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**President:** Mr. Mason SEARS (United States of America).

*Present:*

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

The representative of the following State non-member of the Trusteeship Council: Italy.

The representatives of the following specialized agencies: International Labour Organisation; Food and Agriculture Organization.

**Examination of the annual report of the Administering Authority on the administration of the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration for the year 1954 (*concluded*)**

[Agenda item 4 (a)]

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. de Holte Castello (Colombia) and Mr. Salah (Egypt), representatives of States members of the United Nations Advisory Council for the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration, took places at the Council table.*

**DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY SYRIA CONCERNING THE FRONTIER BETWEEN THE TRUST TERRITORY OF SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION AND ETHIOPIA (T/L.593/REV.2, T/L.618) (*concluded*)**

1. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to continue its consideration of the draft resolution submitted by Syria (T/L.593/Rev.2).

2. The United States had submitted an amendment (T/L.618) to the draft resolution, which would replace, in the operative paragraph, the words "that it avail itself of the mediation" by the words "and the Government of Ethiopia that at the appropriate time they consider the desirability of applying the".

3. Mr. ASHA (Syria) said that he had two separate comments to make on the United States amendment. In the first place, the Council would be making a recommendation to the Ethiopian Government; but, as Ethiopia was not a member of the Council, the Council was not competent to address recommendations to it. His delegation did not think there was any precedent for such a procedure and it saw no reason to establish one; it was therefore unable to accept the words "and the Government of Ethiopia".

4. In the second place, the United States used the words "at the appropriate time". It was very difficult to decide in advance what was or was not the appropriate time. Furthermore, the General Assembly had fixed a date — July 1955. The amendment went on to speak of "the desirability...". Such a vague expression might not be out of place in diplomatic language but it was unlikely to achieve tangible results. The Syrian delegation was therefore unable to accept the second part of the United States amendment.

5. In a spirit of conciliation, however, and in order to reaffirm his expressions of confidence in the negotiations and the negotiators and to embody most of the views expressed by the Council members, the Syrian delegation would amend its draft resolution, replacing the present operative paragraph by two paragraphs, which would read as follows:

"1. Expresses the hope that direct negotiations will yield the concrete results envisaged in General Assembly resolution 854 (IX);

"2. Recommends to the Administering Authority that in the event present negotiations fail, it avail itself of the mediation procedure contained in General Assembly resolutions 392 (V) and 854 (IX)."

6. Mr. MULCAHY (United States of America) thanked the Syrian representative for his conciliatory attitude and withdrew his amendment (T/L.618) to the original operative paragraph.

7. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the Syrian draft resolution, as amended by the author.

*The draft resolution was adopted by 7 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.*

8. Mr. SALAH (Egypt), United Nations Advisory Council for Somaliland, expressed his delegation's gratitude to all those who had praised the Egyptian Government's assistance to Somaliland in the economic and educational fields.

9. He had an idea to put forward in connexion with the role played by the Trusteeship Council in shaping the destinies of the Trust Territories. With one single exception, the Council had held all its sessions at Headquarters. He felt that if the Council were to meet occasionally in Africa, near the populations to whom it was

devoting its efforts, its moral force would be increased. That would also be an effective way of disseminating information on the United Nations. There would of course be financial obstacles in the way of such an idea but he did not think that the United Nations should always be guided by considerations of that nature. It would be a pity, for the sake of a few thousand dollars, to abandon a project which was likely to help in attaining the objectives of the Charter.

*Mr. de Holte Castello (Colombia) and Mr. Salah (Egypt), representatives of States members of the United Nations Advisory Council for the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration, took places at the Council table.*

**Examination of the annual report of the Administering Authority on the administration of the Trust Territory of Western Samoa for the year 1954 (T/1190, T/1192) (concluded)**

[Agenda item 4 (b)]

REPORT OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE (T/L.612, T/L.616)

10. Mr. GIDDEN (United Kingdom), Chairman of the Drafting Committee on Western Samoa, introduced the report (T/L.612), which had been adopted unanimously thanks to the co-operative attitude of the three members of the Committee. He expressed his appreciation of the assistance the Drafting Committee had received from the Secretariat.

11. The PRESIDENT called upon the Council to vote first on the conclusions and recommendations in the annex to the report.

*The conclusions and recommendations in paragraph 14 were adopted by 11 votes to none, with 1 abstention.*

*The conclusion in paragraph 21 was adopted by 9 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.*

*The conclusion in paragraph 26 was adopted by 9 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.*

12. Mr. GRUBYAKOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) asked for a separate vote on each of the two sub-paragraphs of the conclusions and recommendations in paragraph 53.

*The first sub-paragraph was adopted by 9 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.*

*The second sub-paragraph was adopted by 10 votes to 1, with 1 abstention.*

13. Mr. TARAZI (Syria) asked for a separate vote on the first part of the conclusions and recommendations in paragraph 66, as far as the words "the question of salaries".

*The first part, as far as the words "the question of salaries", was adopted by 9 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.*

*The remainder was adopted by 11 votes to none, with 1 abstention.*

*Paragraph 66 as a whole was adopted by 11 votes to none, with 1 abstention.*

*The conclusions and recommendations in paragraph 77 were adopted by 11 votes to none, with 1 abstention.*

*The conclusions and recommendations in paragraph 96 were adopted by 11 votes to none, with 1 abstention.*

*The conclusions and recommendations in paragraph 103 were adopted by 11 votes to none, with 1 abstention.*

*The conclusions and recommendations in paragraph 118 were adopted by 11 votes to none, with 1 abstention.*

*The outline of conditions contained in the annex of the report of the Drafting Committee on Western Samoa (T/L.612) were adopted by 10 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.*

14. The PRESIDENT requested the Council to decide whether the summary of observations made by individual members of the Council during the general debate and the observations of the representative and the special representative of the Administering Authority (T/L.616) should be included in the council's report to the General Assembly on conditions in the Trust Territory of Western Samoa.

*The Council decided, by 10 votes to none, with 2 abstentions, that the summary should be included in its report.*

*The report on conditions in the Trust Territory of Western Samoa, as a whole, was adopted by 9 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.*

**Examination of petitions (concluded)**

[Agenda item 5]

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIFTH REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS: PETITIONS CONCERNING RUANDA-URUNDI (T/L.605)

15. The PRESIDENT requested the Council to consider the report of the Standing Committee (T/L.605). He pointed out that the Committee had no draft resolution to propose in connexion with petition T/PET.3/79 and he drew the Council's attention to paragraphs 11 and 12 of section I of the report, which gave the text of a draft resolution and an amendment which, after two equally divided votes, had failed of adoption in the Standing Committee. In such cases the Council voted on the proposals which had been submitted in the Standing Committee.

16. He accordingly put to the vote the preamble of the draft resolution which appeared in paragraph 11 of section I of the report.

*The preamble was adopted by 10 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.*

17. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the operative paragraph of the draft resolution contained in paragraph 11.

*The operative part was adopted by 7 votes to 3, with 1 abstention.*

18. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the paragraph proposed by the USSR representative, contained in paragraph 12.

*The paragraph was rejected by 6 votes to 5.*

*The draft resolution as a whole was adopted by 6 votes to 3, with 3 abstentions.*

19. Mr. BENDRYSHEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) explained that he had voted against the draft resolution because it implied approval of the alienation of land from the indigenous inhabitants, and in that his delegation could not concur.

*Draft resolution II was adopted by 6 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.*

*The recommendation in paragraph 3 of the introduction of the report (T/L.605) was adopted by 6 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.*

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIXTH REPORT OF THE  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS: PETITIONS  
CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH  
ADMINISTRATION (T/L.613)

20. The PRESIDENT requested the Council to take up the report of the Standing Committee (T/L.613) and to vote separately on each of the draft resolutions which appeared in the annex of the report of the Standing Committee on Petitions (T/L.613).

*Draft resolution I was adopted by 6 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.*

*Draft resolution II was adopted by 6 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.*

*Draft resolution III was adopted by 6 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.*

*Draft resolution IV was adopted by 6 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.*

*The recommendation in paragraph 3 of the introduction of the report was adopted by 6 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.*

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVENTH REPORT OF THE  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS (T/L.614)

21. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the recommendations in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the report of the Standing Committee (T/L.614).

*The recommendation in paragraph 2 was adopted by 7 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.*

*The recommendation in paragraph 3 was adopted unanimously.*

**Report of the Secretary-General on credentials  
(T/1194, T/1195)**

[Agenda item 2]

22. The PRESIDENT requested the Council to examine the report of the Secretary-General on credentials (T/1194).

23. Mr. GRUBYAKOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) asked for a separate vote on the credentials of the Kuomintang representative, who could not represent China in the Council since the only legitimate representative of China would be a representative appointed by the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China.

24. Mr. JAIPAL (India) said he would like the Council to put the credentials of each delegation to the vote separately, as had been the practice at the last two or three sessions.

25. Mr. ROBBINS (United States of America) thought that it was unnecessary to vote separately on parts of the report, since the Secretary-General had found all the credentials in order. He asked that, under rule 60 of the rules of procedure, the Council should decide by a vote whether it wished to vote separately on the credentials of each delegation. His delegation would oppose the proposal for separate votes.

26. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the proposal that the credentials mentioned in the Secretary-General's report should be voted upon separately.

*The proposal was rejected by 9 votes to 3.*

27. Mr. BARGUES (France) explained that he would not have ventured to break with a firmly established tradition of courtesy in the Council had it not been for the fact that during the present session, when one member of the Council had requested a separate vote, another had asked that the request should be put to the vote. He had wished to show what disadvantages that precedent had had.

28. Mr. GRUBYAKOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) observed that a precedent had existed long before the one to which the French representative was referring.

29. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the report of the Secretary-General on credentials (T/1194).

*The report was adopted by 9 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.*

30. Mr. GRUBYAKOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) explained that he had abstained because in his opinion the Kuomintang representative was not competent to represent China.

31. Mr. S. S. LIU (China) declared that his delegation was the legitimate representative of China. He hoped that the President, like his predecessors, would rule that the designations that had just been applied to the Chinese delegation were out of order.

32. The PRESIDENT confirmed that the ruling of the President remained the same, namely, that members of the Council represented their Governments, and not political parties.

33. Mr. JAIPAL (India) and Mr. TARAZI (Syria) explained that they had abstained because the Council had not agreed to a separate vote on the report and because they viewed with disfavour the indiscriminate invocation of rule 60 of the rules of procedure.

34. The PRESIDENT requested the Council to examine the note by the Secretary-General (T/1195) on the designation of Mr. Garcia as Philippine observer at the sixteenth session of the Council.

35. Mr. BARGUES (France) reminded the Council that at its thirteenth session (524th meeting) it had acknowledged that the rules of procedure did not permit any mention of observers in the report on credentials, since the rules made no provision for observers. It was nevertheless encouraging that as a number of other Governments that were not members of the Council had done at previous sessions, the Philippine Government had appointed one of its representatives to attend the session. The Council should approve the presence of such representatives, not as observers, but as representatives of a Member State.

36. He accordingly proposed that the Secretariat should add to its report to the General Assembly a paragraph on the designation of observers to the Council similar to the one on the same subject in its report on the thirteenth and fourteenth sessions (A/2680, p. 1).

*It was so decided.*

The meeting rose at 3.55 p.m.