

TRUSTEESHIP  
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## SECOND SESSION

## RESOLUTIONS ON PETITIONS ADOPTED BY THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 15: PETITION FROM LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF  
WESTERN SAMOA.

## THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

HAVING RECEIVED a petition dated Apia, November 18, 1946, from representative Samoan leaders of the Trust Territory of Western Samoa, which petition requests that Samoa be granted self-government and that New Zealand act as Protector and Adviser to Samoa, and

HAVING SENT a visiting mission to Western Samoa in July and August, 1947 to investigate the petition and to report back to the Trusteeship Council, and the visiting mission having submitted its Report to the Council, dated September 12, 1947,

HAVING EXAMINED at its second session in 1947 the Report and recommendations of the visiting mission in consultation with the Administering Authority,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the objectives of the Trusteeship System, and the expressed wishes of the people of Western Samoa, and noting with satisfaction the declared policy of the Administering Authority as reaffirmed in the communication from the Delegation of New Zealand of November 21, 1947 (document T/62);

RESOLVES THAT at the present time the people of Western Samoa should be accorded such measures of self-government as indicated in the Report made by the Council's visiting mission (documents T/46 and T/46/Add.1), and

THAT the people of Western Samoa should be encouraged and assisted to assume increasing responsibilities in self-government and ultimately be accorded full self-government as soon as they are capable of assuming the responsibilities involved; and

DIRECTS the Secretary-General to inform the Administering Authority concerned and the petitioners of this resolution in accordance with Rule 93 of the Rules of Procedure for the Trusteeship Council.

Tenth Meeting

5 December 1947