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DURING THE SECOND SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Ruanda Urundi

In the report covering its second and third sessions (General Assembly Official Records, third session, Supplement No. 4 (A/603)) the Trusteeship Council refers to the question of administrative union between the Trust Territory of Ruanda Urundi and the Belgian Congo in its observations on pages 6 and 7 and in its conclusions and recommendations on page 9. The statement of minority views by the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is contained in the appendix under paragraph 1 (i) (12, 13, 14) and on pages 46 and 47.

New Guinea

The review of conditions based on information supplied by the Administering Authority concerning the administrative union of the Trust Territory of New Guinea with the neighbouring Australian territory of Papua is contained on page 11. Observations of the Trusteeship Council concerning the proposed administrative union are on pages 13 and 14 and the conclusions and recommendations are on pages 16 and 17 of the same document. The statement of minority views by the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is in the appendix on page 48.

Tanganyika

The review of conditions in Tanganyika based on the report of the Administering Authority of 1947 concerning the inter-territorial organization linking the Trust Territory of Tanganyika with Kenya and Uganda is contained on page 19, observations of the Trusteeship Council are on pages 27 and 28 and conclusions and recommendations on page 31. The statement of minority views by the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is on pages 48 and 49 in the appendix.

II. Index of observations regarding the question of Administrative Unions:

A. Second and third sessions of the Trusteeship Council

The summary of observations of the representatives on the Trusteeship Council may be classified under the following headings describing subjects discussed and referring to pages of respective records of the Trusteeship Council. The title of the official records of the third session of the Trusteeship Council is abbreviated to "third session".

(a) New Guinea

The proposed administrative union of the Trust Territory of New Guinea with the Australian Territory of Papua was discussed during the consideration of the Annual Report on the Administration of New Guinea for the period

/1 July 1946 to

1 July 1946 to 30 June 1947 by the second and third sessions of the Trusteeship Council.

1. Criteria concerning administrative unions
China (third session, pp. 387-388).
Iraq (third session, p. 304).
Mexico (document T/PV.44, p. 16-20).
U.S.S.R. (third session, p. 394).
U.S.A. (third session, pp. 304-305).
2. Distinct status and separate identity of the Trust Territory
Australia (T/PV.43, pp. 24-28; third session, p. 291, 295, 297).
Belgium (third session, pp. 306, 307).
China (third session, pp. 296, 387-388).
France (third session, p. 399).
Mexico (third session, pp. 298, 308-309).
U.S.S.R. (third session, p. 394).
U.K. (third session, p. 395).
U.S.A. (T/PV.43, pp. 48-50; third session, pp. 295, 384-385).
3. Reasons for or against the administrative union
Australia (T/PV.43, pp. 42-43; third session, p. 296).
China (T/PV.43, pp. 37, 38-42; third session, pp. 296, 387-388).
France (third session, p. 293).
4. Interests of the inhabitants
Australia (T/PV.44, p. 28; third session, p. 296).
Belgium (third session, pp. 294, 390).
China (T/PV.43, pp. 38-42; third session, pp. 387-388).
France (T/PV.44, pp. 13-15, 26-27; third session, p. 293).
Mexico (third session, pp. 308, 309).
U.S.S.R. (third session, p. 394).
U.S.A. (T/PV.43, pp. 48-49; third session, pp. 384-385).
5. Consultation of the wishes of the population
U.S.S.R. (third session, p. 311).
6. Conformity with the terms of the Trusteeship Agreement
China (third session, pp. 387, 388).
7. Equal treatment clause of Article 76 d of the Charter
U.S.A. (third session, p. 332).
8. Effective exercise of the functions by the Trusteeship Council
U.S.A. (T/PV.43, pp. 48-50; T/PV.44, p. 31; third session, pp. 384-385).
9. Prior consultation of the Trusteeship Council
Australia (T/PV.43, p. 51; third session, pp. 291, 404-405).

/Mexico

Mexico (T/FV.44 p. 16-18).

U.S.A. (T/FV.43, p. 48-50; T/FV.44, p. 31).

10. Legislative Council for Papua and New Guinea

China (T/FV.43, p. 41; third session, p. 387-388).

11. Seat of the united administration

Australia (third session, p. 297).

China (third session, p. 297).

12. Administrative delimitation of provinces

Australia (third session, p. 296).

China (third session, p. 296).

Mexico (third session, p. 296).

U.S.A. (third session, p. 385).

13. Economic and financial implications

Australia (third session, p. 295).

China (T/FV.43, p. 41).

U.S.S.R. (third session, p. 394).

U.S.A. (third session, p. 295).

(b) Ruanda Urundi

1. Conformity with the basic objectives of the Trusteeship System

Australia (third session, pp. 267, 268).

Belgium (third session, pp. 32, 33, 266).

U.S.S.R. (third session, pp. 32, 261, 262, 423, 424, 439).

2. Distinct status and separate identity of the Trust Territory

Belgium (third session, pp. 32, 33).

U.S.S.R. (third session, pp. 32, 261, 262, 423, 424, 439).

U.S.A. (third session, p. 33).

3. Criteria regarding administrative unions

Belgium (third session, p. 33).

U.S.A. (third session, p. 33).

4. Interests of the inhabitants

Belgium (third session, pp. 32, 33).

U.S.S.R. (third session, pp. 261, 423, 424).

5. Customs union

Belgium (Third session, pp. 33, 39).

U.S.A. (third session, pp. 38, 39).

6. Fiscal implications

Belgium (third session, p. 39).

U.S.A. (third session, pp. 38, 39).

7. Economic progress

U.S.S.R. (third session, pp. 261, 423, 424, 439).

8. Social progress

Belgium (third session, p. 48).

U.S.S.R. (third session, pp. 261, 423, 424).

U.S.A. (third session, p. 48).

(c) Tanganyika

1. Conformity with the basic objectives of the Trusteeship System

Belgium (third session, p. 139).

China (third session, pp. 138, 270).

Mexico (third session, pp. 140, 141, 270, 271).

Philippines (third session, pp. 140, 162).

U.S.S.R. (third session, pp. 271, 272, 274).

U.K. (third session, p. 162).

2. Conformity with the terms of the trusteeship agreement

Belgium (third session, p. 139).

China (third session, pp. 138, 139, 269).

Mexico (third session, pp. 270, 271).

U.S.S.R. (third session, pp. 272, 274).

3. Criteria regarding the administrative union

Australia (third session, p. 138).

China (third session, pp. 142, 269, 270).

Mexico (third session, pp. 161, 162, 270, 271).

U.S.S.R. (third session, p. 160).

U.K. (third session, pp. 136, 141, 142, 160, 161, 162).

U.S.A. (third session, pp. 133, 134).

4. Distinct status and separate identity of the Trust Territory

China (third session, pp. 138, 139, 142, 269, 270).

Mexico (third session, pp. 141, 270, 271).

U.K. (third session, pp. 136, 141, 142).

U.S.A. (third session, pp. 133, 134, 137).

5. Effective exercise of the supervisory functions of the Trusteeship Council

Australia (third session, p. 279).

China (third session, pp. 138, 270).

France (third session, p. 279).

Mexico (third session, pp. 141, 270, 271).

New Zealand (third session, p. 140).

U.S.S.R. (third session, pp. 272, 274).

U.K. (third session, p. 136).

U.S.A. (third session, pp. 133, 134, 136, 137).

6. Prior consultation of the Trusteeship Council
Australia (third session, pp. 138, 279).
Belgium (third session, p. 139).
China (third session, p. 269).
France (third session, pp. 279, 280).
New Zealand (third session, p. 140).
Philippines (third session, p. 281).
U.K. (third session, pp. 135, 136).
U.S.A. (third session, pp. 133, 134, 136).
7. Consultation of the wishes of the population
China (third session, pp. 143, 144, 148).
Costa Rica (third session, pp. 146, 147).
Mexico (third session, p. 150).
U.K. (third session, pp. 143, 144, 146, 147, 148, 151, 197).
U.S.S.R. (third session, p. 197).
8. Composition of the East Africa Central Legislative Assembly
Costa Rica (third session, pp. 146, 147).
Mexico (third session, pp. 150, 151).
New Zealand (third session, p. 148).
U.K. (third session, pp. 146, 147, 148, 149, 151, 152, 153).
U.S.A. (third session, p. 153).
9. Powers of the East Africa Central Legislative Assembly
Mexico (third session, pp. 161, 162).
U.K. (third session, p. 162).
10. Economic progress
China (third session, p. 168).
U.K. (third session, p. 168).
11. Fiscal implications
U.K. (third session, pp. 141, 142).
12. Customs implications
U.K. (third session, pp. 141, 142).

B. Summary of discussions regarding Administrative Unions during the second session of the General Assembly

There was no specific discussion regarding the question of administrative unions in the Fourth Committee and its Sub-Committee 1 during the second session of the General Assembly.

During the consideration of the draft terms of the Trusteeship Agreement of Nauru in Sub-Committee 1 the representative of Australia stated that the draft agreement contained no provision for the creation of a customs or fiscal union with any other Territory. (A/C.4/SC.1/SR.31, page 2).

/The representative

The representative of Belgium referred to this fact noting that this was one of the clauses of the other agreements which had been the subject of criticism. (A/C.4/SC.1/SR.29, page 5).
