup>82</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4512.

<sup>83</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4533.

<sup>84</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4527.

<sup>85</sup> *Annual report of the Board of Governors to the General Conference, 1 July 1959-30 June 1960, Vienna, July 1960 (A/4531 and Corr.1 and Add.1).*

*Convinced* that all peoples have an inalienable right to complete freedom, the exercise of their sovereignty and the integrity of their national territory,

*Solemnly proclaims* the necessity of bringing to a speedy and unconditional end colonialism in all its forms and manifestations;

And to this end

*Declares* that:

1. The subjection of peoples to alien subjugation, domination and exploitation constitutes a denial of fundamental human rights, is contrary to the Charter of the United Nations and is an impediment to the promotion of world peace and co-operation.

2. All peoples have the right to self-determination; by virtue of that right they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development.

3. Inadequacy of political, economic, social or educational preparedness should never serve as a pretext for delaying independence.

4. All armed action or repressive measures of all kinds directed against dependent peoples shall cease in order to enable them to exercise peacefully and freely their right to complete independence, and the integrity of their national territory shall be respected.

5. Immediate steps shall be taken, in Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories or all other territories which have not yet attained independence, to transfer all powers to the peoples of those territories, without any conditions or reservations, in accordance with their freely expressed will and desire, without

any distinction as to race, creed or colour, in order to enable them to enjoy complete independence and freedom.

6. Any attempt aimed at the partial or total disruption of the national unity and the territorial integrity of a country is incompatible with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

7. All States shall observe faithfully and strictly the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the present Declaration on the basis of equality, non-interference in the internal affairs of all States, and respect for the sovereign rights of all peoples and their territorial integrity.

*947th plenary meeting,  
14 December 1960.*

#### **1592 (XV). The situation in the Republic of the Congo**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the item entitled "The situation in the Republic of the Congo",

*Noting* that the previous resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly on this subject are still in effect,

*Decides* to keep this item on the agenda of its resumed fifteenth session.

*958th plenary meeting,  
20 December 1960.*

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#### **Note**

##### **Appointment of the Peace Observation Commission (item 18)**

At its 960th plenary meeting on 20 December 1960, the General Assembly decided to reappoint, for the calendar years 1961 and 1962, the present members of the Peace Observation Commission. The Commission is therefore composed as follows: CHINA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FRANCE, HONDURAS, INDIA, IRAQ, ISRAEL, NEW ZEALAND, PAKISTAN, SWEDEN, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and URUGUAY.

to be constituted in Ruanda-Urundi will give urgent consideration to these problems",<sup>5</sup>

*Recalling* that the Trusteeship Council and the Committee on Rural Economic Development have in the past made various studies of the problem of population, land utilization and land tenure system in Ruanda-Urundi,

*Bearing in mind* that the majority of the petitioners are agreed that this problem is of vital importance to the Territory,

*Considering* that a satisfactory land tenure system is essential to the peaceful evolution and satisfactory economic development of newly independent territories,

1. *Recommends* that the Administering Authority urgently request the United Nations and the specialized agencies, under the technical assistance programmes, to dispatch an expert mission to study the problem of land tenure and land utilization in Ruanda-Urundi, in co-operation with the local authorities, with a view to determining how far the present system is prejudicial to the Territory's social and economic development, and to recommend corrective measures;

2. *Expresses the hope* that the Technical Assistance Board and the specialized agencies concerned will give favourable consideration to such a request.

*994th plenary meeting,  
21 April 1961.*

#### **1607 (XV). Dissemination of information on the United Nations and the International Trusteeship System in Trust Territories**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1276 (XIII) of 5 December 1958 and resolution 1410 (XIV) of 5 December 1959 whereby the General Assembly, *inter alia*, requested the Secretary-General to initiate discussions with the Administering Authorities of Trust Territories with a view to establishing, during 1960, in at least some of the larger Trust Territories, such as Tanganyika, Ruanda-Urundi and New Guinea, United Nations information centres in which the responsible positions would be occupied preferably by indigenous inhabitants of the Trust Territories concerned,

*Having perused* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>6</sup> prepared in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1410 (XIV), and observing therefrom that the dissemination of information on the United Nations among the peoples of the Trust Territories is still far from satisfactory,

*Keeping in view* the special status of Trust Territories and their inhabitants and also the General Assembly's own special responsibilities under Chapters XII and XIII of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Reiterating* that it is essential, in the General Assembly's view, that the peoples of Trust Territories should receive adequate information concerning the purposes and operation of the United Nations and of the International Trusteeship System, the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples contained in Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

<sup>5</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/4404), part II, chapter II, para. 184.*

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid., Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 46, documents A/4542 and Add.1.*

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on dissemination of information on the United Nations and the International Trusteeship System in Trust Territories;

2. *Considers* that United Nations information centres constitute one of the most important means of disseminating information about the United Nations in these Territories;

3. *Takes note* of the statement of the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that, as a result of discussions between the Secretary-General and the Administering Authority, steps have been taken to establish, in the near future, a United Nations information centre in Tanganyika;

4. *Takes further note* of the recommendation in paragraph 224 of the interim report of the United Nations Commission for Ruanda-Urundi<sup>3</sup> that a United Nations information centre should be set up with all possible speed in Ruanda-Urundi;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to establish, without any 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;

6. *Invites* the Administering Authorities to extend their co-operation and assistance to the Secretary-General in implementing the present resolution;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General 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;

8. *Requests* that the information referred to in the present resolution should be disseminated in the principal local languages as well as in the language of the Administering Authority;

9. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to prepare for the Trusteeship Council at its twenty-seventh session and for the General Assembly at its sixteenth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

*994th plenary meeting,  
21 April 1961.*

#### **1608 (XV). The future of the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1350 (XIII) of 13 March 1959 concerning the future of the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration in which the General Assembly recommended, *inter alia*, that the Administering Authority take steps, in consultation with the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner for the Cameroons under United Kingdom Administration, to organize, under the supervision of the United Nations, separate plebiscites in the northern and southern parts of the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration, in order to ascertain the wishes of the inhabitants of the Territory concerning their future, and that the plebiscite in the Northern Cameroons be held about the middle of November 1959

on the basis of the two questions set out in paragraph 2 of the said resolution,

*Recalling* its resolution 1352 (XIV) of 16 October 1959 whereby it decided, *inter alia*, that a plebiscite in the Southern Cameroons would be held between 30 September 1960 and March 1961, on the basis of the two questions set forth in paragraph 2 of the said resolution,

*Recalling further* its resolution 1473 (XIV) of 12 December 1959 in which the General Assembly, having considered the results of the plebiscite in the northern part of the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration, recommended the organization by the Administering Authority, in consultation with the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner, of a further plebiscite to be held in the Northern Cameroons under United Nations supervision between 30 September 1960 and March 1961, on the basis of the two questions defined in paragraph 3 of the said resolution,

*Having examined* the report of the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner concerning the two plebiscites held in the Northern and the Southern Cameroons in February 1961<sup>7</sup> and the report of the Trusteeship Council thereon,<sup>8</sup>

*Having heard* the petitioners,

1. *Expresses its high appreciation* of the work of United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner for the Cameroons under United Kingdom Administration and his staff;

2. *Endorses* the results of the plebiscites that:

(a) The people of the Northern Cameroons have, by a substantial majority, decided to achieve independence by joining the independent Federation of Nigeria;

(b) The people of the Southern Cameroons have similarly decided to achieve independence by joining the independent Republic of Cameroun;

3. *Considers that*, the people of the two parts of the Trust Territory having freely and secretly expressed their wishes with regard to their respective futures in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 1352 (XIV) and 1473 (XIV), the decisions made by them through democratic processes under the supervision of the United Nations should be immediately implemented;

4. *Decides* that, the plebiscites having been taken separately with differing results, the Trusteeship Agreement of 13 December 1946 concerning the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration shall be terminated, in accordance with Article 76 b of the Charter of the United Nations and in agreement with the Administering Authority, in the following manner:

(a) With respect to the Northern Cameroons, on 1 June 1961, upon its joining the Federation of Nigeria as a separate province of the Northern Region of Nigeria;

(b) With respect to the Southern Cameroons, on 1 October 1961, upon its joining the Republic of Cameroun;

5. *Invites* the Administering Authority, the Government of the Southern Cameroons and the Republic of Cameroun to initiate urgent discussions with a view to finalizing, before 1 October 1961, the arrangements by which the agreed and declared policies of the parties concerned will be implemented.

994th plenary meeting,  
21 April 1961.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 13, addendum, document A/4727.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 13, document A/4726.

## 1609 (XV). The future of Tanganyika

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the communication of 17 April 1961 from the Administering Authority,<sup>9</sup>

1. *Notes* that the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Tanganyika have agreed that Tanganyika should become independent on 28 December 1961;

2. *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 28 December 1961;

3. *Recommends* that, upon the attainment of its independence on 28 December 1961, Tanganyika shall be admitted to membership in the United Nations in accordance with Article 4 of the Charter of the United Nations;

4. *Requests* the Administering Authority to present to the Trusteeship Council, at its twenty-seventh session to be held in the summer of 1961, further information on the constitutional conference held at Dar es Salaam in March 1961 and on the measures already taken or planned by the Administering Authority to ensure the transfer of powers to the legislative and executive organs of Tanganyika.

995th plenary meeting,  
21 April 1961.

## 1610 (XV). Report of the Trusteeship Council

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received* the report of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 7 August 1959 to 30 June 1960,<sup>10</sup>

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.

995th plenary meeting,  
21 April 1961.

## 1611 (XV). Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1411 (XIV) of 5 December 1959, which requested the Secretary-General to prepare, for the fifteenth session of the General Assembly, a report on the actual use of scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States to students from Trust Territories, in accordance with its resolution 557 (VI) of 18 January 1952 which invited Member States to make scholarships available to qualified students from Trust Territories,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>11</sup> and of part I, chapter VI, section D, of the report of the Trusteeship Council,<sup>10</sup> containing information on

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/C.4/489.

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/4404).

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 47, documents A/4498 and Add.1.