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President: Mrs. GAZEAU-SECRET (France)

- Examination of the annual report of the Administering Authority for the year ended 30 September 1989: Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (continued)
- Examination of petitions (continued)
- Report of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Observe the Plebiscite in Palau, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (continued)
- Dissemination of information on the United Nations and the International Trusteeship System in Trust Territories: report of the Secretary-General (Trusteeship Council resolution 36 (III) and General Assembly resolution 754 (VIII))

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The meeting was called to order at 11 a.m.

EXAMINATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1989: TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS (continued)

EXAMINATION OF PETITIONS (T/INF/38) (continued)

REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS VISITING MISSION TO OBSERVE THE PLEBISCITE IN PALAU, TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, FEBRUARY 1990 (T/1942)

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from French): The Council will continue its examination of conditions in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. As agreed yesterday, we shall now proceed with the questioning of the representatives of the Administering Authority. If members so wish, we can at the same time consider the report of the Visiting Mission to Palau.

Are there any comments on the report of the Visiting Mission, or would members prefer to continue our consideration of the annual report of the Administering Authority?

It appears no representatives wish to speak at this time on either of these two agenda items. Do representatives have any further comments at this stage of our work with regard to the examination of petitions? Delegations will recall that the examination of petitions cannot be concluded today because some petitioners have asked to be given an opportunity to speak early next week. If no member wishes to speak with regard to petitions today, it will be possible to do so next week.

If there is no objection, I would suggest we keep these items under consideration next week. With regard to the examination of petitions, we shall hear the last petitioner next week, and we shall also hear the comments of the Administering Authority in that connection.

DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEESHIP SYSTEM IN TRUST TERRITORIES: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL RESOLUTION 36 (III) AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 754 (VIII)) (T/1947)

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from French): I suggest that we now hear Mr. Joe Sills, representative of the Department of Public Information. I am pleased to welcome him to the Council, and would recall that Mr. Sills is here to present to us the Secretary-General's report on agenda item 8, contained in document T/1947 of 16 May 1990.

I call on Mr. Sills.

Mr. SILLS (Department of Public Information): It is a pleasure to address the Trusteeship Council and to present the report of the Secretary-General on the dissemination of information on the United Nations and the International Trusteeship System in Trust Territories.

I do not have a formal statement but would like simply to make a few remarks about the report in a fairly consecutive fashion, following the order of the report, and to amplify on a couple of things. I shall then be happy to answer any questions members might have.

As paragraph 2 notes, the Department of Public Information continues to service and communicate with the area of the Trust Territory primarily through our Information Centre in Tokyo. Over the years we have sought to have the Director of the Centre visit the area and get a first-hand view of what is necessary in terms of information regarding the United Nations in the area and what is within the capabilities of the Department.

The last visit made by a Centre Director was in January 1988, which was a while ago. The post of Director of the Information Centre in Tokyo has been vacant for some time, but we have selected a Director for the Centre, and he will be

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assuming his office next month. Very high on his agenda - assuming we can work it into a very squeezed budget; we certainly will make every effort - will be a visit by the Director of the Tokyo Information Centre to the area to make a first-hand evaluation of the needs and requirements.

The distribution of information to the area is done primarily through the Centre in Tokyo. I would, however, point out that a number of United Nations agencies and programmes send their materials directly to the area. Just as we have a non-centralized United Nations system, we have a non-centralized information programme within the different parts of the United Nations system, and many of the agencies and programmes of the United Nations distribute their information products widely throughout the world without going through the Department of Public Information because they are independent operations. We are not in a position to know exactly what they send, but we do know from anecdotal information that a good bit of material is distributed in the area.

Paragraph 3 of the Secretary-General's report refers to the documents of the Trusteeship Council that were distributed, and on page 5 there is a list of those documents. I am told by the Trusteeship Council staff that, as I am sure members are aware, the names of the 33 recipients are available to any member of the Council who wishes to have that information.

At previous meetings of the Council it has been emphasized that radio programmes are a very important element, perhaps the most important element, of the Information Programme. We have made an effort to expand what we are doing in the radio area. Just recently I spoke with the Director of our Information Products Division, Mr. Leclere, who, on a visit to Tokyo spent a good deal of time discussing with the officer-in-charge - we only have an officer-in-charge at the

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Tokyo Centre - the distribution programme for the Trust Territory and how it could be expanded and strengthened.

The list of stations to which we are currently giving or sending radio programmes is in paragraph 6, to which I should like to make one correction. I am informed that station "WTFM in Kosrae" does not exist. I really cannot tell the Council how we have been distributing to a non-existent station; I shall to ask the magicians in my radio unit. It should be deleted. We would also like to note that, in response to a specific question that has been raised in the past about distribution to the Northern Mariana Islands, which had not been included in previous reports. We had begun distribution to station WSZE in Saipan, but I am now informed that it has gone under. But there are some other stations in that area, and we will be in touch with them to see if we can replace the station we had in Saipan that was receiving our programmes. The balance of the list is in paragraph 6.

Paragraph 7 mentions video cassettes and film programmes. I fear I must ask the indulgence of members to make a correction in this regard too, for which I apologize. Beginning on the fourth line of that paragraph, the text should read "Since May 1989, every two weeks, three VHS copies of the UN in Action video programme ... have been sent to the Trust Territory": three copies, not four. They have gone to WAAB TV in Yap, WSIB TV in Palau, and the Saipan Cable TV Network.

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The programme entitled The United Nations in Action - which, incidentally, some members may have seen - is carried around the world by the Cable News Network. It is a weekly programme of three to four minutes which highlights whatever is, in our view, the most newsworthy and important event happening at the United Nations that week. So it is very much of a news item, and we do not know what will be on it until just before it is filmed and we see what the current news at the United Nations is.

I will come to the printed materials in more detail in just a minute. They are reviewed in part in paragraph 9 and in the annex.

Paragraph 10 deals with the role of the officer in charge of the United Nations Information Centre at Tokyo and his continuing contact, and, of course, our desire to make another visit to the Territory as soon as possible.

On paragraph 11, at the previous meeting the Department was requested by one of the members of the Council to assemble a file of all of the information materials that had been distributed over the period in question. This file has been assembled. It is a rather large box and is rather heavy, but it has copies of everything that has been distributed and is available, as mentioned, in the office of the secretariat of the Council for any members who wish to review it, and following their review, if there are any questions about any of the materials, we will be happy to discuss them.

Let me turn to the annex for just one moment. I repeat that these are the newly produced materials within the time span covered that have been distributed in the area. We have instructed regularly - and this has been reported to the Council - that the Information Centres, not just for Tokyo and the Territory but throughout the world, should make available at all times such standing or constantly usable materials as copies of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and, of particular interest to some members,

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the Declaration on decolonization, and these items, and even though they are not listed in the current year's output they have been distributed and are accessible. We check this constantly, and these materials are replenished as they are needed, not only in the Trust Territory but in all of the Information Centres of the United Nations.

There is one thing I wanted to come back to that I missed in going through the report, namely, paragraph 4 on the first page. This is a bit of a red flag on the press releases, and I would assure the native English speakers that we are not showing favouritism to the French-speaking delegations by putting out more releases in French than in English. In fact, in the calendar year 1989 there were exactly 16 in each language. This is more of a production situation. If a release does not totally get out one day and part of it comes out the next day, it is numbered separately, but the meetings covered in the press releases are the same. This does not mean that we covered two meetings in French that we did not cover in English. It is a function of the production process.

Let me conclude by noting one or two general points. We continue to feel, and to agree with what has been expressed in previous meetings of the Council, that radio service to the area is perhaps the most effective public-information tool we have available; we will continue to seek to expand it and to make more programmes available on a regular basis. We are now making four programmes available, three weekly and one monthly, as compared with three in the report last year, and if feasible, we shall continue to expand the service. I must confess to the Council, as I said last year - and again this is not true just for the Territory but for the Department's audience as a whole - we still do not have what we regard as a suitable and effective evaluation mechanism. At this point, about the best we can say is that we send the programmes out, we send out questionnaires, we ask for

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feedback as to whether or not they are being played, and we are normally told that they are being used. We have no way of verifying this, and we do not have the funds or facilities for on-air checks to make sure on a regular basis that this is being done. We are not happy with this, and I certainly would appreciate suggestions from members if they feel that there needs to be a more systematic method of making sure that the materials which are sent to the area are actually used.

I think that is all I would like to say by way of introduction.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from French): Does any delegation wish to make comments on the report of the Secretary-General?

Mr. BEREZOVSKY (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (interpretation from Russian): First, I should like to express our satisfaction at the fact that the Department of Public Information has heeded the appeal of the Trusteeship Council and, as is pointed out in paragraph 11 of the report, has assembled a file of information on materials which are being distributed in the Trust Territory.

Our delegation is also pleased with the latest statement made by the representative of the Department of Public Information on the Department's concern at the lack of effective machinery to evaluate the use of this material. As is well known, this is also a matter of concern to the Trusteeship Council, and in this connection, we should like to hear from the representative of the Department of Public Information not only about its concern but also about any ideas it may have as to how to correct the situation. Obviously, the people directly involved in an activity would be experts on it and would have some kind of idea as to how to remedy the situation, and if they needed the assistance of the Trusteeship Council in this regard, it would probably be forthcoming. That is my first comment, and I

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should like to hear from the representative of the Department of Public Information as to what possibilities there might be to correct the situation.

My second question is the following: we have also drawn attention to the fact that in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General no mention is made of the distribution of basic materials - of standing or constantly usable materials, as they were called by Mr. Sills, the representative of the Department of Public Information - such as the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and no doubt many other documents of fundamental importance to the United Nations and to Member States.

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We are not entirely satisfied with Mr. Sills's statement in this connection to the effect that these basic materials are always in sufficient supply and are constantly being supplemented. If we are talking about difficulties in determining what use is made of those materials in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, even those which are sent and recorded, then it seems that some additional measures should be taken in order to find out to what extent the addressees have been receiving that literature.

I should like to know from the representative of the Department of Public Information, at least approximately whether he knows, for the current year, how many of these basic documents were sent to the Trust Territory to supplement the stock of those materials in the Territory. I am saying this because at the last session of the Trusteeship Council, last year, attention was drawn to this, in particular by the Soviet delegation.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from French): Personally, I think this is an important question, as important as the one we are dealing with now, namely, the dissemination of information regarding the purposes and objectives of the Trusteeship System of the United Nations in Palau. We are interested, not only in the dissemination of the information, but also in an evaluation of the way it is disseminated, namely, what is happening in the field. In the final analysis that is what is of interest to us, and I fully understand the comments just made by the Soviet representative.

It seems to me that when the Trusteeship Council decides to send missions to the field they too can contribute to greater knowledge of the United Nations, the reason for the Trusteeship System, and perhaps the discussion could be expanded somewhat; rather than talking about documents we could talk about how those who are on the scene perceive things, how they feel about things. We are talking about the report of the visiting mission - I know the one that took place in February of this

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year was quite specific: it had to do with the plebiscite - but in recent years there have been a number of other missions and the fact that inhabitants of Palau meet with delegations sent by the Trusteeship Council seems to me an excellent means of evaluating the situation on the spot. If delegations have comments in that connection I would be pleased to hear them.

Meanwhile, I call again on the representative of the Department of Public Information, who may have some additional comments to make in response to the comments of the Soviet delegation.

Mr. SILLS (Department of Public Information): I should like to thank the representative of the Soviet Union for expressing his satisfaction with the overall content of the report, as presented by the Department.

As regards the two specific questions, the evaluation of information materials and the use made of it, this is a very difficult and very expensive process. For instance, with the help of the British Broadcasting Corporation, without which we could not have done it, we in the Department have just done an evaluation in the front-line States and in South Africa of the materials we were producing against apartheid and of the listening audience for United Nations materials in the various languages. This is a complicated process. It involves getting a sampling that is large enough to be statistically valid. It is labour-intensive to talk to people. It costs money and it is difficult. I would indeed welcome, as the President has suggested, hearing of any way that the Department could perhaps work with the Council, in the context of a future mission or in any other context, to look at the question of effectiveness and evaluation.

If one is to do anything that is statistically valid on radio or television there has to be some sort of audience survey, to find out if the materials are of use to them. We have not even been able in many areas - and I readily admit this; not proudly, but readily - to determine whether the materials that we send out, the

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radio programmes on cassettes, are actually regularly played on the stations. We deal with all of the stations. We talk to all of them. We send them questionnaires and in most cases they indicate that they are receiving our materials, that they like them and are playing them regularly. But in most cases we do not have any way of verifying this ourselves. There may be a few of those people who simply enjoy getting the cassettes and they may erase our material and then have a cassette for their own use. I do not know for sure, but I suspect that happens on occasion. But we are working hard, within the Department, to improve our evaluation methods, and I think the suggestion that the President made, that we should look at how this could be done jointly or co-operatively, is one worth pursuing.

On printed material, one can do a little better as regards dissemination - and once again I must tell the Council that I asked our Tokyo office to let us know the quantities, the amounts, of these materials that were submitted but that information was not forthcoming. That is why you do not have it - because I do not have it. But one can get information about this by talking to people. That is why I think it would be useful for our Centre Director in Tokyo to go to the area as soon as possible, once he assumes his job.

In regard to the second question raised, I thought I had touched on that. I will go back to it again. As I said, this is a list of the materials produced within this period, and distributed. Our centres have standing orders and they fill them. I am quite sure that, as regards the basic materials of the United Nations - copies of the Charter and of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights - stocks are constantly being replenished and constantly sent out to the mailing list, and we have a regular printing of these items. We check our stocks, and when our stocks in the different languages go down to a certain level we ship more to

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the centres and the centres send them out to their mailing lists and all the contacts that they have.

I do not know that I can do much better than that, but I can tell the Council that one of our prime goals in the Department is to make documents such as the Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights available, in the case of the Declaration in a great many languages because this is very useful in local languages.

Mr. BEREZOVSKY (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (interpretation from Russian): I should like once again to discuss the situation regarding information on how the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands is provided with material from the United Nations. First, it seems to me a bit strange that these basic United Nations documents are not referred to in the report. Stating that the supply is constantly being supplemented is really not saying anything. Even if we were talking about general statistics, information regarding these documents should appear in the reports transmitted to the sessions of the Trusteeship Council. We are also disappointed at the fact that the Department of Public Information cannot receive data from its Tokyo office by the time it begins its work - and we all know that the sessions of the Trusteeship Council take place once a year. This was also the case last year, when we did not have accurate data. Thus, we must conclude either that the Information Centre at Tokyo does not know when a session of the Trusteeship Council is held and is therefore not in a position to submit in time the information needed at Headquarters or that there is some other reason involved. I do not want to start a guessing game on this question. Therefore, it seems to me that we should bring some order into these affairs.

I do not think that material is sent from the Information Centre at Tokyo to the Trust Territories every day - that is hardly likely. It is probably sent on certain days or during certain weeks. I do not know how many times a month this information is sent and how much is sent, but it does not seem very difficult to record the fact that information has been sent to the Trust Territory. It should not be too difficult to register the transmitted material at the Information Centre at Tokyo in the same way as everything is registered here at the United Nations; information is sent out from here too, and not every day. The question is how often this information is sent out. It would be a good idea to know that.

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Lastly, I have another question to put to Mr. Sills, as representative of the Department of Public Information, concerning the number of addressees. We have seen this magic number 33 in the report for a number of years. I can understand that apparently it is not always a simple matter to record all the mail sent from the Centre and from Headquarters to the Trust Territory. At the same time, there should be an estimate of the number of addressees, and as you have already said, Madam President, that estimate could surely be made during a regular visiting mission. I remember that last year the representative of the Tokyo Information Centre visited the Trust Territory. That event, as was noted last year, could take place regularly. In the interest of the people of the Trust Territory, the United Nations could probably arrange for an inspection trip, either by a representative from Headquarters, by a representative from the Tokyo Information Centre or by a representative from some other place. Such a mission could determine whether all opportunities are being used. Perhaps the need to receive informational material is now being felt not only by the 33 addressees but also by organizations, by institutions or simply by individuals. That group might increase considerably.

Therefore, I should like to know the procedure for determining the geographical distribution of this information, the mailing list and how new addresses are added to that list, what action is taken for those purposes. Informational activity is important and vital at a time when steps are being taken to ensure that such material is distributed as widely as possible.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from French): The representative of the Soviet Union has raised a number of questions and some of them are perhaps particularly difficult. I call on Mr. Sills.

Mr. SILLS (Department of Public Information): Three points have just been raised by the representative of the Soviet Union. Concerning the first one, relating to the basic documents of the United Nations, such as the Charter and the

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Universal Declaration of Human Rights, I really do not have anything to add to what I have already said. My understanding is that the statement that a supply is constantly being supplemented is significant.

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I have also spoken to the the third point, which has to do with the possibility of the Director of the Information Centre in Tokyo making a trip to the Trust Territory and carrying out a personal examination of the situation. I have explained to the Council that the Director of the Centre will assume his office next month and that this will be very high on the agenda, funds permitting.

On the second point, regarding specific statistics, I am not singling out the office in Tokyo, and the office in Tokyo is not singling out the Council. The office is aware of the timing of the Council's session; that is not a problem, so there is no need, with all due respect, for a guessing game. We know quite well what the problem is: It is that in the Tokyo office, as in the Moscow office and the Washington office and the more than 60 other Information Centres, we do not have the kind of exact statistical information about distribution and, following up on that, about evaluation that we would like to have. We are in the process of computerizing this. We are trying to get a better record of precisely how much material is distributed. We can tell you precisely what we send from Headquarters to each of the Centres, but the question is when a Centre gets the material how much does it give out to people who walk in, how much does it send to people on its mailing-list, and how much is ultimately discarded because it gets too old and is out of date. We do not have that information; we do not have those data. The point is that this is not a problem just with Tokyo and just in relation to the segment of the Tokyo mailing-list that has to do with the Trust Territory. It is a difficulty with all the Information Centres.

How often are things sent out? They are sent out as they come in. They are collected; they will not be sent on a daily basis - the representative of the

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Soviet Union is absolutely right. If a specific request comes in from an area, of course we try to fill it as quickly as we can.

Our Centres are not staffed to excess. We have a very limited staff in the Centres and they have a lot to do.

With respect to the mailing-list specifically and the "magic 33" that is referred to in paragraph 3 of document T/1947, that, as noted in that paragraph, is the distribution for documents of the Trusteeship Council which were mailed by the Distribution Section. As I stated in my introductory remarks, I have been told by the staff of the Council that the list is available. It is not a Department of Public Information mailing-list, and I do not have information regarding it. Members would have to address to the Secretariat their questions on why the number remains constant at 33 each year.

Mr. BEREZOVSKY (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (interpretation from Russian): I thank Mr. Sills for the additional information. Perhaps the Secretariat could clarify this "magic" number of 33. My point was that the Department of Public Information does not even have such a "magic" number, which is a matter of concern.

I should still like to know the addresses to which Department of Public Information information is being sent.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from French): The Secretariat has taken note of the question and will do its best to provide the information just requested by the representative of the Soviet Union at our next meeting, when we shall continue consideration of this item. I think that is the best way to proceed.

I thank Mr. Sills for his valuable contribution to our work.

CO-OPERATION WITH THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
(GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 2106 B (XX) AND 44/68)

SECOND DECADE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION (GENERAL ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTIONS 3057 (XXVIII) AND 44/52)

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from French): Following past practice, and if there is no objection, I shall take it that the Council decides to examine these two items together.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from French): The Secretariat has provided each delegation with documentation containing resolutions 44/68 and 44/52, adopted by the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session.

Does any delegation wish to comment on these items?

Is it the wish of the Council to take up consideration of these two items at a subsequent meeting, or does the Council wish to conclude their consideration today?

Does any delegation wish to express its view on the matter? We can either take up these two items next week - and, as we have done for previous items, keep them open for consideration - or consider that they have been concluded today.

Mr. SMITH (United Kingdom): As far as the United Kingdom delegation is concerned, we may close consideration of these items today.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from French): If there are no objections from other delegations, I shall take it that the Council decides to take note of these two items on its agenda.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from French): The Council has thus concluded consideration of these two items.

ATTAINMENT OF SELF-GOVERNMENT OR INDEPENDENCE BY THE TRUST TERRITORIES (TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1369 (XVII) AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1413 (XIV)) AND THE SITUATION IN THE TRUST TERRITORIES WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES (GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 1514 (XV) AND 44/101)

CO-OPERATION WITH THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES (GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1654 (XVI))

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from French): If there is no objection, I shall take it that, in keeping with past practice, the Council decides to examine these two items together.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from French): The Council has before it resolution 44/101 adopted by the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session. That resolution deals with the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

I call on the representative of the Soviet Union, who wishes to comment on items 11 and 12, which the Council has decided to consider together.

Mr. BYKOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (interpretation from Russian): Every year, the Trusteeship Council's agenda contains items on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples as it applies to Trust Territories and on the co-operation of the Council with the Special Committee on decolonization. In accordance with United Nations decisions, its bodies dealing with questions of decolonization are called upon to co-ordinate their efforts in that area and to help each other for the good of the peoples still under colonial domination and under the trusteeship in order to help them achieve self-determination on the basis of freedom of social and political choice.

It has already been established for quite some time that, in the interests of a more effective implementation of the Trusteeship Council's functions, we need to exploit fully the Special Committee's wealth of positive experience and potential, in close and fruitful co-operation between those bodies.

We know that the Special Committee has been and continues to be ready to co-operate. We should like in that connection to express the hope that, in order to carry out the important tasks facing us, the Trusteeship Council and the Special Committee will be able to establish business-like and fruitful co-operation. As we see it, such co-operation would undoubtedly be to the benefit of the Micronesian people.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from French): I should like to remind the Council that we shall not take a decision on these items until after the adoption of our conclusions and recommendations. The item will thus remain open until the end of our work.

If I hear no objection, it is so decided.

The meeting rose at 12 noon.