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President: Mr. Emilio ARENALES CATALAN
(Guatemala).

Present:

The representatives of the following States: Australia, Belgium, Burma, China, France, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Italy, New Zealand, Syria, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

The representatives of the following specialized agencies: International Labour Organisation; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; World Health Organization.

Mr. Hood (Australia), President of the Council at its twentieth session, took the Chair temporarily.

Opening of the twenty-first session

1. The TEMPORARY PRESIDENT declared open the twenty-first session of the Trusteeship Council.

Adoption of the agenda (T/1347 and Add.1)

[Agenda item 1]

2. Mr. KOSCIUSKO-MORIZET (France) pointed out that General Assembly resolution 1182 (XII) concerning Togoland under French administration was in the process of being implemented. In those circumstances, it did not seem that there could be a prolonged discussion of item 9 of the provisional agenda (T/1347 and Add.1) at the present juncture. That being said, he had no objection to the provisional agenda.

3. Mr. ZADOTTI (Italy) noted that item 11 of the provisional agenda referred to General Assembly resolution 1206 (XII) concerning the economic advancement of Somaliland under Italian administration. He was aware that it was the Council's practice to include in its agenda all the relevant General Assembly resolutions but he would like to make it clear that the Administering Authority considered that resolution 1206 (XII) should be discussed at the following session, in conjunction with the annual report on the Territory. He assumed that such was the Council's intention.

4. The TEMPORARY PRESIDENT said that due regard would be taken of the observations of the representatives of France and Italy.

The provisional agenda (T/1347 and Add.1) was adopted.

Election of the President and the Vice-President

[Agenda item 3]

5. The TEMPORARY PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect its President.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	14
<i>Blank ballots:</i>	1
<i>Number of votes cast:</i>	13
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	

Mr. Arenales Catalán (Guatemala).... 13

Mr. Arenales Catalán (Guatemala) was elected President and took the Chair.

6. The PRESIDENT thanked the Council for the honour it had conferred upon him and his country. He paid a tribute to the outgoing President for the competence and impartiality with which he had presided over the Council's deliberations.

7. The Trusteeship System had been designed to ensure the progressive and peaceful advancement of the dependent peoples towards their most cherished objective, the right to self-government and self-determination. In its activities over the past ten years the Council, with the co-operation of the Administering Authorities, had done much to further that advancement. One Trust Territory, Togoland under British administration, had already achieved independence, while another, Somaliland under Italian administration, was to do so in 1960. Given the Council's faith in the principles of the Trusteeship System and its unswerving determination to make that system viable, he was sure that one by one the other Trust Territories would follow those examples. The Council's task would then be completed, unless, of course, new territories were placed under United Nations trusteeship.

8. In conclusion, he expressed the hope that, with the co-operation of all the members of the Council, the twenty-first session would mark a further step towards perfecting the procedure and work not only of the Council but also of its committees and indeed of the whole Trusteeship System.

9. He invited the Council to elect the Vice-President.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

<i>Number of ballot papers:</i>	14
<i>Blank ballots:</i>	1
<i>Number of votes cast:</i>	13
<i>Number of votes obtained:</i>	

Mr. Claeys Bouúaert (Belgium)..... 13

Mr. Claeys Bouúaert (Belgium) was elected Vice-President.

10. Mr. CLAEYS BOUUAERT (Belgium) thanked the Council for the confidence it had shown in him and his country in electing him Vice-President.

The meeting rose at 11.40 a.m.