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## (SECOND PART)

CONSIDERATION OF REVISION OF CHAPTER IX OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE  
OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL IN CONNECTION WITH THE DECISION  
OF THE COUNCIL CONCERNING VERBATIM RECORDS  
OF ITS PROCEEDINGS

(Item 6 of the Agenda)

Memorandum prepared by the Secretariat

1. As a result of the decision of the General Assembly at its one hundred and twenty-first plenary meeting, on 20 November 1947, the Trusteeship Council is for the present requested to dispense with written verbatim records for its meetings (document A/498).

2. During the eighteenth meeting of the second session of the Trusteeship Council, on 16 December 1947, the President informed the members of the Council that the Office of the Secretary-General had agreed to provide the Trusteeship Council with Verbatim Reporters when important testimony is to be recorded. In a letter dated 12 December 1947, this agreement was confirmed by the Executive Assistant to the Secretary-General. The letter stated:

"The Department of Conferences and General Services, which is responsible for the scheduling of meetings, has been instructed to take into account the special requirements of the Trusteeship Council for Verbatim Reporters when important testimony is to be recorded. The Department will avoid scheduling such meetings of the Trusteeship Council simultaneously with the meetings of the Security Council or, alternatively, it will deploy our staff of Verbatim Reporters in such a way as to assure the Trusteeship Council the necessary service."

3. In view of these decisions it appears necessary for the Trusteeship Council to examine the desirability of revising certain rules of its Rules of Procedure. The Secretariat submits for the consideration of the members of the Trusteeship Council the following suggestions:

(a) Rule 32: Substitute the word "The" for the word "Verbatim" in the

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first sentence, so as to read: "The records of meetings of the Trusteeship Council shall be drawn up in the working languages."

Delete the word "verbatim" in the second sentence, so as to read: "A translation of the whole or part of any record into any of the other official languages shall be furnished if requested by any representative in the Trusteeship Council."

(b) Rule 46: Substitute "summary" for "verbatim" in the first sentence, so as to read: "The summary records of all public and private meetings shall be prepared by the Secretariat."

Insert a new second sentence reading: "The Trusteeship Council may decide that verbatim records shall be taken by the Secretariat at such times as it may deem necessary."

Substitute the words "The records" for the word "They" in the last sentence, so as to read: "The records shall be made available in so far as possible within twenty-four hours of the end of the meetings to the representatives who have participated in the meetings."

(c) Rule 47: Delete the word "verbatim" in the first sentence, so as to read: "The representatives who have participated in the meetings shall, within two working days after the distribution of the records, inform the Secretary-General of any corrections they wish to have made. Corrections that have been requested shall be considered approved, unless the President is of the opinion that they are sufficiently important to be submitted to the Trusteeship Council for approval."

(d) Rule 48: Delete the word "verbatim" in the first sentence, so as to read: "The records of public and private meetings in which no corrections have been requested or which have been corrected in accordance with Rule 47 shall be considered as the official records of the Trusteeship Council. The official records of public meetings shall be published by the Secretariat as promptly as possible and communicated to the Members of the United Nations and to the specialized agencies referred to in Rule 4."

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