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President: Mr. Miguel Rafael URQUIA (El Salvador).

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 representative of the following specialized agencies: International Labour Organisation.

Examination of petitions (*concluded*)

[Agenda item 4]

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS CONCERNING SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION (T/L.550, T/L.556)

One hundred and fifteenth report of the Standing Committee on Petitions (T/L.550)

1. The PRESIDENT asked the members of the Council to vote on the draft resolutions in the annex to the Committee's report (T/L.550).

2. Mr. TARAZI (Syria) asked for a separate vote on the last paragraph of draft resolution I.

Draft resolution I up to, but not including, the last paragraph was adopted by 8 votes to none, with 4 abstentions.

The last paragraph was adopted by 11 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Draft resolution I as a whole was adopted by 9 votes to none, with 3 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 11 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Draft resolution V was adopted by 7 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

Draft resolution VI was adopted unanimously.

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

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

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

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

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

The recommendation in paragraph 3 of the introduction to the report was adopted by 7 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

One hundred and sixteenth report of the Standing Committee on Petitions (T/L.556)

3. The PRESIDENT asked the members of the Council to vote on the draft resolutions in the annex to the Committee's report (T/L.556).

Draft resolution I was adopted by 11 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Draft resolution II was adopted by 11 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

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.

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

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

Draft resolution VII was adopted by 9 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

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

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

Draft resolution X, with drafting amendments to the French text, was adopted by 7 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

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

The recommendation in paragraph 3 of the introduction to the report was adopted by 7 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS (T/L.557)

The recommendation in paragraph 2 was approved unanimously.

The recommendation in paragraph 3 was approved unanimously.

The recommendation in paragraph 4 was approved unanimously.

Examination of conditions in the Trust Territory of Ruanda-Urundi: (a) annual report of the Administering Authority (T/1134, T/1150, T/1159); (b) petition circulated under rule 85, paragraph 2, of the rules of procedure of the Trusteeship Council (T/COM.3/L.15); (c) report of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in East Africa, 1954 (T/1141, T/1164 and Corr.2) (continued)

[Agenda items 3 (b), 4 and 5 (b)]

REPORT OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE (T/L.567)

4. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to consider the Drafting Committee's conclusions and recommendations contained in paragraphs 7 to 35 of its report (T/L.567).

5. Mr. JAIPAL (India) submitted written amendments to paragraphs 9, 11, 12, 19 and 20 and a number of additional recommendations (T/L.569).

6. Mr. TARAZI (Syria) submitted an additional recommendation (T/L.570).

7. The PRESIDENT proposed that consideration of the new recommendations and the paragraphs of the Drafting Committee's report to which the written amendments applied should be postponed until the relevant texts were available in all the official languages.

It was so decided.

8. Mr. JAIPAL (India) recalled that at its tenth session (411th meeting) the Trusteeship Council had decided that "as a general principle, no general observations by the Council on conditions in Trust Territories should be included in the sections entitled "General" of the relevant chapters of its reports..." (T/976, p. 30-31). His delegation would therefore vote against paragraph 8 of the Drafting Committee's recommendations.

Paragraph 8 was adopted by 6 votes to 2, with 4 abstentions.

9. Mr. JAIPAL (India) proposed that the words "and to develop the Council's functions" should be added at the end of paragraph 10.

The Indian amendment was adopted by 7 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

Paragraph 10, as amended, was adopted by 10 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.

10. Mr. JAIPAL (India) said that he could not quite understand what was meant by "devise means of consolidating... the relations between" Ruanda and Urundi in paragraph 13. He suggested that the phrase should be redrafted to read "continue to foster the development of a single territorial Government".

11. Mr. LOOMES (Australia) agreed that paragraph 13 was not clear as it stood. Nevertheless he felt that the Indian amendment went a little too far in introducing the idea of a single territorial Government at that stage. He therefore proposed that the words "devise means of consolidating... the relations" should be replaced by the words "continue its efforts to develop the closest possible relationship".

12. Mr. JAIPAL (India) accepted that suggestion and withdrew his own proposal.

The Australian amendment was adopted by 10 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.

Paragraph 13, as amended, was adopted by 11 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

13. Mr. JAIPAL (India) proposed that the word "prisoners" in paragraph 14 should be replaced by the word "persons".

The Indian amendment was adopted unanimously.

Paragraph 14, as amended, was adopted by 10 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.

Paragraph 15 was adopted by 11 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

14. Mr. JAIPAL (India) proposed that in paragraph 16 the words "and the other inhabitants of the Territory" should be inserted after the word "Africans". As a consequential amendment, the last phrase "particularly through the activities of the indigenous councils" should be deleted. His delegation had obtained the impression, from statements made to the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in East Africa, 1954, by the Usumbura Chamber of Commerce, that, although many people were interested in participating in the ten-year plan, there was little private participation at present. He could not see why the indigenous councils should be particularly concerned. As the ten-year plan was a national plan, the Administering Authority should encourage private participation and capital investment by all sections of the community and not only by the Africans.

15. Mr. DORSINVILLE (Haiti) emphasized that the Drafting Committee had intended to place particular stress on the need for African participation in the Territory's development; that aspect of the question had also been emphasized during the general debate in the Council. Hence, although he was not opposed to non-indigenous participation, he would vote in favour of retaining paragraph 16 as it stood.

16. Mr. REID (New Zealand) said that the Indian amendment obviously referred to industrialization under the ten-year plan, whereas the Drafting Committee had been more concerned to ensure the participation of the indigenous councils in the Government's social, educational and health activities. The Indian amendment added an element of confusion and he would therefore vote in favour of retaining paragraph 16 as it stood.

The Indian amendment was adopted by 4 votes to 2, with 6 abstentions.

Paragraph 16, as amended, was adopted by 7 votes to 1, with 4 abstentions.

17. Mr. TARAZI (Syria) explained that he had abstained from the voting on the Indian amendment for the reason stated by the Haitian representative. He had intended to vote in favour of paragraph 16, but as the amendment had been included he had abstained from voting on the paragraph as amended.

18. Mr. GRUBYAKOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), supported by Mr. TARAZI (Syria), proposed the deletion of the words "and will be able to persuade the surplus population of other parts of the Territory to migrate to these regions" at the end of paragraph 17.

19. Mr. DORSINVILLE (Haiti) explained that the phrase had been included because, bearing in mind similar situations in other Trust Territories, where more or less violent methods had been used to induce the people to leave their land, the Drafting Committee had decided to recommend that the Administering Authority should "persuade" the population to migrate to the regions in question. He therefore urged the Council to retain paragraph 17 as it stood.

20. Mr. JAIPAL (India) proposed that the following sentence should be added at the end of paragraph 17:

"The Council notes with satisfaction the policy of the Administering Authority as regards the alienation of land, which has so far led to relatively little alienation."

21. Mr. LOOMES (Australia) said that he would prefer the Indian amendment to end with the words "alienation of land". There seemed no need to specify the consequences of the Administering Authority's policy in that respect as they could readily be found in the report. He asked that the Indian amendment should be put to the vote in two parts.

22. Mr. JAIPAL (India) regretted that he could not accept the Australian suggestion.

The words "and will be able to persuade... to migrate to these regions" were adopted by 7 votes to 4, with 1 abstention.

The first part of the Indian amendment up to the words "the alienation of land" was adopted by 5 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.

The second part of the Indian amendment was adopted by 3 votes to 2, with 7 abstentions.

Paragraph 17, as a whole, as amended, was adopted by 6 votes to 1, with 4 abstentions.

23. Mr. GRUBYAKOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) explained that his delegation had not taken part in the vote on the first part of the Indian amendment because it seemed inappropriate to express satisfaction that the Administration's policy had led to relatively little alienation of land so far. There was nothing to indicate that considerably more land would not be alienated in the future. As the Indian amendment had been adopted, his delegation had been obliged to vote against paragraph 17, as amended.

Paragraph 18 was adopted by 7 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

Paragraph 21 was adopted by 11 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

24. Mr. JAIPAL (India) suggested the insertion in paragraph 22, after the word "construction", of the words "in three years".

The Indian amendment was adopted by 7 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

Paragraph 22, as amended, was adopted by 11 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

25. Mr. JAIPAL (India) suggested the insertion in paragraph 23, after the words "the measures it has taken", of the words "to increase the production of cash crops". He also suggested that the words "in their operation", at the end of the paragraph, should be replaced by "in the operation of these societies".

26. The PRESIDENT said that, if there was no objection to that proposal, he would take a vote on the paragraph as amended by the Indian representative.

Paragraph 23, as amended, was adopted by 11 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

27. Mr. JAIPAL (India) proposed the deletion of the word "fully" from paragraph 24.

28. Mr. GRUBYAKOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) asked that the two sentences of paragraph 24 should be voted on separately.

29. The PRESIDENT asked the Council to vote first on the word "fully".

The word "fully" was adopted by 5 votes to 4, with 3 abstentions.

The first sentence of paragraph 24 was adopted by 7 votes to 2, with 3 abstentions.

The second sentence was adopted by 11 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Paragraph 24 as a whole was adopted by 8 votes to none, with 4 abstentions.

30. Mr. JAIPAL (India) said that he would be obliged to vote against paragraph 25, first, because it seemed to imply that all the credit for the work done in the field of social advancement should go to the missions and none to the Government and, secondly, because the Council had decided at its 411th meeting on 1 April 1952, that no general observations on conditions in Trust Territories should be included in the section entitled "General" of the relevant chapters of its reports.

Paragraph 25 was adopted by 8 votes to 1, with 3 abstentions.

Paragraph 26 was adopted by 8 votes to none, with 4 abstentions.

Paragraph 27 was adopted by 9 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

31. Mr. JAIPAL (India) proposed the addition at the end of paragraph 28 of the phrase "and abolish penal sanctions for breaches of contract".

32. Mr. GRUBYAKOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) asked for a separate vote on the words "wherever possible" at the end of the paragraph.

The Indian amendment was adopted by 7 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

The words "wherever possible" were adopted by 4 votes to 3, with 4 abstentions.

Paragraph 28 as a whole, as amended, was adopted by 9 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

33. Mr. JAIPAL (India) proposed the addition at the end of paragraph 29 of the sentence, "The Council urges the Administering Authority to inquire into prison conditions with a view to making the necessary improvements".

The Indian proposal was adopted by 6 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.

Paragraph 29, as amended, was adopted by 8 votes to none, with 4 abstentions.

34. Mr. RYCKMANS (Belgium), referring to the phrase "commends the observations of WHO (T/1159) to the attention of the Administering Authority", observed that the representative of the Administering Authority at the World Health Assembly would make the necessary comments on the observations of that organization. There were a number of oversights in the WHO report, especially regarding measures of preventive medicine, including in particular vaccination and the provision of drinking water.

35. Mr. GRUBYAKOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) proposed that the words "to examine the means of abolishing" in paragraph 30 should be replaced by "to take measures to abolish".

The USSR amendment was adopted by 6 votes to 4, with 1 abstention.

Paragraph 30 as a whole, as amended, was adopted by 7 votes to 1, with 4 abstentions.

36. Mr. MAX (France) said that he would have abstained on the text proposed by the Drafting Committee; he had voted against the USSR amendment.

The meeting rose at 1 p. m.