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PERIOD FROM 18 JUNE 1971 TO JUNE 1972

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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. ACTIVITIES OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

A. 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 ending 30 June 1971 was transmitted to members of the Trusteeship Council on 11 May 1971 by a note of the Secretary-General (T/1735) and placed on the agenda of the Council at its thirty-ninth session.

3. The Trusteeship Council began its examination of the annual report at the 1389th meeting, held on 24 May 1972. The representative of the United States and the Special Representative of the Administering Authority, Mr. Edward E. Johnston, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory, made opening statements. Senator Andon Amaraich and Representative Polycarp Basilius, members of the Congress of Micronesia, who served as Special Advisers to the United States delegation, also made statements.

4. At the 1390th and 1391st meetings, on 25 May, and at the 1392nd meeting on 26 May, questions were put to the representative of the United States, the Special Representative and the Special Advisers by members of the Trusteeship Council. At the 1393rd and 1394th meetings, on 30 May, the Council held a general debate on conditions in the Trust Territory.

5. At the 1398th meeting, on 2 June, the representative of the United States, the Special Representative, and the Special Advisers, Senator Amaraich and Representative Basilius made closing statements. At the same meeting, the Council appointed a drafting committee composed of the representatives of Australia and France, 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 concerning the chapter on conditions in that Territory for inclusion in the Council's report to the Security Council.

6. At the _____ meeting on _____ June, the Council considered the report of the Drafting Committee (T/L.1173) /to be completed later/.

B. Examination of petitions

7. During the examination of the annual report on the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (T/1735) at its thirty-ninth session, the Trusteeship Council heard four petitioners. The petitioners' request for oral hearing had been circulated in document T/PET/10.71.

8. At its thirty-ninth session the Trusteeship Council had before it 11 communications which had been circulated in documents T/COM.10/L.74 to T/COM.10/L.84, under rule 24 of the rules of procedure of the Trusteeship Council.

9. The Trusteeship Council examined these communications at its 1392nd meeting on 26 May and decided, without objection, to take note of them.

10. The Trusteeship Council also had on its agenda the following written petitions which had been circulated in accordance with rule 85, paragraph 1, of the Council's rules of procedure:

(a) A petition (T/PET.10/68) transmitting Senate Joint Resolution No. 66 S.D.1 of the Congress of Micronesia informing the United Nations that the Trust Territory was interested in obtaining the services of the United Nations Volunteer Corps.

(b) A petition (T/PET.10/69) from Mr. Ataji Balos, member of the Congress of Micronesia, concerning medical treatment and financial compensation for the people of Rongelap and Utirik atolls, Marshall Islands.

(c) A petition (T/PET.10/70) from Mr. Balerio U. Pedro concerning compensation for exploitation of phosphate deposits on Angaur Island, Palau District, before the Second World War.

11. In regard to the petitions in documents T/PET.10/68 and T/PET.10/71, the Trusteeship Council, at its 1392nd meeting on 26 May 1972, decided, without objection, to draw the attention of the petitioners, as appropriate, to the oral observations of the Administering Authority and the relevant statements made by members of the Council at that meeting.

12. The Trusteeship Council considered the petitions contained in documents T/PET.10/69 and T/PET.10/70 at its 1393rd meeting, on 30 May, and decided, without objection, to take note of them.

C. UNITED NATIONS VISITING MISSION TO THE TRUST
TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, 1973

13. At its 1403rd meeting, on 14 June, the Trusteeship Council decided to dispatch a periodic visiting mission to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands in 1973. The Council further decided that the Mission should be composed of members nominated by the Governments of Australia, France, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

14. In its resolution 2157 (XXXIX) of 14 June 1972, the Council set forth the terms of reference of the Visiting Mission. In this resolution, the Council directed the 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 Articles of the Charter and the Trusteeship Agreement, and bearing in mind the relevant provisions of Trusteeship Council and General Assembly resolutions, including Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and 1541 (XV) of 15 December 1960; (b) to give attention, as may be appropriate in the light of discussion 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 receive petitions, without prejudice to its action 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. Finally the Council requested the Mission to submit to the Council as soon as practicable a report on its visit to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands containing its findings, with such observations, conclusions and recommendations as it may wish to make.

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 thirty-ninth session.]
