

## SECOND SESSION

## SUGGESTED PROCEDURE IN CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS

(Memorandum prepared by the Secretariat)

The Secretariat has prepared this working memorandum with a view to facilitating the consideration by the Trusteeship Council of annual reports on the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the inhabitants of each Trust Territory submitted by the Administering Authorities in accordance with Articles 87 and 88 of the United Nations Charter.

The Council may wish to consider the advisability of establishing a standard procedure for the examination of annual reports. The following suggestions may aid the Council in its consideration of such a procedure.

A general discussion on the report as a whole should precede a more intensive examination of the various substantive sections. An annual report may be divided into the four major sections enumerated in the Charter, and into a number of sub-sections. With a few exceptions, the listing suggested below follows that contained in the Provisional Questionnaire.

A. Political Advancement

1. Status of the Territory
2. Status of the Inhabitants
3. International and Regional Relations
4. International Peace and Security
5. Maintenance of Law and Order
6. General Administration
7. Judicial Organization

B. Economic Advancement

1. General
2. Public Finance and Taxation
3. Money and Banking
4. Commerce and Trade
5. Monopolies
6. Forests and Mines
7. Agriculture, Fisheries, and Animal Husbandry
8. Industry
9. Investments
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10. Transport and Communications
11. Public Works

C. Social Advancement

1. General
2. Social Conditions
3. Standards of Living
4. Status of Women
5. Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms
6. Labour Conditions and Regulations
7. Public Health
8. Sanitation
9. Drugs
10. Alcohol and Spirits
11. Population
12. Social Security and Welfare
13. Housing and Town Planning
14. Penal Organization

D. Educational Advancement

1. General
2. Schools and Curriculum
3. Pupils
4. Teachers
5. Adult and Community Education
6. Publications
7. Research

For purposes of consideration by the Trusteeship Council, each section, or groups of sub-sections, may be assigned to small working groups or to individual members for analysis and report.\* Each group or individual member might also be responsible for assessing the progress made in the field which it has examined, in relation to the declared policy and plans of the Administering Authority and to the basic objectives of the Trusteeship System as stated in the United Nations Charter. This should in no sense preclude

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\* The Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations found it expedient, in the consideration of annual reports on Mandated Territories, to assign to each member of the Commission the responsibility of reporting to the Commission on the problems involved in each section of each such report, e.g., labour, health, education, etc. In this way, each member became expert in a particular field.

any representative on the Council from calling for additional information or participating in the examination of any of the topics indicated above.

Consideration of sections of the report might be facilitated by comparison of the information contained in annual reports with:

1. Questions in the Provisional Questionnaire to determine which questions, if any, are unanswered or partially or inadequately answered;
2. Information contained in previous annual reports to the Trusteeship Council (or in the case of the first annual reports, to the Permanent Mandates Commission).
3. Such other information as may be available to the Council, e.g., through petitions, reports of visiting missions, results of special investigations or enquiries, etc.

The Council may wish to decide whether, in accordance with Article 91 of the Charter and Rule 105 of its Rules of Procedure, this is an appropriate occasion to avail itself of the assistance of the Economic and Social Council, of the specialized agencies and of appropriate inter-governmental regional bodies in considering relevant portions of annual reports.

The Trusteeship Council will, of course, request the special representative of the Administering Authority to reply to questions which members of the Council feel are not dealt with or inadequately dealt with in the annual report. Failing a satisfactory reply, the Council may request the Administering Authority concerned to supply further information in the next annual report.

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