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**PROPOSAL TO HOLD A CONFERENCE TO IMPLEMENT  
THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER XI OF THE CHARTER  
REGARDING NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES**

**Request from the Delegation for the Philippines  
for the Inclusion of an Additional Item in the Agenda**

The following letter and resolution have been received from the  
Delegation for the Philippines:

November 1, 1946

My dear Mr. President:

In behalf of the Philippine Delegation to the United Nations,  
I have the honor to request inclusion of the proposal to hold a  
conference to implement the provisions of Chapter XI of the Charter  
regarding non-self-governing territories, in the Agenda of the  
second part of the first session of the General Assembly. A draft  
resolution embodying the concrete proposal of the Philippine  
Delegation is enclosed.

Accept, Mr. President, the assurances of our highest esteem and  
consideration.

(sgd) Carlos P. Romulo

The President of the General Assembly  
United Nations  
New York

enc.

ANNEX

DRAFT RESOLUTION

Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations declares that the obligation to promote to the utmost the political, economic, social and educational well-being of the inhabitants of the non-self-governing territories is accepted as a sacred trust by all members of United Nations which have or assume responsibilities for the administration of these territories, and paragraph 1 of the Resolution on non-self-governing peoples adopted during the first part of the first session of the General Assembly draws attention to the fact that the obligations accepted by Members of the United Nations under said Chapter XI are already in full force.

Chapter XI does not provide any agency through which the non-self-governing peoples, who are under Members of the United Nations, may express their views on their economic, social and educational problems, voice their aspirations to self-government or the progressive development of their free political institutions, or air their grievances against the violation or denial of their fundamental human rights.

The implementation of Chapter XI is especially imperative in view of the fact that the international trusteeship system and the Trusteeship Council contemplated by Chapters XII and XIII of the Charter which, it is hoped, will ultimately embrace all non-self-governing territories under the control of Members of the United Nations, have not yet been established. Moreover, the Resolution of the General Assembly of 9 February 1946 on non-self-governing peoples, invites only States administering mandated territories to enter into trusteeship agreements with the United Nations.

THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS:

1. RESOLVES to authorize the holding of a conference of non-self-governing peoples to which Chapter XI of the Charter applies.

2. REQUESTS the Economic and Social Council to convoke said conference, in accordance with the following guiding principles:

(a) The conference shall be purely informative in character and the discussions shall be conducted with a view to enabling the Economic and Social Council to formulate proper recommendations, and the General Assembly to take appropriate action, to effectively insure the fulfilment of the obligations assumed by the metropolitan powers in the declaration regarding non-self-governing territories embodied in Chapter XI of the Charter.

(b) Delegates shall be elected by the representative organs of each territory entitled to participate in the conference; in the absence of any representative organ, delegates shall be selected in such manner as to insure popular representation as far as may be permitted by the particular circumstances of the territory concerned.

(c) The conference shall be held in such place as may be determined by the Economic and Social Council and at such time as would enable said Council to submit its report on the proceedings of the conference, together with its recommendations, before the opening of the next regular session of the General Assembly.

3. URGES the Economic and Social Council to initiate studies and to formulate recommendations to the end that the conference may become a permanent body, enlarging the scope of its functions, and defining its relations with other specialized international organizations.

