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INTRODUCTION

1. In accordance with Article 83 of the Charter, 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. ACTIVITIES OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

Examination of the annual report

2. The report of the Government of the United States of America on the administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands for the year ended 30 June 1965 was transmitted to the members of the Trusteeship Council on 25 May 1966 by a note of the Secretary-General (T/1652) and placed on the agenda of the Council at its thirty-third session.
3. The examination of the annual report was begun at the 1272nd meeting, held on 27 June 1966, with an opening statement by the Special Representative of the Administering Authority, Mr. William R. Norwood, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory. Mr. Francis Nuuan, currently Treasurer of the Yap Island Congress and Member of the Congress of Micronesia, who served as an adviser to the United States delegation, also made a statement on the over-all development of the Trust Territory.
4. At the 1273rd to 1275th meetings, questions were put to the Special Representative and to Mr. Nuuan by members of the Council. At its 1275th meeting, the Council began a general discussion of conditions in the Trust Territory, which was continued at the 1276th and 1277th meetings and concluded at the 1279th meeting. At that meeting, the Council appointed a Drafting Committee composed of the representatives of Australia and France to draft that part of its report to the Security Council dealing with conditions in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

5. At the 1287th meeting, the Council considered the report of the Drafting Committee (T/L.1111) and amendments were proposed orally by the representatives of Australia, China, Liberia, New Zealand, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America. The conclusions and recommendations as amended, contained in the report of the Drafting Committee, were adopted by the Council at the same meeting on 12 July 1966. The report on conditions in the Territory as finally adopted at the _____ meeting, forms part II below.

Examination of petitions

6. At its thirty-third session, the Trusteeship Council had on its agenda the following two petitions: (a) a petition transmitting a resolution by the Mariana Islands District Legislature requesting the Administering Authority to favourably consider changing the political status of the inhabitants of the District by making them citizens of the United States (T/PET.10/L.10); (b) a petition from the eighteenth Saipan Municipal Legislature transmitting six resolutions concerning war damage claims, the power of the Congress of Micronesia over United States grants and local tax revenues appropriated by the local legislature, an official plebiscite in the Mariana Islands District on the reintegration of the Mariana Islands, medical services for the people of Saipan, an investigation of violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms of the inhabitants of Saipan, and the wishes of the Mariana Islands District to withdraw from the Congress of Micronesia (T/PET.10/L.11).

7. These two petitions, mentioned above, raised general problems which had been considered by members of the Council during the discussions of conditions in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. At its 1287th meeting, the Council decided, without objection, to take note of these two petitions, which required no further action.

Report of the World Health Organization (WHO)

8. The WHO report (T/1647) on its investigation of the complaints contained in a petition concerning the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (T/PET.10/37) was transmitted to the members of the Trusteeship Council on 14 January 1966 and placed on the agenda of the Council at its thirty-third session. At its

1272nd meeting, on 27 June 1966, the Council decided to consider the WHO report in conjunction with the report of the United States Government on the administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands for the period from 1 July 1964 to 30 June 1965 (T/1652). The representative of WHO introduced the report. Statements and comments on the WHO report were made by all Council members from the 1273rd to the 1279th meetings.

9. The delegation of Liberia submitted a draft resolution (T/L.1112), expressing the Council's appreciation to WHO for its valuable report, drawing the Administering Authority's attention to the findings and conclusions of the WHO team of investigation, noting the statement of the representative of the Administering Authority concerning its expanded programme of corrective measures in public health, and urging the Administering Authority to intensify its efforts to overcome deficiencies and to take advantage of WHO and other United Nations assistance. The draft resolution was unanimously adopted by the Trusteeship Council at its 1287th meeting on 12 July 1966.

United Nations Visiting Mission to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, 1967

10. At its 1290th meeting on 15 July 1966, the Trusteeship Council decided to dispatch a regular visiting mission to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands in 1967. It decided at the 1293rd meeting that the Governments of Australia, France, Liberia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland should be invited to submit nominations for membership of the Visiting Mission.

11. At the same meeting, on 20 July 1966, the Council unanimously adopted a draft resolution (T/L.1113/Rev.1) co-sponsored by the delegations of China and New Zealand, which set forth the terms of reference of the Visiting Mission. In this resolution, the Council directed the Visiting Mission (a) to investigate and report as fully as possible on the steps taken in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands towards the realization of the objectives set forth in Article 76 b of the Charter of the United Nations, and to pay special attention to the question of the future of the Territory in the light of the relevant sections of the Charter and the Trusteeship Agreement, bearing in mind the provisions of relevant Trusteeship Council and General Assembly resolutions, including resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and 1541 (XV) of 15 December 1960; (b) to give

attention, as might be appropriate in the light of discussions in the Trusteeship Council and of resolutions adopted by it, to issues raised in connexion with the annual reports on the administration of the Territory, in the petitions received by the Council concerning the Territory, in the reports of the previous periodic visiting missions to the Territory and in the observations of the Administering Authority on those reports; (c) to give attention to the observations and conclusions of the report of the World Health Organization (T/1647) on its investigation of complaints contained in a petition concerning the Territory; (d) to receive petitions, without prejudice to its acting in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Council, and to investigate on the spot such of the petitions as, in its opinion, warrant special investigation; and (e) to secure, in consultation with the Secretary-General, an expert in agriculture and an expert on economic development as consultants to the Visiting Mission if it deems it appropriate. Finally, the Council requested the Visiting Mission to submit to the Council as soon as practicable a report on the visit to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands containing its findings with such observations, conclusions and recommendations as it might wish to make.

12. At the meeting on 20 July 1966, the Council also approved the nominations of Mr. Pierre Basdevant (France) and Miss Angie Brooks (Liberia) as members of the Visiting Mission and decided that the remaining nominations would be approved automatically when received. Miss Angie Brooks was elected Chairman of the Mission.

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

This part will include the report on conditions in the Trust Territory as finally adopted by the Trusteeship Council at its thirty-third session.
