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ADDENDUM TO THE
PETITION FROM THE NEW GUINEA CHINESE UNION, RABAUL
CONCERNING NEW GUINEA

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 84 of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit herewith to the members of the Trusteeship Council a communication dated 20 May 1950 from the Kavieng Chinese Community which forms a supplement to the petition dated 12 May 1950 from the New Guinea Chinese Union, Rabaul, concerning the Trust Territory of New Guinea. This communication was transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in the Pacific.

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OVERSEAS CHINESE ASSOCIATION

KAVIENG

Territory of New Guinea

20th May, 1950

The Visiting Mission,
Trusteeship Council,
United Nations.

Dear Sirs,

We, the Chinese Community of Kavieng, extend our heartiest welcome to you to visit Kavieng and sincerely hope that you enjoy your stay here.

The Chinese Community in Kavieng consists of 210 members, who are engaged as Planters, Traders, Artisans and Clerks. All are fully employed. The majority are engaged by the Civil Administration as artisans and clerks. Under the guidance of the Administration, we are endeavouring to develop the Territory economically and fully co-operate with the other inhabitants.

We have been informed by the Chinese Community in Rabaul that a petition has been sent in for consideration of the Visiting Mission. We are in full agreement with their point of view which need not be repeated here.

However, there seems to have been some misunderstanding as to the price of commodities sold in the Chinese stores, which we desire to clarify. Complaints may have arisen regarding the present price level by comparing it with that pre-war. Such complaints are groundless, because no consideration has been given to the general increase in price level after the war, and the depreciation of exchange value of the currency.

To illustrate, lava-lava or laplaps in 1941 were selling at 1/- each against 5/- each at present or 5 times. This is the result of our attempt to import from the cheapest source of supply.

On the other hand, copra, the principle export commodities, was selling at about £6 per ton in 1941 against £46.17.6 or 7½ times.

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We sincerely trust that the above-mentioned information may clarify the present misunderstanding.

We remain,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

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for The Kavieng Chinese Community.

Received at United Nations Headquarters: 1 July 1950
