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## CONDITIONS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY OF NAURU

### Report of the Drafting Committee

1. At its 1239th meeting on 16 June 1964, the Trusteeship Council appointed a Drafting Committee composed of the representatives of China and the United States of America to propose, on the basis of the discussions which had taken place in the Council, conclusions and recommendations on conditions in the Trust Territory of Nauru and to make recommendations concerning the chapter on conditions in that Territory for inclusion in the next report of the Trusteeship Council to the General Assembly.
2. The Drafting Committee held two meetings. The Committee had the assistance of the representative of the Administering Authority.
3. In the light of the general discussion in the Council on conditions in the Territory, the Committee drafted a number of conclusions and recommendations which it considered as reflecting the opinions of the majority of the members of the Council and which are set forth in the Annex of the present report.
4. The Committee considers that the Trusteeship Council may wish to adopt the revised working paper on conditions in the Trust Territory of Nauru (T/L.1072/Rev.1) as the basic text for the chapter on conditions in that Territory to be included in the next report of the Trusteeship Council to the General Assembly and that it adopt the conclusions and recommendations set out in the Annex below and include them at the end of each appropriate section or sub-section of the chapter.



## ANNEX

### Draft Conclusions and Recommendations

#### I. GENERAL

1. The Council invites the Administering Authority to append to its forthcoming annual reports, all laws, regulations, ordinances and other legislative acts enacted during the year under review.

#### Future of the Nauruans

2. The Council reaffirms that the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, the Trusteeship Agreement and the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples (resolutions 1514 (XV) and 1541 (XV) of the General Assembly) should be fully applied to the Trust Territory of Nauru,

3. The Council notes that the Head Chief of Nauru, on behalf of the Nauru Local Government Council, informed the Director of Nauruan resettlement that the Australian Government's proposals were in some respects unacceptable to the Nauru Local Government Council, which would be making counter proposals.

4. The Council notes that, pending final decision by the Nauruan people, the Administering Authority has acquired certain parts of Curtis Island to ensure its continuing availability for Nauruan resettlement and that the Queensland Housing Commission is preparing designs of suitable housing for the locality.

5. The Council is aware that consultations are in progress between the Australian Government and the Nauru Local Government Council with regard to the future of the Territory and that a meeting is scheduled for July 1964.

6. The Council, appreciating the difficulties involved, urges the Nauruan leaders and the Australian Government to continue their consultations aimed at a harmonious solution, bearing in mind the legitimate desire of the Nauruan people to preserve their national identity.

#### II. POLITICAL ADVANCEMENT

7. The Council notes that the Nauru Local Government Council Ordinance was amended by an Ordinance which came into operation on 4 October 1963, and widened the powers of the Council. Recalling its recommendation adopted at the thirtieth

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session and the conclusions reached by the United Nations Visiting Mission 1962, the Council considers that before the next vital stage of constitutional advance is undertaken, there should be full consultation with the elected leaders of the people and to that end an Advisory Committee should be set up as quickly as possible to consider the whole matter of future legislative and executive authority of Nauru. The Council endorses once more the views of the Visiting Mission which suggested that the Advisory Committee might be composed of all members of the present Nauru Local Government Council sitting with the Administrator and a representative of the Department of Territories together with a legal officer experienced in constitutional matters. The Advisory Committee's task would be to work out and put forward for consideration constitutional plans for full Nauruan participation in the legislative and executive administration of Nauru. The Council hopes that the Administering Authority will take the necessary steps in this direction and will make a report to the next session of the Trusteeship Council.

Civil service: training and appointment of indigenous persons for positions of responsibility in the Administration

8. The Council notes with approval that the review of the organization and classification of the Public Service was carried out by an officer of the Department of Territories in August and September 1963 and that the establishment of the Service was increased from 501 positions to 566.

9. The Council notes further that the organization of the Service provides for the positions of Official Secretary, Government Surveyor, and Mothercraft Nurse to be occupied by Nauruans and that Nauruan officers have now been appointed to these positions.

10. The Council recommends to the Administering Authority that it continue to make available all positions in the Public Service to Nauruans possessing the appropriate qualifications and urges the Administering Authority to continue to intensify special training facilities in order to enable Nauruans to obtain these qualifications.

### III. ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT

#### General

11. The Council is pleased to note that the first annual meeting between representatives of the British Phosphate Commissioners and the Nauruan elected representatives, as suggested by the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Trust Territory of Nauru, 1962, to discuss matters of mutual interest and concern, has taken place. The Council is confident that this initial contact between the representatives of the Nauru Local Government Council and the British Phosphate Commissioners will lead to a mutual understanding and a better and closer co-operation between the parties concerned. It hopes that the Commissioners will not object to the presence of a professional adviser who may be included in later meetings in the delegation designated by the Nauru Local Government Council.

12. The Council notes that the British Phosphate Commissioners agreed to an increase in the rate of coco-nut land rentals in temporary leases and in the rate of compensation paid for trees necessarily destroyed. It further notes that the British Phosphate Commissioners offered to increase the Landowners Royalty, the Landowners Investment Fund Royalty and the Nauru Royalty Trust Fund Royalty and that these offers will be discussed in meetings between the representatives of the Nauru Local Government Council and the Administering Authority scheduled to meet in July 1964.

13. The Council reiterates its belief that further consultations between representatives of the British Phosphate Commissioners and the Nauruan elected representatives will be instrumental in ensuring the equitable sharing of the proceeds of phosphate mining.

### IV. SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT

#### Public health

14. The Council notes with approval the inauguration by the Administering Authority of an educational campaign on nutrition in schools and infant welfare clinics; it expresses the hope that the Administering Authority will continue its efforts to assist further the Nauruan people to improve their standard of nutrition.

15. The Council notes that the Administering Authority has purchased and will instal. later this year modern electrostatic precipitator units to ensure the reduction of the principal phosphate dust nuisance to negligible proportions. The Council hopes that the Administering Authority will continue to undertake all the necessary steps in this direction.

16. The Council is pleased to note that provisions were made by the Administering Authority to increase considerably the water storage available to Nauruans and that this water was made available free of charge to the Nauru Local Government Council.

#### V. EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT

17. The Council notes that the task of bringing all Administration primary schools under one integrated system has been completed by combining the Aiwo and Yaren Schools from the beginning of 1964.

18. The Council notes the increase in the number of Administration scholarships awarded to Nauruans from twelve to fifteen and the fact that two additional junior scholarships tenable by pupils at Form I level were awarded in the 1963 ~~examinations~~ examinations. It also notes that additional scholarships are available to every Nauruan student age 17 years or less who passes the intermediate certificate examination.

19. The Council hopes that the Administering Authority will pay particular attention to encouraging young Nauruans to take advantage of the availability of scholarships under the United Nations programme and in Australia.

20. The Council hopes that the Administering Authority will continue to give its special attention to the training of Nauruan teachers at the professional level.

21. The Council notes the proposal of the British Phosphate Commissioners to extend their present trade-training facilities by establishing an apprenticeship school for Nauruans and hopes that this proposal will be realized in the near future.

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