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on the occasion of Tanganyika's independence

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Another reason why Tanganyika's independence deserves special acclaim, is that it was achieved smoothly and without violence, thanks to the determination and tenacity of its peoples and leaders and to the understanding and co-operation shown by the Administering Authority.

This augurs well for the future of Tanganyika, and, once again, I express my confidence in the destiny of that great country.

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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL
ON THE OCCASION OF THE ACCESSION OF TANGANYIKA TO
INDEPENDENCE ON 9 DECEMBER 1961

It is my privilege, as President of the Trusteeship Council, to extend my warmest congratulations to the Government and the people of Tanganyika on the accession of their country to independence.

The Trusteeship Council which, through the operation of the International Trusteeship System, has been associated during the past fifteen years with the efforts of the Tanganyikan people to achieve self-determination and independence, has special reasons to rejoice on this happy occasion. The history of Tanganyika as a Trust Territory is one of remarkably harmonious and steady advancement in the political as well as economic, social and educational fields. This was made possible by the maturity of its people and the statesmanship of its leaders. These qualities which have won the unreserved admiration and respect of the Trusteeship Council augur well for the development and prosperity of the future State of Tanganyika.

It is with a sense of affection and expectation that the United Nations will welcome the State of Tanganyika in its midst as a full member of the Organization.

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On behalf of the United Nations, it gives me great pleasure to renew on this occasion, the warm welcome which has been extended to Tanganyika upon its admission as a member of this Organisation. The flag of Tanganyika will be hoisted for the first time ~~amongst~~ in its place amongst the other national emblems of the member States of the United Nations, and this is ~~indeed~~ indeed a happy juncture in which we all rejoice.

~~Tanganyika~~

The independence of Tanganyika and its admission as a member of the United Nations have a special significance for our Organisation. Until the 9th of December, 1961, when it became an independent State, Tanganyika had been administered as a Territory under the International Trusteeship System, and was therefore, closely associated with the United Nations since 1946. The Trusteeship Council and the General Assembly contributed, to the best of their ability and in co-operation with the Administering Authority, to ~~the~~ promote the development of Tanganyika, and close ties were established between the people of Tanganyika, their leaders and the local administration, on the ~~one~~ one hand, and the United Nations, on the other.

The peaceful evolution of Tanganyika towards independence, the enlightened guidance given to its people by their leaders, the tolerance ^{and understanding} shown by all sections of its population in solving their problems, augur well for the future of the new State. ~~and from the contributions of Tanganyika to the~~ ~~development~~ Tanganyika, which has now become the 29th independent State of Africa will, no doubt, play an important role in the ^{and peaceful} progressive evolution of the eastern part of the African continent and contribute to the cause of co-operation and understanding ~~amongst~~ amongst the peoples of the world.

In raising the flag of Tanganyika today, ~~I~~ ^{we} look forward to seeing ^{its} (their) people ^{and its} and leaders ~~continue~~ continue ever more ~~steadfastly~~ ^{steadfastly} ~~firmly~~ in the road to peace, happiness and prosperity.

It is a great honour and privilege for me, as Secretary-General of the United Nations, to be present at this ceremony which symbolizes for the people of Tanganyika the end of a long chapter of dependance and their assumption of new responsibilities as a full member in the world community of nations.

This is an especially happy occasion for us in the United Nations, because as a Trust Territory under international supervision, Tanganyika stands as an example to the rest of the colonial world by the peaceful and harmonious manner in which its independence has been attained. It is indeed an example of what can be accomplished in a multi-racial African society as a result of good-will and co-operation under the guidance of mature leadership and an enlightened colonial policy. Tanganyika stands today united, regardless of the ~~social~~^{racial} and religious diversity of its people and, as its Prime Minister has stated to the General Assembly, it is a nation devoted to the basic principle of the equality and brotherhood of all mankind. This is indeed the very spirit of the United Nations Charter.

The years ahead will be difficult ones for the new nation, for there is much to be done in the field of economic development. But the Government and the people of Tanganyika have the assurance of continuing help and assistance from the international organization and community of which their country is now a member.

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PRIME MINISTER OF TANGANYIKA

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PRESIDENT OF TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

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Message du Président de l'Assemblée générale à l'occasion de
l'indépendance du Tanganyika

Je suis heureux de présenter, au nom de l'Assemblée générale des Nations Unies, les meilleurs vœux et les félicitations de notre Organisation au Gouvernement et au peuple du Tanganyika à l'occasion de l'accession du Tanganyika à son indépendance. J'y joins mes félicitations personnelles les plus sincères, avec mes vœux de voir le Tanganyika entrer dans un avenir de paix, de bonheur et de prospérité, et jouer le rôle qui lui est dévolu dans le développement harmonieux du continent africain et du monde tout entier. Je me permets d'espérer que le Tanganyika entrera bientôt dans la grande famille internationale comme membre de l'Organisation des Nations Unies, qu'il joindra sa voix au concert des nations, et participera activement à notre tâche commune, si noble mais si difficile: le maintien de la paix et la coopération internationale.

L'accession à l'indépendance du Tanganyika revêt une importance particulière pour les Nations Unies. Ce n'est pas seulement un nouvel état africain qui s'ajoute au nombre des nouveaux pays indépendants de ce grand continent, mais c'est aussi un territoire qui a été administré jusqu'aujourd'hui sous le régime international de la tutelle, et qui de ce fait a été associé étroitement depuis 1946 aux Nations Unies. Depuis le jour où a été approuvé l'Accord de tutelle, le Conseil de tutelle et l'Assemblée générale des Nations Unies ont essayé, dans toute la mesure de leurs moyens, de promouvoir le développement du Tanganyika dans tous les domaines. Des rapports directs ont été établis entre la population du Tanganyika, ses futurs leaders et l'administration locale d'une part, et l'Organisation des Nations Unies d'autre part, par les missions de visite, les pétitions, et l'examen périodique de la situation du Territoire.

Les liens étroits entre le Tanganyika et les Nations Unies sont illustrés par le fait que l'homme qui est le Premier Ministre du Tanganyika indépendant le 9 décembre 1961, est celui-là même qui, en décembre 1956 comparaisait comme pétitionnaire devant la Quatrième Commission de l'Assemblée générale.

Une autre raison pour laquelle l'indépendance du Tanganyika mérite d'être particulièrement bien accueillie, c'est qu'elle a pu se réaliser sans heurts et sans violence, grâce à la détermination et à la ténacité de ses populations et de ses leaders d'une part, et à la compréhension et la coopération du pays tuteur.

Ceci augure bien de l'avenir du Tanganyika, et j'exprime une fois de plus ma confiance dans les destinées de ce grand pays.

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