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President: Mr. Awni KHALIDY (Iraq).

Present:

The representatives of the following States members of the Trusteeship Council: Australia, Belgium, China, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, France, Iraq, New Zealand, Thailand, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

The representative of the following specialized agency: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Examination of the annual report on the Trust Territory of Tanganyika for the year 1951 and of the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in East Africa, 1951, on that Territory (T/946 and Corr.1, T/977, T/989, T/1012) (continued)

[Agenda item 4 (b)]

REPORT OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE (T/L.276 and Corr.1, T/L.291, T/L.301, T/L.320)

1. The PRESIDENT: The Council will vote first on document T/L.320, containing the amendments suggested by the Secretariat to document T/L.276, on conditions in the Trust Territory of Tanganyika.

Document T/L.320 was adopted by 10 votes to 1.

2. The PRESIDENT: The Council will now vote on the report as a whole, consisting of documents T/L.276 and Corr.1, T/L.291, T/L.301 and T/L.320.

The report as a whole was adopted by 10 votes to 1.

Examination of the annual report on the Trust Territory of Togoland under French administration for the year 1951 (T/994, T/1012) (continued)

[Agenda item 4 (e)]

REPORT OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE (T/L.280 and Corr.1, T/L.311, T/L.322, T/L.325)

3. The PRESIDENT: If there are no observations with respect to document T/L.322, containing the

amendments suggested by the Secretariat to document T/L.280, on conditions in the Trust Territory of Togoland under French administration, and document T/L.325, containing the summary of observations of individual members of the Council, I take it that the Council approves the inclusion of these two documents in the report.

It was so decided.

4. The PRESIDENT: The Council will now vote on the report as a whole, consisting of documents T/L.280 and Corr.1, T/L.311, T/L.322 and T/L.325.

The report as a whole was adopted by 9 votes to 1, with 1 abstention.

Examination of the annual report on the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under British administration for the year 1951 (T/992, T/1012) (continued)

[Agenda item 4 (f)]

REPORT OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE (T/L.290 and Corr.1, T/L.314, T/L.318, T/L.323)

5. Mr. SOLDATOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics): I do not object to the inclusion in the Council's report of the summary of the observations made by individual members of the Council (T/L.323), but I would request that the amendments suggested by the Secretariat (T/L.318) to its own working paper (T/L.290) should be put to a vote.

Document T/L.318 was adopted by 10 votes to 1.

6. The PRESIDENT: Since there are no objections to the inclusion of document T/L.323 in the report, it will be so included.

It was so decided.

7. The PRESIDENT: I shall now put to the vote the report as a whole, consisting of documents T/L.290 and Corr.1, T/L.314, T/L.318 and T/L.323.

The report as a whole was adopted by 10 votes to 1.

Examination of the annual report on the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under French administration for the year 1951 (T/995, T/1012) (continued)

[Agenda item 4 (g)]

REPORT OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE (T/L.294 and Corr.1 and 2, T/L.321, T/L.327, T/328)

8. The PRESIDENT: The Council will now vote on the report of the Drafting Committee (T/L.321), paragraph by paragraph. Wherever one of the USSR proposals contained in document T/L.296 is relevant, the Council will vote on that first.

The first Soviet Union proposal was rejected by 10 votes to 1.

Paragraph 8 of the report was adopted by 9 votes to 1, with 1 abstention.

Paragraph 9 of the report was adopted by 9 votes to 1, with 1 abstention.

The second Soviet Union proposal was rejected by 10 votes to 1.

Paragraphs 10 and 11 of the report were adopted by 10 votes to 1.

Paragraph 12 of the report was adopted by 10 votes to 1.

Paragraph 13 of the report was adopted by 10 votes to 1.

Paragraph 14 of the report was adopted by 10 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

The fourth Soviet Union proposal was rejected by 10 votes to 1.

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Paragraphs 15 and 16 of the report were adopted by 10 votes to 1.

The sixth Soviet Union proposal was rejected by 9 votes to 1, with 1 abstention.

Paragraph 17 of the report was adopted by 10 votes to 1.

Paragraph 18 of the report was adopted by 10 votes to 1.

Paragraph 19 of the report was adopted by 10 votes to 1.

The third Soviet Union proposal was rejected by 10 votes to 1.

The seventh Soviet Union proposal was rejected by 8 votes to 1, with 2 abstentions.

Paragraph 20 of the report was adopted by 10 votes to 1.

Paragraph 21 of the report was adopted by 10 votes to 1.

9. The PRESIDENT: We shall now vote on the report as a whole, which comprises documents T/L.294 and Corr.1 and 2, T/L.321, T/L.327 and T/L.328.

The report as a whole was adopted by 9 votes to 1, with 1 abstention.

Appointment of the Standing Committee on Petitions

10. The PRESIDENT stated that the term of office of the existing Standing Committee on Petitions would expire at the end of the current session; it would therefore be necessary to elect a new committee which would remain in office until the end of the twelfth session of the Council.

After discussion, the following States were appointed members of the Standing Committee on Petitions:

Belgium, by 9 votes to none, with 2 abstentions;

New Zealand, by 9 votes to none, with 2 abstentions;

The United States of America, by 9 votes to none, with 2 abstentions;

China, by 9 votes to 1, with 1 abstention;

The Dominican Republic (as from the twelfth session), by 10 votes to none, with 1 abstention;

El Salvador, by 10 votes to none, with 1 abstention; The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, by 10 votes to none.

- 11. Mr. SOLDATOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) explained that his delegation had voted against the election of an illegal representative of China as a member of the committee.
- 12. Mr. S. S. LIU (China) stated that because of the illegal attitude taken by the representative of the Soviet Union, the Chinese delegation had refused to participate

in the vote on the proposal to elect the Soviet Union as a member of the committee.

Adoption of the report of the Trusteeship Council to the General Assembly (T/L.307 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2)

[Agenda item 16]

13. The PRESIDENT: In connexion with this report, the delegations of the Dominican Republic and El Savador have submitted a draft resolution (T/L.326). As these two delegations have no observations to make, I shall put the draft resolution to the vote.

The draft resolution was adopted by 9 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.

- 14. Mr. SCHEYVEN (Belgium): I should like to explain briefly my abstention in the vote on document T/L.326. My delegation has no prejudices against UNESCO—on the contrary—but we consider it unfortunate to voice satisfaction with regard to UNESCO alone, because we greatly appreciate the work done by the other United Nations specialized agencies. Since document T/L.326 refers only to UNESCO, my delegation preferred to abstain.
- 15. The PRESIDENT: Before putting the report to the vote, may I draw your attention to the fact that the resolution just adopted will take its place in the report of this Council to the General Assembly.
- 16. I shall now put the Council's report to the General Assembly (T/L.307 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2) to the vote.

The report was adopted by 10 votes to 1.

Agenda for the second part of the eleventh session

17. The PRESIDENT: As the members of the Council know, a second part of the eleventh session is to be held not later than 7 November 1952 to consider the special report of the Visiting Mission on the Ewe and Togoland unification question. As that part of the session will occur at a time when the General Assembly is in session, it is essential to reduce the matters to be discussed then to a minimum. As a matter of fact, I myself did not think there were other matters to discuss at that time, but these remarks have been submitted by the Secretariat:

"In addition to the main question which the Council will discuss, the Council may wish to take up other questions.

"First, a visiting mission (or missions) is to proceed to the Trust Territories in the Pacific during 1952. As the early part of the year may be the most convenient for such a visit and as it would be desirable that the mission should report to the Council in time for consideration at its summer session, when the annual reports on the Territories concerned will be discussed, it may be suggested that the arrangements for the visit should be completed in November.

"Secondly, in view of the fact that only five annual reports are due for consideration during 1953, all of which would be taken up at the summer session, the Council may wish to consider in November whether it wishes to hold a winter session at all in the light of progress than achieved in the General

Assembly in examining the report of the Council. The Council would then be able to consider further the pattern of its future meetings in the light of the memorandum of the Secretary-General [T/1025-E/2298] discussed at the 454th meeting.

"It may be suggested, therefore, that the question of the programme of the future meetings of the Council should appear on the agenda, which would accordingly read as follows:

- "1. The Ewe and Togoland unification problem: special report of the Visiting Mission.
- "2. Arrangements for a visiting mission to Trust Territories in the Pacific during 1953.
- "3. Programme of future meetings of the Council."

 18. Is it the wish of the Council to discuss in November only the one item which we have agreed upon so far, or should we discuss afterwards the two other items: arrangements for a visiting mission to Trust Territories in the Pacific during 1953 and the programme of future meetings of the Council? Perhaps the Council would like to take its decision later on, that is to say, in November.
- 19. Sir Alan BURNS (United Kingdom): I should be quite happy to have those three items put down as a provisional agenda on the understanding that the agenda would be considered at the beginning of the second part of the session in November.
- 20. The PRESIDENT: I think that is a very good solution. It would give time to members to consider the position. If that is the wish of the Council, therefore the provisional agenda will consist of the three items I have stated, and the Council will be free, when it meets in November, to decide what action to take with respect to those items.

It was so decided.

Closing of the first part of the eleventh session

- 21. Mr. GERIG (United States of America): As we are about to adjourn, I should like to take the opportunity - and I think all my colleagues would agree with me - to express a word of appreciation for the manner in which the President has enabled us to conduct our business at this session. It has been a long session, and we have had a heavy agenda. The weather has not always been conducive to work, and yet under the President's chairmanship we have been able to complete our work with efficiency. The President has conducted our business with fairness and impartiality, and at all times he has presided over us with striking courtesy. He has kept us in good cheer all the time, and I feel that all my colleagues will agree that we owe him a vote of thanks. I should like to express, especially on behalf of my own delegation, this word of appreciation for the way he has presided over us at this session. I wish to thank him very much.
- 22. Mr. S. S. LIU (China): I associate myself with everything that the representative of the United States has said and, in the name of my delegation, I congratulate and thank the President for the manner in which he has conducted the meetings of this Council during this session.
- 23. Miss BERNARDINO (Dominican Republic): My delegation joins with the delegations of the United States and China in thanking and congratulating the

President. The competence and courtesy with which the Iraqi representative has carried out his duties will remain printed on our memory.

- 24. Mr. MUNRO (New Zealand): My delegation would like to be associated with what has already been said. We have enjoyed—and that is the word I want to use—sitting under the President's chairmanship. We have laughed along with the President, and I wish to thank him personally too.
- 25. Mr. PIGNON (France): My delegation wishes to associate its congratulations with those already addressed to the President, who has directed our work so brilliantly and efficiently.
- 26. Sir Alan BURNS (United Kingdom): I should be glad to associate myself with my colleagues who have previously spoken in thanking the President for the way he has conducted the affairs of the Council.

 27. Mr. SCHEYVEN (Belgium): My delegation wishes to join in the tributes paid to the President and to thank him for the way he has presided over the Council.
- 28. Mr. EGUIZABAL (El Salvador): We add our tribute to the President to the tributes already voiced and wholeheartedly agree with everything that has been said by previous speakers.
- 29. The PRESIDENT: If the Council will allow me to say a final word in reply to the very kind expressions that the members have been good enough to accord me, it is a great honour to be President of a main organ of the United Nations; but I think it is a greater honour to me personally to be able to have the confidence of the Council and to be accepted as President over such a great number of men—great in brain, in courtesy and in common sense. I have tried to be fair and objective. Perhaps I have not always succeeded in being so. But whenever I succeeded, the thanks should go to the members—to you gentlemen—who have accepted my co-operation so graciously and kindly.

- When I have not succeeded, then I assure the members it was not consciously. I have been very conscious of this honour my country and my Government too and I shall always cherish the memory of having been associated with the members in the President's chair, as I have been associated in years past with the membership.
- 30. It has not always been easy for me to see how outsiders could derive any enjoyment from the work of this Council, the work of the Council being so technical and at times a little lacking in interest. Yet I have received many testimonials from the outside bearing on the value and great work this Council is doing, and I naturally agree with them. The members of the Council may like to hear, however, a true story of an event which happened before my eyes and ears. It is a measures of the technical nature and work of this Council. I was in one of the elevators in the building and there were many people in it - some weeks ago. There were a few people who were evidently visitors. The lady asked the man, "Have you visited everything?" He said, "Yes, practically everything." She said, "Have you been to the Trusteeship Council?" The man said, "Oh, that? For that you need five or six Ph.D. degrees to know what they are talking about." I heartily agree with him. If I may add, you also need a visit to the Trust Territories.
- 31. I feel very honoured at having been President of this Council, and I could not close my intervention without very hearty thanks and congratulations to every member who has accepted my co-operation very graciously, especially my friends, the representatives of the United States, China, the Dominican Republic, New Zealand, France, the United Kingdom, Belgium and El Salvador, who have been kind enough to express a few gracious words about me. I thank the members very much indeed.

The meeting rose at 3.30 p.m.