

8. Re-emphasizes its recommendation that, through the Joint Council and in other ways, the Administering Authorities adopt measures to promote common policies on political, economic and social matters in the Trust Territories, and expresses the opinion that the two

The General Assembly,

Noting that Togoland under British administration is administered as an integral part of the Gold Coast, whose government has published a series of proposals for a large-scale constitutional changes designed to effect a further transfer of executive and legislative powers from the Administering Authority to the Gold Coast Government and to serve as an interim measure leading towards full self-government for the Gold Coast within the British Commonwealth of Nations,

Noting that in the course of these proposals the Government of the Gold Coast expressed confidence that the United Nations Organization will not fail to give satisfaction to the frequently reiterated and unanimous demand of the people of the Northern Section for their area to become part of the Northern Territories of the Gold Coast" and stated further that "there is a growing opinion in the Southern Togoland in favour of integration with the Gold Coast",

Noting also that, in anticipation of further constitutional changes in the Gold Coast, the Visiting Mission of 1952, in its report on Togoland under British administration (T/1040), raised with some urgency the question of the compatibility of the provisions of the Trusteeship Agreement with any further appreciable transfer of executive and legislative authority to the Government of the Gold Coast, and expressed the opinion that the prospect of a further constitutional advance in the Gold Coast may require the position of the Trust Territory to be reviewed with particular care within a relatively short period of time,

Recalling further that the Visiting Missions of 1949 and 1952 and the Trusteeship Council at its eleventh session have recognized that the question of the future constitutional association of Togoland with the Gold Coast depends to a large extent upon the settlement of the unification problem,

1. Expresses the opinion that further changes in the Constitution of the Gold Coast, with which Togoland under British administration is administered as an integral part, may, to the extent that they provide for an increased measure of self-government, necessitate revision of the existing Trusteeship Agreement in respect of the Trust Territory in so far as concerns the existing administrative union;

2. Considers that, in view of the manifest aspiration of the majority of the population of both of the Trust Territories of Togoland for the unification of those Territories, any change in the Trusteeship Agreement for Togoland under British administration will necessarily affect the interests of the inhabitants of Togoland under French administration;

3. Considers further that the integration of Togoland under British administration or any part of it, to the Gold Coast before both Territories have attained self-government or independence, would be contrary to the principles and purposes of the International Trusteeship System;