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President: Mr. Alfred CLAEYS BOUUAERT (Belgium).

Present:

The representatives of the following States: Australia, Belgium, Burma, China, France, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Italy, New Zealand, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

The representatives of the following specialized agencies: International Labour Organisation; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; World Health Organization.

Examination of conditions in the Trust Territory of Western Samoa (concluded)*

(i) Annual report of the Administering Authority for the year 1957 (T/1387, T/1394, T/L.857 and Add.1, T/L.878);

(ii) Petitions raising general questions (T/PET.1/L.4 and Add.1)

[Agenda items 3 (f) and 4]

REPORT OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE ON WESTERN SAMOA (T/L.857 AND ADD.1, T/L.878)

1. Mr. JAIPAL (India) introduced the report of the Drafting Committee on Western Samoa (T/L.878) and thanked its members and the special representative for the spirit of compromise which had made it possible to reach agreement on a number of specific recommendations.

2. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the recommendation at the beginning of paragraph 5 of the report.

The recommendation was adopted by 12 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

3. The PRESIDENT said he would put annexes I and II of the report to the vote paragraph by paragraph.

Annex I

In successive votes, paragraphs 1 and 2 were adopted unanimously.

Paragraph 3 was adopted by 12 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

* Resumed from the 923rd meeting.

In successive votes, paragraphs 4 and 5 were adopted unanimously.

In successive votes, paragraphs 6 and 7 were adopted by 11 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.

In successive votes, paragraphs 8 to 12 inclusive, were adopted unanimously.

Paragraph 13 was adopted by 11 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.

In successive votes, paragraphs 14 to 18 inclusive, were adopted unanimously.

Paragraph 19 was adopted by 12 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Paragraph 20 was adopted unanimously.

Paragraph 21 was adopted by 12 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

In successive votes, paragraphs 22 to 27 inclusive, were adopted unanimously.

4. Mr. THORP (New Zealand) suggested that the last sentence of paragraph 28 should be amended; the existing training programme in the Territory was already capable of providing for the training of more medical personnel.

5. Mr. JAIPAL (India) suggested that the words "be expanded to" in the same line should be replaced by "continue to grow and".

6. Mr. THORP (New Zealand) said that the amendment was acceptable to his delegation.

Paragraph 28, as amended was adopted unanimously.

Paragraphs 29 and 30 were adopted unanimously.

7. Mr. THORP (New Zealand) suggested the deletion of the references to "Samoans" in paragraphs 31, 32 and 33, since they might be misunderstood in the Territory as implying a distinction between indigenous and non-indigenous inhabitants. He further suggested that paragraph 33 should be reworded to read:

"The Council, noting the lack of higher qualifications in law and in the pure and applied sciences among the inhabitants of the Territory, emphasizes the importance of training specialists in these fields."

8. Mr. JAIPAL (India) suggested that it would be simpler to replace the word "Samoans" in paragraphs 31 and 32 by the words "inhabitants of Samoa".

It was so decided.

In successive votes, paragraphs 31 and 32, as amended, were adopted unanimously.

9. Mr. THORP (New Zealand) pointed out that if the same change was made in paragraph 33 the words "from among the indigenous inhabitants" would then become unnecessary.

10. Mr. DORSINVILLE (Haiti) said he could not agree to the deletion of that phrase.

11. Mr. BENDRYSHEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) supported the Haitian representative, pointing out that the Council and the Administering Authority had a special responsibility towards the indigenous inhabitants.

12. Mr. THORP (New Zealand) withdrew his suggestion that paragraph 33 should be amended.

Paragraph 33 was adopted unanimously.

Annex II

Paragraphs 1 to 6 inclusive were adopted by 11 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

Paragraph 7 was adopted by 11 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

13. Sir Andrew COHEN (United Kingdom) said that his delegation had voted for paragraph 7 because it did not conflict with the principles discussed in the Council on previous occasions.

14. Mr. BENDRYSHEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that his delegation had voted for the recommendation because it contained a provision for the establishment of a target date for the attainment of the final objective of trusteeship and expressed the hope that Western Samoa would be granted independence not later than 1960.

15. Mr. SMOLDEREN (Belgium) said that his delegation had abstained from the vote on annex II for reasons of principle which were well known to the Council. It had not opposed the adoption of the annex because the recommendation made concerned only the terms of reference of the visiting mission to be sent to the Territory and was in conformity with the request made by the New Zealand representative.

16. Mr. KELLY (Australia) said he did not regard the recommendation as in any way establishing a precedent for any other Trust Territory. He had voted for it because no question of principle had been involved and because it was acceptable to the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory.

Arrangements for a periodic visiting mission to Trust Territories in the Pacific in 1959 (T/1387, T/1400)
(concluded)

[Agenda item 7]

17. The PRESIDENT suggested that further consideration of the question should be postponed until the special session of the Council to be held in September.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 11.30 a.m.