

Recalling that the General Assembly based its resolution 652 (VII) upon the consideration, inter alia, that the unification of the two parts of Togoland is the manifest aspiration of the majority of the population of the two Trust Territories;

Considering that the best means of achieving a form of unification acceptable to all groups of the population is through direct and continuous interchange of opinions among the representatives of those groups, and that such interchange of opinions could be realized in a reconstituted Joint Council for Togoland Affairs with ample powers to examine all aspects of the problem of unification of both Territories and formulate pertinent recommendations;

Having heard the declarations of the representatives of the All-Ewe Conference, of the Joint Togoland Congress and of the Parti Togolais du Progrès;

Having heard also the declarations of the representatives of the Administering Authorities concerned;

1. Regrets that the Joint Council for Togoland Affairs has not yet been re-established;

2. Reaffirms the principles and aims of its resolutions 555 (VI) and 652 (VII) approved on 18 January and 20 December, 1952 respectively;

3. Recommends that in order to ensure that the Joint Council will faithfully reflect the wishes of all sections of the population of the two Trust Territories, its members should be directly elected by universal adult suffrage and secret ballot;

4. Recommends that the Administering Authorities establish, in consultation with the representatives of the different political parties, the rules concerning the structure which the Joint Council for Togoland Affairs should assume;

5. Recommends that the Administering Authorities assist the representatives of the different political parties to explain freely throughout Togoland their views on the problem of unification and, to this effect that they take all necessary measures to ensure freedom of speech, movement and assembly in all parts of the Territories;

6. Recommends that the Administering Authorities disseminate throughout the two Trust Territories the complete texts of the pertinent resolutions of the General Assembly and the Trusteeship Council in the main vernacular languages as well as in French or English;

7. Recommends to the Administering Authorities the re-establishment of the Joint Council with the power to consider and make recommendations on the question of unification, as well as on all political, economic, social and educational matters affecting the two Trust Territories, and to serve as a means of ascertaining the opinions of the inhabitants of the Territories concerning any proposed changes in the terms of the Trusteeship Agreement for either of the Territories;