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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL
COVERING ITS SECOND AND THIRD SESSIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to communicate to members of the Trusteeship Council resolution 223 (III) adopted by the General Assembly at its 159th plenary meeting on 18 November 1948:

"THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

"TAKES NOTE of the report of the Trusteeship Council covering its second and third sessions (A/603);

"EXPRESSES its confidence that the Trusteeship Council, in a spirit of co-operation, will effectively contribute to achieving the high objectives of the Trusteeship System;

"RECOMMENDS that the Trusteeship Council consider at its next session the comments and suggestions made during the discussion of the report at the third session of the General Assembly;

"REQUESTS the Secretary-General to prepare for the use of the Trusteeship Council an appropriate document setting forth such comments and suggestions."

Council, contained in the report covering its second and third sessions, on the existing or proposed administrative unions between certain Trust Territories and the adjacent territories under the sovereignty or control of the Administering Authority,

"NOTES the observations of the Trusteeship Council on such administrative unions; and in particular,

"ENDORSES the observations of the Trusteeship Council that an administrative union 'must remain strictly administrative in its nature and its scope and that its operation must not have the effect of creating any conditions which will obstruct the separate development of the Trust Territory, in the fields of political, economic, social and educational advancement, as a distinct entity',

"RECOMMENDS accordingly that the Trusteeship Council should:

- (a) Investigate these questions in all their aspects with special reference to such unions already constituted or proposed and in the light of the terms of the Trusteeship Agreements and of the assurances given by the Administering Authorities in this connexion;
- (b) In the light of this investigation, recommend such safeguards as the Council may deem necessary to preserve the distinct political status of the Trust Territories and to enable the Council effectively to exercise supervisory functions over such Territories;
- (c) Request, whenever appropriate, an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice as to whether such unions are within the scope of and compatible with, the stipulations of the Charter and the terms of the Trusteeship Agreements as approved by the General Assembly;
- (d) Invite the Administering Authorities to make available to the Council such information relating to administrative unions as will facilitate the investigation by the Council referred to above;
- (e) Report specifically to the next regular session of the General Assembly on the results of the Council's investigations and the action taken by it."