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Rural economic development of the Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 438 (V) of 2 December 1950, recommending that the Trusteeship Council should consider the prevailing policies, laws and practices which in the Trust Territories relate to land, land utilization and the alienation of land, taking into account the present and future needs of the indigenous inhabitants from the standpoint of the basic objectives of the International Trusteeship System and the future economic requirements of the Territories, as well as the social and economic consequences of the transfer of land to non-indigenous inhabitants,

Having noted the actions of the Council in this field, both through its regular procedures for the examination of conditions in the Trust Territories and through the establishment of a Committee on Rural Economic Development,

Noting with regret that the latter Committee has not yet been able to carry out the study entrusted to it,

Considering that the questions of land tenure and land utilization call for analysis and opinion of a technical and expert nature, and recalling in this connexion its resolution 561 (VI) of 18 January 1952,

Considering that in the meantime it would be appropriate for the Council, with the assistance of its Committee on Rural Economic Development, to devote its particular attention to the question of the alienation of land in the Trust Territories,

1. Recommends that, in order to facilitate its eventual study of problems of land tenure and land utilization in the Trust Territories, the appropriate specialized agencies, particularly the Food and Agriculture Organization and the International Labour Organisation, submit to it, through the Trusteeship Council, their observations and suggestions concerning these problems;

2. Recommends to the Council that it carry out in the meantime, through its Committee on Rural Economic Development and by such other means as it deems necessary, a separate and special study of the prevailing policies, laws and practices relating to the alienation of land in Trust Territories, taking into account the present and future needs of the indigenous inhabitants from the standpoint of the basic objectives of the International Trusteeship System and the future economic requirements of the Territories, as well as the social and economic consequences of the transfer of land to non-indigenous inhabitants;

3. Requests the Council to include the results of this study in its next report to the General Assembly.
