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# LIST OF DELEGATIONS

## Members of the Council

### AUSTRALIA

*Representative*

Mr. J. A. Forsythe, First Secretary, Permanent Mission

### BELGIUM

*Representative*

Mr. Alfred Claeys Boufaert, Governor of Province

### BOLIVIA

*Representative*

H.E. Mr. Carlos Salamanca, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission

### BURMA

*Representative*

U Tin Maung, Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations

*Alternate Representative*

U Pyo Nyein, Parliamentary Secretary, Foreign Office

### CHINA

*Representative*

Mr. Chiping H. C. Kiang, Minister Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission

*Adviser*

Mr. Wei-liang Yin, First Secretary, Trusteeship Council Affairs, Permanent Mission

### FRANCE

*Representative*

Mr. Jacques Kosciusko-Morizet, Maître des requêtes au Conseil d'Etat

*Alternate Representatives*

Mr. Michel de Camaret, Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission

Mr. René Doise, Administrator, Ministry of Overseas France

### INDIA

*Representative*

H.E. Mr. C. S. Jha, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative to the United Nations

*Adviser*

Mr. M. Rasgotra, First Secretary, Permanent Mission

### NEW ZEALAND

*Representative*

Mr. P. K. Edmonds, First Secretary, Permanent Mission

### PARAGUAY

*Representative*

Mr. Miguel Solano López, Minister Counsellor, Alternate Representative to the United Nations

### UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

*Representative*

Mr. V. I. Oberemko, Counsellor, Permanent Mission

*Alternate Representative*

Mr. V. A. Antonov, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission

*Advisers*

Mr. I. I. Andreev, Third Secretary, Permanent Mission

Mr. Y. E. Fotin, Permanent Mission

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*Representative*

H.E. Mr. Rafik Asha, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations

*Adviser*

Mr. Mostafa Abdel Wahab, First Secretary, Permanent Mission

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*Representative*

Sir Andrew Cohen, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., O.B.E., Permanent Mission

*Alternate Representative*

Mr. G. K. Caston, First Secretary, Permanent Mission

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

*Representative*

Mr. Jonathan B. Bingham, Minister, Permanent Mission

*Advisers*

Mr. R. Austin Acly, Office of Dependent Area Affairs, Department of State

Mr. John George Bacon, Adviser, Trusteeship Affairs, Permanent Mission

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## OFFICERS OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

*Acting President:* U Tin Maung (Burma)

## AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.
  2. The future of the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration: report of the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner for the Cameroons under United Kingdom Administration on the plebiscites in the southern and northern parts of the Territory.
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<i>Document No.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Observations and references</i>
T/1556, T/1556/Appendix and Add.1	Report of the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner for the Cameroons under United Kingdom Administration: Plebiscites in the southern and northern parts of the Territory on 11 and 12 February 1961	2	Also issued as A/4727. See <u>Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, addendum to agenda item 13</u>
T/1558	Provisional agenda of the eleventh special session of the Trusteeship Council	1	Adopted without change. See page vi of the present volume
T/L.1008	Bolivia and India: draft resolution	2	Adopted without change. See <u>Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Eleventh Special Session, Supplement No. 1, resolution 2101 (S-XI)</u>
T/L.1009	Draft special report of the Trusteeship Council	2	For the text of this document as amended by the Trusteeship Council at its 1135th meeting, see <u>Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 13, document A/4726</u>



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**Acting President: U TIN MAUNG (Burma).**

**Present:**

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

Opening of the session

1. The PRESIDENT declared the eleventh special session of the Trusteeship Council open.

Adoption of the agenda

[Agenda item 1]

2. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to adopt the provisional agenda (T/1558).

*In the absence of objections, the provisional agenda was adopted.*

The future of the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration: report of the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner for the Cameroons under United Kingdom Administration on the plebiscites in the southern and northern parts of the Territory (T/1556, T/1556/Appendix and Add.1; T/L.1008)

[Agenda item 2]

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. Abdoh, United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner for the Cameroons under United Kingdom Administration, took a place at the Council table.*

3. Mr. ABDOH (United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner), presenting his report (T/1556, T/1556/Appendix and Add.1), said that he was aware of the Council's desire to finish its work as soon as possible in order to give the General Assembly ample

opportunity to examine its report before the end of the fifteenth session. The report, which had been drawn up in pursuance of General Assembly resolutions 1350 (XIII), 1352 (XIV) and 1473 (XIV), gave considerable information on the southern and northern parts of the Cameroons and all the pertinent facts about the organization, conduct and results of the plebiscites. He thanked the Secretariat for its devoted, unbiased and competent assistance, which had greatly contributed to the mission's success.

4. Sir Andrew COHEN (United Kingdom) said that, in view of the circumstances, he thought that the Trusteeship Council should confine itself to transmitting the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner's report to the General Assembly. As the representative of the Administering Authority, he reserved the right to revert to the substance of the question in detail when it was discussed in the Fourth Committee.

5. Mr. SALAMANCA (Bolivia), presenting the joint draft resolution of Bolivia and India (T/L.1008), said that the sponsors had reproduced the terms of Trusteeship Council resolution 2007 (S-X) adopted on 2 December 1959. The joint draft resolution took no position on the plebiscites or on the manner in which they had been conducted, and it did not express any opinion on the report of the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner, which would be examined by the Fourth Committee. It did, however, express to the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner, whose great experience and exceptional ability the Trusteeship Council had had many opportunities to admire, warm appreciation of the way in which he had carried out the delicate mission entrusted to him by the General Assembly.

6. Mr. KOSCZIUSKO-MORIZET (France) supported the draft resolution. The exceptional procedure which the Trusteeship Council was following in the present instance was due to the little time available to the General Assembly and the impatience with which each of the interested parties awaited the Assembly's decisions; it should not, however, constitute a precedent. It was fitting that the draft resolution should express the Council's warm appreciation to the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner, who had done a great deal of work and shown great conscientiousness in the discharge of a difficult task. That did not mean, however, that he accepted the substance of the report or the results of the plebiscites, especially in the Northern Cameroons. On the contrary, he found that the Commissioner's report afforded sufficient ground for requesting, when the question came before the Fourth Committee, that the plebiscite in that part of the Territory should be declared invalid.

7. Mr. OBEREMKO (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) agreed that the substance of the Commissioner's report should be examined not by the Trusteeship Council but by the General Assembly, which was the appropriate body to study it in detail and take deci-

sions on it. He associated himself with the Bolivian representative and agreed with him that in taking note of the Commissioner's report the Council would not be prejudging the question as far as substance was concerned.

8. Mr. ASHA (United Arab Republic), Mr. SOLANO LOPEZ (Paraguay), Mr. KIANG (China) and Mr. BINGHAM (United States of America) shared that view and associated themselves with the expressions of appreciation addressed to the Commissioner.

*The draft resolution (T/L.1008) was adopted.*

9. The PRESIDENT suggested that, in order to save time, the Council should proceed to adopt its draft report (T/L.1009). The report would be supplemented in order to take account of the views expressed during the discussion and in particular to take note of the reservation stated by the French representative.

10. After an exchange of views between Mr. KOSCZIUSKO-MORIZET (France), Sir Andrew COHEN (United Kingdom), Mr. JHA (India), Mr. SALAMANCA (Bolivia), Mr. KIANG (China) and Mr. BINGHAM (United States of America), the PRESIDENT suggested that the words "was considered by the Trusteeship Council" in paragraph 6 of the report should be replaced by the words "was presented by the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner to the Trusteeship Council", and that, as suggested by the Indian representative, a sentence should be added, indicating the reservations made by several delegations, in particular the French delegation.

*It was so decided.*

Date of the twenty-seventh session  
of the Trusteeship Council

11. Mr. PROTITCH (Under-Secretary for Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Terri-

tories) proposed that the opening date of the twenty-seventh session of the Trusteeship Council should be Thursday, 1 June 1961.

12. Mr. KOSCZIUSKO-MORIZET (France) said that he understood that the agenda of the session would be quite heavy. He therefore wondered whether it would not be advisable to advance the opening date to 25 May, for example.

13. Mr. PROTITCH (Under-Secretary for Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories) recalled the provisions of rule 1 of the Council's rules of procedure. A further reason for not advancing the Council's opening date was the fact that the session of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories was due to open barely four days after the end of the General Assembly's session and some delegations were short of staff.

14. Mr. FORSYTHE (Australia) said that his delegation would prefer the session of the Council to open on 1 June, in view of the pressure of work on delegations and the need to study the annual reports.

15. Mr. KOSCZIUSKO-MORIZET (France) said that he would not press his suggestion.

16. The PRESIDENT set 1 June 1961 as the opening date for the twenty-seventh session of the Council.

Closure of the session

17. The PRESIDENT declared the eleventh special session of the Trusteeship Council closed.

The meeting rose at 3.55 p.m.