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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

Report of the Fourth Committee

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INTRODUCTION

1. At its 1564th plenary meeting, on 23 September 1967, 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 "Report of the Trusteeship Council".^{1/}
2. The Fourth Committee considered the item at its 1739th, 1740th, 1741st, 1745th and 1750th meetings, between 6 and 14 December.
3. In its consideration of this item, the Committee noted that the chapter of the report 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 concerning the Trust Territory of Nauru, Papua and the Trust Territory of New Guinea (A/6700/Add.13, chapter XX) was related to this item.
4. At the 1739th meeting, on 6 December, the President of the Trusteeship Council introduced the report of the Council covering the period from 1 July 1965 to 26 July 1966^{2/} and the special report of the Council on its thirteenth special session, held on 22 and 23 November 1967 (A/6926).
5. The Committee had before it a letter dated 7 November 1967 from the Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/6704).

^{2/} Ibid.

(A/6903) and the reports of the Commonwealth of Australia on the administration of the Trust Territory of Nauru (A/6924) and New Guinea (A/6925) for the period from 1 July 1965 to 30 June 1966.

I. TRUST TERRITORY OF NAURU

6. The Committee considered the question of the Trust Territory of Nauru at its 1739th to 1741st meetings, on 6 and 7 December.

7. At the 1739th meeting, on 6 December, the representative of Australia introduced a draft resolution (A/C.4/L.879), the operative paragraphs of which read as follows:

"1. Notes the formal announcement by the Administering Authority that, following the resumed talks between representatives of the Nauruan people and of the Administering Authority, it has been agreed that Nauru should accede to independence on 31 January 1968;

"2. Welcomes the statement made in the Fourth Committee by the representatives of the Governments of Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as the Administering Authority that the Administering Authority has agreed to meet the request of the representatives of the Nauruan people for full and unqualified independence;

"3. Resolves accordingly, in agreement with the Administering Authority, that the Trusteeship Agreement for the Territory of Nauru approved by the General Assembly on 1 November 1947 shall cease to be in force upon the accession of Nauru to independence from 31 January 1968."

8. At the 1740th meeting, on the same day, the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the Congo (Democratic Republic of), Dahomey, Ghana, Iraq, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Somalia, the Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen and Zambia, introduced amendments (A/C.4/L.881), by which the following paragraphs would be added as operative paragraphs 4 and 5:

"4. Calls upon all States to respect the independence and the territorial integrity of the independent State of Nauru;

"5. Urges the organs of the United Nations concerned and the specialized agencies to render all possible assistance to the people of Nauru in their endeavour to build a new nation."

Subsequently, Indonesia became a sponsor of the amendments (A/C.4/L.881/Add.1).

9. At the 1741st meeting, on 7 December, the representative of Syria introduced an oral amendment to the draft resolution, by which, in operative paragraph 2, the words "has agreed to meet" were replaced by the words "has complied with". This oral amendment was accepted by Australia.
10. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the twenty-Power amendments (A/C.4/L.881 and Add.1) by a vote of 98 to none. The draft resolution (A/C.4/L.879), as amended (A/C.4/L.881 and Add.1), and as further orally revised, was adopted unanimously (see paragraph 15 below, draft resolution I).

II. PAFUA AND THE TRUST TERRITORY OF NEW GUINEA

11. The Committee considered the question of Papua and the Trust Territory of New Guinea at its 1745th and 1750th meetings, on 11 and 14 December.
12. At the 1745th meeting, on 11 December, the representative of Liberia introduced a draft resolution concerning Papua and the Trust Territory of New Guinea (A/C.4/L.886).
13. At its 1750th meeting, on 14 December, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (A/C.4/L.886) by a roll-call vote of 64 to 8, with 19 abstentions (see paragraph 15 below, draft resolution II). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Congo (Democratic Republic of), Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Southern Yemen, Spain, Sudan, Syria, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Against: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Austria, Botswana, Ceylon, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Maldive Islands, Norway, South Africa, Sweden, Thailand.

III. COMPOSITION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

14. At the 1750th meeting, on 14 December, the Fourth Committee, on the proposal of the Chairman, decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it should take note of paragraphs 10 to 15 of the special report of the Trusteeship Council on its thirteenth special session concerning the composition of the Trusteeship Council (A/6926).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

15. The 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,

Recalling the Trusteeship Agreement for the Territory of Nauru approved by the General Assembly on 1 November 1947,

Recalling its resolutions 2111 (XX) of 21 December 1965 and 2226 (XXI) of 20 December 1966,

Mindful of the relevant 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,

Having considered the special report of the Trusteeship Council on its thirteenth special session,^{1/}

1. Notes the formal announcement by the Administering Authority that, following the resumed talks between representatives of the Nauruan people and of the Administering Authority, it has been agreed that Nauru should accede to independence on 31 January 1968;

2. Welcomes the statement made in the Fourth Committee by the representatives of the Governments of Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as the Administering Authority that the Administering

^{1/} A/6926.

Authority has complied with the request of the representatives of the Nauruan people for full and unqualified independence;

3. Resolves accordingly, in agreement with the Administering Authority, that the Trusteeship Agreement for the Territory of Nauru approved by the General Assembly on 1 November 1947 shall cease to be in force upon the accession of Nauru to independence from 31 January 1968;

4. Calls upon all States to respect the independence and the territorial integrity of the independent State of Nauru;

5. Urges the organs of the United Nations concerned and the specialized agencies to render all possible assistance to the people of Nauru in their endeavour to build a new nation.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Question of Papua and the Trust Territory of New Guinea

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Recalling further its resolutions 2112 (XX) of 21 December 1965 and 2227 (XXI) of 20 December 1966,

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of Papua and New Guinea to self-determination and independence in accordance with resolution 1514 (XV);

2. Reaffirms its previous position as contained in General Assembly resolutions 2112 (XX) of 21 December 1965 and 2227 (XXI) of 20 December 1966;

3. Calls upon the administering Power to take the necessary measures to implement without delay the provisions of the above-mentioned resolutions.
