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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AT ITS THIRTEENTH SESSION OF INTEREST TO THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

The Executive Secretary wishes to bring to the attention of the Commission the following resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its thirteenth session:

1272 (XIII). Control and limitation of documentation

The General Assembly,

Noting the report of the Committee on the Control and Limitation of Documentation^{1/} set up under General Assembly resolution 1203 (XII) of 13 December 1957 to consult with and advise the Secretary-General on the most effective means of implementing that resolution,

Noting further the Secretary-General's report^{2/} on the steps taken and on the nature and extent of the reductions achieved,

1. Commends the Secretary-General for the appreciable results achieved so far during 1958;
2. Endorses the report of the Committee on the Control and Limitation of Documentation, particularly the basic approaches enunciated in paragraph 10 and the proposals set out in paragraph 27, except those contained in sub-paragraph (c); in regard to the maintenance of verbatim and summary records, the existing practice shall continue unaltered in all respects;
3. Draws the attention of all organs and subsidiary bodies in particular to the recommendations contained in paragraph 27 (e) of the Committee's report, requesting those organs and bodies to include in the agenda of their next session the question of the control and limitation of their documentation;

^{1/} A/3888.
^{2/} A/3921.

4. Emphasizes in this connexion the importance of strict adherence to financial regulation 13.1 and the relevant rules of procedure of the organs concerned, with the object of ensuring that no organ or subsidiary body takes decisions on any measure until it has been informed in advance of the financial and administrative considerations involved;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that no effort is spared within the Secretariat to maintain the progress achieved and to extend it in all ways possible, taking into account the guiding principles set forth in paragraph 10 of the report of the Committee;

6. Further requests the Secretary-General, within the existing establishment, to extend the editorial control services;

7. Urges the representatives of Member States as well as all other members of commissions, committees and similar bodies to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General in carrying out the policy laid down by the General Assembly, particularly in resolutions 593 (VI) of 4 February 1952, 789 (VIII) of 9 December 1953 and 1203 (XII) of 13 December 1957;

8. Requests the Secretary-General and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to report on the operation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session or earlier.

1314 (XIII). International respect for the right of peoples and nations to self-determination: establishment of a commission

The General Assembly

Noting that the rights of peoples and nations to self-determination as affirmed in the two draft Covenants completed by the Commission on Human Rights includes "permanent sovereignty over their natural wealth and resources,"

Believing it necessary to have full information at its disposal regarding the actual extent and character of this sovereignty,

1. Decides to establish a commission of ...^x/ to conduct a full survey of the status of this basic constituent of the right to self-determination, with recommendations, where necessary, for its strengthening; and that, in the conduct of the full survey of the status of the permanent sovereignty of peoples and nations over their natural

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wealth and resources, due regard shall be paid to the rights and duties of States under international law and to the importance of encouraging international cooperation in the economic development of under-developed countries;

2. Invites the regional economic commissions and the specialized agencies to cooperate with the commission in its task;
3. Requests the commission to report to the Economic and Social Council at its ...^x/ session;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the commission with the necessary staff and facilities.

1322 (XIII). Promotion of International Co-operation in the Field of Trade

The General Assembly

Having regard to the fact that continuous development of international trade is important for economic and social progress in the world,

Bearing in mind the difficulties which hamper the development of international trade in general and trade among less developed countries and industrially developed countries in particular,

Realizing the desirability of utilizing most effectively all means at the disposal of the Economic and Social Council and its regional economic commissions with a view to promoting and expanding trade and to furthering international co-operation aimed at the promotion of international trade,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1158 (XII) on activities of the regional economic commissions,

1. Expresses its confidence that the Economic and Social Council and its regional economic commissions will continue to pay due attention to the needs of the development of international trade;

2. Invites the Economic and Social Council to continue consideration of all practical steps that can be initiated within the Council and its regional economic commissions and their trade committees towards the improvement of co-operation and towards co-ordination of efforts in the field of the development of trade, particularly

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with the less developed countries, including joint studies on trade among various regions, on the lines of those already made, such as studies on possibilities of expansion of international trade with a view to assisting economic development of the less developed countries;

3. Requests the Economic and Social Council to include in its next annual report to the General Assembly the results produced by the studies and research undertaken pursuant to paragraph 2 above.

1329 (XIII). Economic Development of Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Having regard to the objectives of Chapter XI and particularly Article 73 (a) of the Charter,

Recalling its resolution 1152 (XII) of 26 November 1957,

Bearing in mind the terms of resolution 671 (XXV) of 29 April 1958, of the Economic and Social Council, which established the Economic Commission for Africa,

Considering that the association of some Non-Self-Governing Territories with the European Economic Community is likely to affect their economic development and their attainment of the objectives set forth in Article 73 (b) of the Charter,

Invites the Administering Members to examine the advisability of adopting in the Non-Self-Governing Territories an investment policy which will ensure balanced economic development and the progressive increase of the per capita income of the inhabitants of these Territories.

1330 (XIII). Effects of the European Economic Community on the Development of Certain Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Referring to its resolution 1153 (XII) of 26 November 1957,

Having examined the Report of the Secretariat on the Association of Non-Self-Governing Territories with the European Economic Community,^{1/}

Noting with concern that the Administering Members have thus far submitted no information on the possible effects of the association of the Non-Self-Governing Territories under their administration with the European Economic Community,

Considering that the association of the Non-Self-Governing Territories with the European Economic Community may have significant effects on the development of these Territories towards the objectives of Article 73 of the Charter,

1. Takes note of the Report of the Secretariat on the Association of Non-Self-Governing Territories with the European Economic Community;
2. Invites again the Administering Members concerned to transmit to the Secretary-General information on the association of the Non-Self-Governing Territories under their administration with the European Economic Community;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare for the fourteenth session of the General Assembly a report on new developments connected with the association of Non-Self-Governing Territories with the European Economic Community, taking into account the information to be submitted by the Administering Members and the studies that may be undertaken in this connection by the Economic and Social Council, the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, the Economic Commission for Latin America and other international organs, insofar as these studies may be relevant to the development of Non-Self-Governing Territories;
4. Resolves to resume consideration of this question at the fourteenth session of the General Assembly.