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Held at Headquarters, New York,  
on Wednesday, 14 June 1972, at 10.30 a.m.

President: Mr. BENNETT (United States of America)

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CO-OPERATION WITH THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION  
(continued)

The PRESIDENT: Members will recall that when we considered this question at our 1402nd meeting it was agreed that I should propose to the Council which of the petitions currently before it related to racial discrimination and therefore should be transmitted to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. I wish to inform members that after considering all the petitions before us I find that none relate to racial discrimination and therefore there is no further action to be taken at this time.

If there is no comment, it will be decided.

It was so decided.

ATTAINMENT OF SELF-GOVERNMENT OR INDEPENDENCE BY THE TRUST TERRITORIES  
(TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1369 (XVII) AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION  
1413 (XIV)) AND THE SITUATION IN TRUST TERRITORIES WITH REGARD TO THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL  
COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES (GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 1514 (XV) AND 2878 (XXVI))

The PRESIDENT: It appears that no one wishes to speak on this item.

Therefore, to conclude our consideration of the item may I suggest that the Council draw attention to the fact that, throughout its examination of conditions in the Trust Territories of New Guinea and the Pacific Islands, members paid special attention to the measures and steps being taken to transfer all powers to the peoples of those Territories in accordance with their freely expressed will and desire, in order to enable them to enjoy self-government or complete independence within the shortest time practicable.

I also suggest that the Council decide to draw the attention of the members of the General Assembly and the Security Council to the conclusions and recommendations which will be adopted concerning the attainment of self-government or independence in the two Trust Territories as well as to the observations made by members of the Trusteeship Council on the question.

If there is no objection, it will be so decided.

It was so decided.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DISPATCH OF A PERIODIC VISITING MISSION TO THE TRUST  
TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS IN 1973

The PRESIDENT: During the last few days there have been consultations with all the members of the Council in connexion with the periodic Visiting Mission to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands which is scheduled for 1973. From those consultations it appears that it is the desire of members that the Mission should be composed of four members of the Council, that it should visit the Trust Territory early in 1973, and that the duration of its visit should be approximately the same as that of the preceding Mission to that Territory.

Accordingly, a draft resolution which incorporates those points has been prepared and circulated in document T/L.1172.

Members will note that the terms of reference included in this draft are the same as those of Trusteeship Council resolution 2152 (XXXVI) of 19 June 1969 by which the Council dispatched the 1970 Visiting Mission to the Trust Territory.

Does any representative wish to comment on the draft resolution before us?

Mr. NEKLESSA (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (interpretation from Russian): The Soviet delegation has no objection to the membership of the Visiting Mission proposed in the draft resolution contained in document T/L.1172 or to the draft resolution as a whole.

However, we do have a reservation about the reference in operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution to General Assembly resolution 1541 (XV). We regard that reference as unjustified. Resolution 1541 (XV) has no relevancy to the question of the objectives of the Trusteeship System; it simply refers to the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter. As members know, that resolution contains a provision inter alia which states that it is possible to integrate a colonial Territory with the metropolitan country. Therefore, the reference to resolution 1541 (XV) in our draft resolution might be incorrectly interpreted to suggest that the Trusteeship Council does not preclude the possibility of a Trust Territory -- the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands in particular -- being integrated with the United States, a position which is in direct conflict with that expressed by the people and Congress of Micronesia.

The PRESIDENT: The reservation expressed by the representative of the Soviet Union will appear in the verbatim record.

If there are no other comments, I shall take it that the Council adopts the draft resolution contained in document T/L.1172.

The draft resolution was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: To conclude our consideration of this item, may I suggest that the Council decide that the nominations to be submitted by the four Governments of the four countries mentioned in the resolution just adopted be automatically approved when received.

It was so decided.

#### PROGRAMME OF WORK

The PRESIDENT: In regard to our future work, I should like to inform the Council that the Drafting Committees have completed their work. The report

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of the Drafting Committee on the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands will be circulated in document T/L.1173, and the report of the Drafting Committee on New Guinea in document T/L.1175.

I have been informed that those reports will be distributed in all three languages tomorrow, 15 June. In view of that delay in distribution, members may wish, in order to have some time to look over the reports, not to consider them in the Council until Friday, 16 June. In that case I would propose that the meeting scheduled for tomorrow should be cancelled and that two meetings should be scheduled for Friday to complete our work for this session, in the hope of being able to finish in one meeting.

If there are no comments, it will be so decided.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 10.55 a.m.