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TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

Resolution 42(IV) adopted by the Commission
at its 66th session on 24 February 1962

The Economic Commission for Africa

Recalling resolution 24(III) adopted by the Commission at its forty-ninth plenary meeting and resolution 5(II) of 28 January 1960 relating to the admission of new associate members;

Considering the report of the Executive Secretary on the Terms of Reference granted to him by resolution 24(III) above-mentioned;

Noting that among the Powers concerned only Belgium had replied to the letter of 26 April 1961 sent by the Executive Secretary in application of the said resolution and explained its position to the satisfaction of the Commission in plenary meeting;

Considering, however, the declarations made in plenary meeting by the representatives of France, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom;

Noting :

- (a) that Spain had not furnished any explanation, verbal or written, of its attitude;
 - (b) that Portugal, according to its own statement, refuses to apply the above-mentioned resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Commission concerning the representation of non-self-governing territories and invokes reasons considered unacceptable by the Commission;
1. Deplores that those Powers have not seen fit to reply to the communication sent by the Executive Secretary in application of resolution 24(III).
 2. Takes note of the statement of the representative of the United Kingdom, confirmed by a letter dated 19 February 1962 addressed to the Executive Secretary, according to which:
 - (a) negotiations are taking place between his Government and the representatives of non-self-governing or trusteeship territories in Africa which would permit those countries very shortly to achieve independence and thus to take part in the work of the Commission as full members;
 - (b) measures have been taken so that other African territories may participate in the Commission from the next session as associate members and be represented by Africans;
 3. Takes note also of the statements of the representative of France according to which the principle of self-determination applied by France in the territories for which it is responsible has permitted or will permit those territories to accede to independence and become full members of the Commission.
 4. Recommends the Economic and Social Council:
 - (a) to deprive Portugal and Spain of membership of the Commission;
 - (b) to amend articles 5, 6 and 7 of the Terms of Reference of the Commission as follows:

Article 5 (new). Membership of the Commission shall be open to: Cameroun, the Central African Republic, Chad, the Congo (Brazzaville),

the Congo (Leopoldville), Dahomey, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, the Ivory Coast, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Mauritania, the Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Tanganyika, Togo, Tunisia, the Republic of South Africa, the United Arab Republic and the Upper Volta....(the rest unchanged).

Article 6 (new). The following territories shall be associate members of the Commission:

- (1) the non-self-governing territories situated within the geographical area defined in article 4 above.
- (2) Powers other than Portugal and Spain responsible for international relations of those territories.

Article 7 (deleted).

5. Invites, in the meantime, the Executive Secretary once more to approach the Powers responsible for non-self-governing or trusteeship African territories with a view to the application of resolution 24(III) above-mentioned, and to make a report on the question to the fifth session of the Commission.
