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COVERING THE PERIOD 9 JUNE 1978 TO ___ JUNE 1979

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INTRODUCTION

1. In accordance with Article 83 of the Charter of the United Nations, with resolution 70 (1949) adopted by the Security Council at its 415th meeting on 7 March 1949, and with its own resolution 46 (IV) of 24 March 1949, the Trusteeship Council has carried out on behalf of the Security Council those functions of the United Nations under the International Trusteeship System relating to the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the inhabitants of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, designated as a strategic area.

PART I. ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITIES OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

A. ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL

Membership

2. The composition of the Trusteeship Council on 1 January 1979 was as follows:

Member administering a Trust Territory

United States of America

Members mentioned by name in Article 23 of the Charter of the United Nations and not administering Trust Territories

China

France

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Officers

3. Miss Sheila Harden (United Kingdom) and Mr. Jean-Claude Brochenin (France) were elected President and Vice-President, respectively, at the beginning of the forty-sixth session on 21 May 1979.

Meetings

4. During the period covered by this report, the Council held ___ meetings as follows: 1484th to _____ meetings, from 21 May to __ June 1979.

5. All meetings took place at United Nations Headquarters, New York.

Procedure

6. No change affecting the procedure for the examination of conditions in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands was made by the Council during the period under review.

Relations with the specialized agencies

7. Representatives of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) participated in the work of the Council.

B. EXAMINATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1978: TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

8. The report of the Government of the United States on the administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands for the year ending 30 September 1978 ^{1/} was transmitted to members of the Trusteeship Council on 23 April 1979 by a note of the Secretary-General (T/1803) and placed on the agenda of the Council at its forty-sixth session.

9. The Trusteeship Council began its examination of the annual report at its 1484th meeting, on 21 May 1979. At the same meeting, and at the 1485th meeting, on the same day, the representatives of the United States and the Special Representatives of the Administering Authority, Mr. Juan A. Sablan, Deputy High Commissioner of the Trust Territory, and Mr. Carlos S. Camacho, Governor of the Northern Mariana Islands, made opening statements. Speaker Sadang Silmai, of the Palau Legislature, Senator Benjamin T. Manglona of the Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Legislature and Mr. Anton DeBrum of the Government of the Marshall Islands, Special Advisers to the United States delegation, also made statements. Senator Bailey Olter of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, who also served as Special Adviser to the United States delegation made a statement at the 1486th meeting, on 22 May 1979.

10. At the 1488th and 1489th meetings, on 25 and 26 May and 1490th meeting on 29 May, questions were put to the representatives of the United States, the Special Representatives, the special advisers and advisers by members of the Trusteeship Council. At its 1490th and 1491st meetings, on 29 and 30 May, the Council held a general debate on conditions in the Trust Territory.

11. At the 1492nd meeting, on 30 May, the Council appointed a Drafting Committee, composed of the representatives of France and the United Kingdom, to propose, on the basis of the discussion which had taken place in the Council, conclusions and recommendations on conditions in the Trust Territory and to make recommendations

^{1/} 1978 Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, October 1, 1977 to September 30, 1978, Thirty-first annual report to the United Nations on the administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. Transmitted by the United States of America to the United Nations pursuant to Article 88 of the Charter of the United Nations (Department of State Publication 8972, Guam).

concerning the chapter on conditions in that Territory for inclusion in the Council's report to the Security Council.

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C. EXAMINATION OF PETITIONS

12. During the examination of the annual report of the Administering Authority on the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (T/1803), the Trusteeship Council heard 12 petitioners. The petitioners' requests for oral petitions had been circulated in documents T/PET.10/138, T/PET.10/139 and Add.1, T/PET.10/140 and T/PET.10/142-T/PET.10/147.

13. At the same session, the Trusteeship Council had before it 19 communications which had been circulated in documents T/COM.10/L.235 to T/COM.10/L.253 under rule 24 of the rules of procedure of the Trusteeship Council.

14. The Council also examined the following written petitions circulated in accordance with rule 85, paragraph 1, of its rules of procedure:

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- D. UNITED NATIONS VISITING MISSION TO OBSERVE THE REFERENDUM
IN THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, 1978

/To be completed/

- E. UNITED NATIONS VISITING MISSION TO OBSERVE THE REFERENDUM
IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC
ISLANDS, MARCH 1979

/To be completed/

- F. UNITED NATIONS VISITING MISSION TO OBSERVE THE REFERENDUM
IN PALAU, TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, 1979

/To be completed/

- G. ATTAINMENT OF SELF-GOVERNMENT OR INDEPENDENCE BY TRUST
TERRITORIES AND THE SITUATION IN TRUST TERRITORIES WITH
REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON
THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES
AND PEOPLES

/To be completed/

H. 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

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I. OTHER QUESTIONS CONSIDERED BY THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories

15. The United Nations programme of scholarships for inhabitants of Trust Territories was initiated pursuant to General Assembly resolution 557 (VI) of 18 January 1952. Under the procedure approved by the Trusteeship Council for the administration of this programme, the Secretary-General was invited to submit to the Trusteeship Council at least once a year a report containing all appropriate details of the programme.

16. The report of the Secretary-General submitted to the Council at its forty-sixth session 1/ covered the period from 25 May 1978 to 24 May 1979. Up-to-date information concerning the scholarships made available under the programme, as well as the extent to which awards had been made to, and utilized by, students from the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, was requested by the Secretary-General in a note dated 12 April 1979, addressed to each of the 11 Member States that had offered scholarships under the programme. In a note dated 23 May 1979, the Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics informed the Secretary-General that, at present, no inhabitants from the Trust Territory were studying in the Soviet Union.

17. At its 1491st meeting, on 30 May, the Council considered the report of the Secretary-General on the scholarship programme for inhabitants of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

18. During the consideration of the report, the representative of the United States said that one of the greatest achievements in the development of the Trust Territory had been the advancement of education. His Government continued to make every effort to prepare Micronesians for responsibilities which they were already assuming as the end of the Trusteeship period approached. The Administering Authority was offering opportunities for expanded higher education not only within Micronesia but also in the United States through its government programmes.

19. He stated that during the year under review, a total of 1,150 grants and loans had been made to Micronesian students by the Government of the Trust Territory

1/ Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Forty-sixth Session, Sessional Fascicle, annexes, document T/1809.

and from special federal programmes. An estimated number of 1,500 students were studying in colleges outside the Trust Territory with private support and through direct federal student assistance programmes.

20. The representative of the United States informed the Council that on 6 April 1979, the Guam Legislature had taken action to lower tuition fees for Trust Territory students who pursued their studies at the University of Guam. Micronesians attending that university would now be considered residents of Guam for that purpose. The measure would reduce the cost of tuition for Micronesian students by 60 per cent, at an estimated saving of \$75,000 annually.

21. The United States representative pointed out that the Government of the Trust Territory continued to give maximum publicity to educational opportunities available outside the Trust Territory. Information on scholarships and fellowships offered by States Members of the United Nations was disseminated in the Trust Territory through educational institutions. Although language differences made it difficult for Micronesians to take full advantage of the offers of scholarships made by States Members of the United Nations, a number of scholarships had nevertheless been accepted. His Government was grateful to those countries which had extended such assistance and it would encourage other States Members, particularly those in the Pacific region, to offer further educational opportunities.

22. At the same meeting, the Trusteeship Council decided to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the scholarship programme.

Dissemination of information on the United Nations and the
International Trusteeship System in Trust Territories

23. The annual report of the Secretary-General 2/ on the arrangements undertaken in co-operation with the Administering Authority for distributing official records of the United Nations and disseminating information concerning the aims and activities of the United Nations and the International Trusteeship System in the Trust Territory was submitted to the Council at its forty-sixth session, in accordance with the provisions of Trusteeship Council resolution 36 (III) of 8 July 1948 and General Assembly resolution 754 (VIII) of 9 December 1953.

24. The report, covering the period from 1 May 1978 to 30 April 1979, set out the activities carried out by the Department of Public Information through its information centre in Tokyo, in disseminating information on the United Nations.

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2/ Ibid., document T/1807.

Co-operation with the Committee on the Elimination of
Racial Discrimination

/To be completed/

Decade for Action to Combat Racism and
Racial Discrimination

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PART II. CONDITIONS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

/This part will include the chapter on conditions in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands as it is finally adopted by the Trusteeship Council at its forty-sixth session./
