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ADMINISTRATIVE UNIONS AFFECTING TRUST TERRITORIES:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, on 18 November 1948, adopted resolution 224 (III) concerning administrative unions affecting Trust Territories and requested the Trusteeship Council to report specifically to the next regular session of the General Assembly on the results of its investigations and the action taken by it.

2. The Secretary-General has the honour to refer to resolution 109 (V)* adopted by the Trusteeship Council on 18 July 1949, the text of which is reproduced below:

"The Trusteeship Council,

"Having received General Assembly resolution 224 (III) of 18 November 1948,

"Having established in accordance with this resolution a Committee on administrative unions,

"Having received an interim report** and a report*** from this Committee and having examined these reports at its fourth and fifth sessions;

"Transmits to the General Assembly the report of the Committee, the replies of the Administering Authorities to questions prepared by the Committee**** and other documentation collected by the Committee during its study;

"Informs the General Assembly that in accordance with the penultimate paragraph of this resolution it will continue to study and examine the operation of existing or future administrative unions in all their aspects;

* T/379.

** T/263.

*** T/338, T/338/Add.1.

*** T/333 (chapter II), T/361/Add.1 (section 1, paragraph (b)).

"Recalling that the General Assembly approved the Trusteeship Agreements upon the assurance of the Administering Powers that they do not consider the terms of the relevant articles in the Trusteeship Agreements 'as giving powers to the Administering Authority to establish any form of political association between the Trust Territories respectively administered by them and adjacent territories which would involve annexation of the Trust Territories in any sense or would have the effect of extinguishing their status as Trust Territories',*

"Notes the assurances by the Administering Authorities that the administrative arrangements under consideration do not extinguish the political identity of the Trust Territories;

"Takes note of the assurances by the Administering Authorities that the administrative arrangements under consideration by the Council are not inconsistent with the objectives of the International Trusteeship System or with the terms of the Trusteeship Agreements;

"Decides that in order to safeguard the identity and status of the Trust Territories, the Council should continue to study during its regular examination of conditions in Trust Territories the effects of existing or proposed administrative unions on the political, economic, educational and social advancement of the inhabitants, on the status of the Trust Territories as such and on their separate development as distinct entities;

"Requests the Administering Authorities concerned to make the fullest possible effort to furnish in their annual reports separate records, statistics and other information on each Trust Territory in order to safeguard the effective exercise of the Council's supervisory functions."

3. With particular reference to the fourth paragraph of the above resolution, the Secretary-General wishes to call the attention of the Members of the General Assembly to the following documentation:

Interim report of the Committee on Administrative Unions (T/263);

Report of the Committee on Administrative Unions (T/338, T/338/Add.1).

4. The other documentation collected by the Committee in connexion with its study is itemized and to some extent summarized in its reports.

5. The report of the Trusteeship Council to the General Assembly** refers to the problem of administrative unions in its chapter V, paragraph 1.

* See Official Records of the second part of the first session of the General Assembly, Fourth Committee, part I, page 300.

** A/933.