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## REPORTS OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

Report of the Fourth CommitteeRapporteur: Mr. K. NATWAR SINGH (India)

1. At its 1336th plenary meeting, on 24 September 1965, the General Assembly by adopting the recommendations of the General Committee decided to include in the agenda and to allocate to the Fourth Committee an item entitled "Reports of the Trusteeship Council".<sup>1/</sup>
2. The Fourth Committee considered the item at its 1588th, 1591st and 1593rd meetings, on 14, 16 and 18 December.
3. At the 1588th meeting, on 14 December, the President of the Trusteeship Council introduced the reports of the Council covering the periods from 27 June 1963 to 29 June 1964 and from 30 June 1964 to 30 June 1965.<sup>2/</sup>
4. At the 1591st meeting, on 16 December, the representative of Liberia introduced a draft resolution concerning the Trust Territory of Nauru on behalf of Algeria, Ethiopia, Guinea, Liberia, Libya, Sierra Leone, Togo and the United Republic of Tanzania (A/C.4/L.825).
5. At the 1593rd meeting, on 18 December, the representative of Liberia introduced a draft resolution concerning the Trust Territory of New Guinea and the Territory of Papua, which was finally sponsored by Algeria, Ethiopia, Guinea, India, Liberia, Libya, Sierra Leone and Togo (A/C.4/L.826 and Corr.1).

<sup>1/</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Nineteenth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/5804); ibid., Twentieth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/6004).

<sup>2/</sup> Ibid.

6. At the same meeting, the representative of Sudan, on behalf of Burundi, Cameroon, Ghana, Mauritania, Nepal, Nigeria, Rwanda, the Sudan, the United Arab Republic and Yugoslavia, submitted an amendment (A/C.4/L.829) to the draft resolution concerning the Trust Territory of Nauru (A/C.4/L.826 and Corr.1), to replace operative paragraph 3, which read:

"Calls upon the Administering Authority to take further immediate steps, in consultation with the House of Assembly, to implement fully resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960;"

by the following:

"Calls upon the Administering Authority to fully implement General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and, to this end, to fix an early date for independence in accordance with the freely expressed wishes of the people:".

7. The representative of Algeria, speaking on behalf of the sponsors, stated that the sponsors of the draft resolution (A/C.4/L.826 and Corr.1) had accepted the amendment (A/C.4/L.829).

8. The sponsors of the draft resolution concerning the Trust Territory of Nauru (A/C.4/L.825) revised the text of the ninth preambular paragraph of the draft resolution by replacing the words "to restore the island devastated by the Phosphate Commission for habitation by the Nauruan people," by the words "to restore, for habitation of the Nauruan people, the land worked out by the Phosphate Commission,".

9. The draft resolution concerning the Trust Territory of Nauru (A/C.4/L.825), as orally revised, was adopted by the Committee by 61 votes to none, with 19 abstentions (see paragraph 11 below, draft resolution I).

10. The draft resolution concerning the Trust Territory of New Guinea and the Territory of Papua (A/C.4/L.826) and Corr.1), as amended, was adopted by the Committee by 61 votes to none, with 19 abstentions (see paragraph 11 below, draft resolution II).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

11. The Fourth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions.

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Question of the Trust Territory of Nauru

The General Assembly,

Having examined the chapters of the reports of the Trusteeship Council relating to conditions in the Trust Territory of Nauru,<sup>1/</sup>

Taking note of the report on Nauru submitted by the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Trust Territories of Nauru and New Guinea, 1965,<sup>2/</sup>

Having examined the chapters of the reports of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the Trust Territory of Nauru,<sup>3/</sup>

Reaffirming the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 on the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Noting that, in compliance with the request of the Trusteeship Council at its thirty-first session, the Administering Authority and representatives of the Nauruan people, in June 1965 at the Canberra Conference, pursued further the question of a future home for the Nauruan people which would preserve their national identity,

Noting further the conclusions of the Trusteeship Council at its thirty-second session, to the effect that the Administering Authority was unable to satisfy fully the Nauruans' conditions that they be able to resettle as an independent people and that they should have territorial sovereignty in their new place of residence, and as the offer of Australian citizenship was unacceptable to the Nauruans, they decided not to proceed with the proposal

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<sup>1/</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Nineteenth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/5804), part II, chapter II; *ibid.*, Twentieth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/6004), part II, chapter II.

<sup>2/</sup> Report on Nauru of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Trust Territories of Nauru and New Guinea, 1965 (T/1645)

<sup>3/</sup> A/5800/Add.6, chapter XIX. A/6000/Add. 7, chapter XVIII.

for resettlement on Curtis Island and the Australian Government has discontinued action on this proposal,<sup>4/</sup>

Endorsing the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Special Committee concerning this Territory,

Recalling the proposals made by the Nauruan representatives to the Administering Authority for the establishment of a Legislative Council by 31 January 1966 and the granting of independence on 31 January 1968 after two years of legislative experience through an Executive Council in the forms and procedure of democratic political administration and in the executive processes,

Considering the decision of the Nauruan people to stay on the island of Nauru and their request to the Administering Authority to restore, for habitation of the Nauruan people, the land worked out by the Phosphate Commission,

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of Nauru to self-government and independence;
2. Calls upon the Administering Authority to take immediate steps to implement the proposal of the representatives of the Nauruan people in establishing a Legislative Council by 31 January 1966;
3. Requests the Administering Authority to fix the earliest possible date, but not later than 31 January 1968, for independence of the Nauruan people in accordance with their wishes;
4. Further requests that immediate steps be taken by the Administering Authority towards restoring the island of Nauru for habitation by the Nauruan people as a sovereign nation;
5. Calls upon the Administering Authority to report to the Trusteeship Council at its thirty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Question of the Trust Territory of New Guinea and the  
Territory of Papua

The General Assembly,

Having received the reports of the Trusteeship Council covering the periods from 27 June 1963 to 29 June 1964 and from 30 June 1964 to 30 June 1965,<sup>1/</sup>

Having examined the chapters of the reports of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the Trust Territory of New Guinea and the Territory of Papua,<sup>2/</sup>

Recalling the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Taking note of the conclusions contained in the reports of the Trusteeship Council,

Endorsing the recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee on these Territories,

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of New Guinea and Papua to freedom and independence;

2. Notes that the Administering Authority has not yet taken sufficient steps towards the full implementation of the Trusteeship Agreement and resolution 1514 (XV);

3. Calls upon the Administering Authority to fully implement General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and, to this end, to fix an early date for independence in accordance with the freely expressed wishes of the peoples;

4. Requests the Administering Authority to report to the Trusteeship Council at its thirty-third session and to the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples on the implementation of the present resolution;

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Nineteenth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/5804); ibid., Twentieth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/6004).

2/ A/5800/Add.6, chapter XIX; A/6000/Add.7, chapter XVIII.

5. Requests the Trusteeship Council and the Special Committee to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-first session.

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