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CONDITIONS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY OF WESTERN SAMOA

Argentina: Amendment to the draft report proposed by the Drafting Committee
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1. Insert the following recommendation at the end of the sub-section on suffrage (page 13):

"The Trusteeship Council, noting that the franchise among Samoans remains confined to the matai and that no progress has yet been made in extending it along the lines suggested by the Council at its fourth and seventh sessions, and noting further that the Visiting Mission considered that there was little prospect that the Samoans would agree to any widening of the franchise in the immediate future, recommends that the Administering Authority undertake consultations with the indigenous population at all levels with a view to devising a plan for the progressive extension of suffrage in the Territory and report thereon to the Council at its tenth session."

2. Insert the following recommendation at the end of the sub-section on the judiciary (page 16):

"The Trusteeship Council, noting the view of the Visiting Mission that the Samoan principle of sharing offices and not permitting incumbents to retain them for further terms is delaying the increased participation of Samoans in judicial matters, recommends that the Administering Authority in consultation with the Samoans take appropriate steps to secure the tenure of Samoan associate judges in such manner as will enable them to obtain the experience necessary for fuller participation in the administration of justice."

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3. Insert the following recommendation at the end of the sub-section on the status of the inhabitants (page 17):

"The Trusteeship Council, reaffirming its view as to the importance of resolving the difficult problem of the differentiation in status as between Samoans and Europeans, requests the Administering Authority to give all possible assistance and encouragement to the inhabitants, both within and outside the Legislative Assembly, to the end that an early solution may be agreed upon."

4. Add the following at the end of the sub-section on standard of living (page 30):

"The Trusteeship Council requests the Administering Authority to include in its next annual report such information on the standard of living as may have been provided by the survey of agriculture, and to undertake such other studies as may be necessary to enable the Council to appraise the living standards of the inhabitants."
