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Held at Headquarters, New York,
on Wednesday, 27 May 1987 at 3 p.m.

President: Mr. BIRCH (United Kingdom)

- Examination of the annual report of the Administering Authority for the year ended 30 September 1986: Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (continued)
- Organization of work

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The meeting was called to order at 3.20 p.m.

EXAMINATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1986: TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS (continued)

The PRESIDENT: The Council will now consider the report of the Drafting Committee on conditions in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (T/L.1260). I call upon the representative of the United Kingdom to introduce the report.

Mr. SMITH (United Kingdom): It is my privilege to introduce the report of the Drafting Committee, of which I was a member along with my colleague Mr. Gaussot of France. The report is contained in document T/L.1260, which delegations now have before them. The annex to the report contains draft conclusions and recommendations which we commend to the Council for adoption and incorporation in the Council's report to the Security Council.

Colleagues will note that the draft conclusions and recommendations are briefer than has been customary. In drafting them, my French colleague and I had in mind the fact that, at its fifty-third session, the Council had responded to the call of the Micronesian peoples for self-government and for termination of the Trusteeship Agreement and had adopted its resolution 2183 (LIII). Accordingly, we took the view that it would not be appropriate for the Council, at its fifty-fourth session, to repeat its earlier practice of making detailed recommendations, in particular on economic, social and educational questions.

As has been stated many times in this Chamber, the peoples of Micronesia have chosen self-government in a form which is appropriate to their situation and in accordance with their freely expressed wishes. The Council's task is now, therefore, a limited one. We believe that the draft conclusions and recommendations are entirely in accordance with that task.

For the rest, I think that our report speaks for itself and requires no further elaboration. I hope that we shall soon be in a position to adopt it.

The PRESIDENT: Does any member wish to comment on the report of the Drafting Committee?

Mr. SMIRNOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (interpretation from Russian): The Soviet delegation has just received document T/L.1260, and we have listened carefully to the statement introducing the report of the Drafting Committee. We should like to take a more careful look at the document, notwithstanding its brevity, and present our comments at the next meeting of the Trusteeship Council.

The PRESIDENT: If I hear no further comments, I suggest that the Council take a decision on the report of the Drafting Committee, which has just been introduced, at its next meeting, tomorrow at 3 p.m.

It was so decided.

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

The PRESIDENT: At tomorrow's meeting the Council will also take decisions on agenda item 11, the attainment of self-government or independence by the Trust Territories, and agenda item 12, co-operation with the Special Committee of 24. The Council will also deal with agenda item 2, the report of the Secretary-General on credentials.

The Council will meet again tomorrow, Thursday, 28 May, at 3 p.m.

The meeting rose at 3.25 p.m.