

327 (IV). Voluntary transmission of information under part I of the Standard Form concerning Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Having noted with appreciation that more Members responsible for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories have voluntarily transmitted information on the geography, history, people, government and human rights of the Non-Self-Governing Territories than in the previous year, including in some cases information on the development of self-governing institutions,

Recalling the statement made in resolution 144 (II),¹² adopted by the General Assembly on 3 November 1947, that the voluntary transmission of such information and its summarizing by the Secretary-General are entirely in conformity with the spirit of Article 73 of the Charter and should be therefore duly noted and encouraged,

1. *Recommends* that, when the revision is undertaken of the Standard Form for the guidance of Members in the preparation of information to be transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter, general information on geography, history, people and human rights should cease to be classified under the optional category of that Form;

2. *Expresses the hope* that such of the Members as have not done so may voluntarily include details on the government of Non-Self-Governing Territories in the information transmitted by them under Article 73 e of the Charter.

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328 (IV). Equal treatment in matters relating to education in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly

1. *Invites* the Administering Members to take steps, where necessary, to establish equal treatment in matters related to education between inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories under their administration, whether they be indigenous or not;

2. *Invites* the Administering Members, in cases where for exceptional reasons educational facilities of a separate character are provided for different communities, to include in the information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter full data on the costs and methods of financing the separate groups of educational institutions.

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329 (IV). Language of instruction in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the importance of preserving and developing the languages of the indigenous peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, and

Noting the appreciable steps already taken in this connexion by the Administering Members,

¹² See *Official Records of the second session of the General Assembly, Resolutions, page 56.*

1. *Invites* the Administering Members

(a) To promote the use of the indigenous languages in the Territories under their administration;

(b) To make these languages where and whenever possible the languages of instruction in elementary, primary and secondary schools, without prejudice to the use of any other language;

(c) To include in their reports to the Secretary-General information on the scope and results of such steps;

2. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to undertake an over-all study of the question, more particularly the measures which might be taken with a view to the speediest use of indigenous languages as vehicles of instruction in schools, taking into consideration the desires of the inhabitants and taking account in such a study of the experience of other States in this matter;

3. *Expresses the hope* that, in accordance with the obligation accepted under Article 73 d of the Charter, the Administering Members will collaborate with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in the conduct of such a study.

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330 (IV). Eradication of illiteracy in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that one of the fundamental problems in Non-Self-Governing Territories is illiteracy,

Noting that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization has agreed to co-operate with the United Nations in giving effect to the principles and obligations set forth in Chapter XI of the Charter with regard to matters affecting the well-being and development of the peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Noting that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's plans for an expanded programme of technical assistance to under-developed countries include the offer of advice and assistance on fundamental educational services generally, including the conducting of campaigns against illiteracy, the holding of seminars and experimental or demonstration projects in fundamental education,

Considering that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization is a specialized agency qualified to study plans and to recommend the most appropriate action for the promotion, in collaboration with the Members concerned, of systematic campaigns against illiteracy,

1. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to communicate to the Administering Members full information on measures for suppressing illiteracy which could be applied with satisfactory results in Non-Self-Governing Territories, and to communicate annually to the United Nations an account of these measures and of the extent to which its services in campaigns against illiteracy have been provided for any of the Non-Self-Governing Territories at the request of the Members concerned;

2. *Recommends* that the Administering Members continue to co-operate with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, when and where appropriate, with a view to the practical achievement of the eradication of illiteracy in the Non-Self-Governing Territories;

3. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to take account in its studies of the experience of various States in this matter;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General to collaborate with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in any necessary studies, taking as a basis the information transmitted under Article 73 e, together with any relevant supplemental information and any relevant studies undertaken by the Trusteeship Council with regard to Trust Territories.

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331 (IV). International collaboration in regard to economic, social and educational conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Having considered the summaries and analyses of information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter,

Having regard to the provisions of General Assembly resolutions¹³ 220 (III) and 221 (III) of 3 November 1948 concerning respectively liaison with the Economic and Social Council and the collaboration of the specialized agencies in regard to Article 73 e of the Charter,

Having noted aspects of the programmes of the Economic and Social Council and of the specialized agencies which include within their scope economic, social and educational conditions affecting Non-Self-Governing Territories,

1. *Emphasizes* the importance of promoting the technical training of the inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, and requests the Administering Members to co-operate when and where appropriate with specialized international bodies with a view to examining the possibility of providing adequate training facilities for these inhabitants in the fields of economic development, agriculture, education, labour, public health and social welfare;

2. *Requests* the appropriate international bodies to take full account of conditions in the Non-Self-Governing Territories in work undertaken by them in connexion with economic development, the world census of agriculture, the study of soil erosion, the training of public health personnel, the study of problems of nutrition, the application of international labour conventions, the problem of migrant labour in Africa, the development of social welfare services, the prevention and treatment of juvenile delinquency, the study of the most appropriate means of improving housing in tropical regions, and the problems of higher education;

¹³ See *Official Records of the third session of the General Assembly, Part I, Resolutions*, page 83.

3. *Invites* the specialized agencies concerned to communicate annually to the United Nations information on the progress of the work indicated in the previous paragraph which would be of service in Non-Self-Governing Territories, including information on the extent to which their services have been provided for any of the Non-Self-Governing Territories;

4. *Invites* the specialized agencies to take account in their studies of the experience of various States in respect of the problems enumerated above;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of the Administering Members and the specialized agencies concerned the comments made during the discussions in the Special Committee on Information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter in relation to agriculture, education, labour, public health and social welfare;

6. *Invites* the Secretary-General to collaborate with the specialized agencies in any necessary studies, taking as a basis the information transmitted under Article 73 e, together with any relevant supplemental information and any relevant studies undertaken by the Economic and Social Council and by the Trusteeship Council with regard to Trust Territories;

7. *Further invites* the Secretary-General, in his analyses of information on Non-Self-Governing Territories to be submitted to the General Assembly, to select such aspects of economic, social and educational problems as appropriately provide opportunities for possible co-operation with the specialized international bodies, as provided in Article 73 d of the Charter, with a view to the improvement of economic, social and educational conditions in the Non-Self-Governing Territories.

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332 (IV). Establishment of a Special Committee on Information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter

The General Assembly,

Having considered the work of the Special Committee on Information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter which was constituted by resolution 219 (III)¹⁴ adopted by the General Assembly on 3 November 1948, and

Taking into account the possibilities of further constructive work by such a Committee,

1. *Decides* to constitute a Special Committee for a three-year period;

2. *Considers* that the Special Committee should be composed of those Members of the United Nations transmitting information in accordance with Article 73 e of the Charter and of an equal number of non-administering Members elected by the Fourth Committee on behalf of the General Assembly, on as wide a geographical basis as possible. The non-administering Members of the Special Committee shall be elected for a term of three years. At the first election, however, two Members shall be elected for a term of two years, and two for a term of one year only. A separate vote shall be taken for each election;

¹⁴ See *Official Records of the third session of the General Assembly, Part I, Resolutions*, page 82.