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Item 10 of the agenda

ADMINISTRATIVE UNIONS AFFECTING
TRUST TERRITORIES

Resolution adopted by the Trusteeship Council
at its twenty-second meeting on 18 July 1949

The Trusteeship Council,

Having received General Assembly resolution 224 (III) of
18 November 1948,

Having established in accordance with this resolution a Committee
on administrative unions,

Having received an interim report^{1/} and a report^{2/} from this
Committee and having examined these reports at its fourth and fifth
sessions;

Transmits to the General Assembly the report of the Committee,
the replies of the administering authorities to questions prepared by
the Committee^{3/} and other documentation collected by the Committee
during its study;

Informs the General Assembly that in accordance with the penultimate
paragraph of this resolution it will continue to study and examine the
operation of existing or future administrative unions in all their
aspects;

Recalling that the General Assembly approved the Trusteeship Agreements
upon the assurance of the Administering Powers that they do not consider
the terms of the relevant articles in the Trusteeship Agreements "as
giving powers to the Administering Authority to establish any form of
political association between the Trust Territories respectively
administered by them and adjacent territories which would involve
annexation of the Trust Territories in any sense or would have the
effect of extinguishing their status as Trust Territories",^{4/}

^{1/} T/263.

^{2/} T/338, T/338/Add.1.

^{3/} T/333, T/361/Add.1.

^{4/} See Official Records of the second part of the first session of the
General Assembly, Fourth Committee, part I, page 300.

Notes the assurances by the Administering Authorities that the administrative arrangements under consideration do not extinguish the political identity of the Trust Territories;

Takes note of the assurances by the Administering Authorities that the administrative arrangements under consideration by the Council are not inconsistent with the objectives of the International Trusteeship System or with the terms of the Trusteeship Agreements;

Decides that in order to safeguard the identity and status of the Trust Territories, the Council should continue to study during its regular examination of conditions in Trust Territories the effects of existing or proposed administrative unions on the political, economic, educational and social advancement of the inhabitants, on the status of the Trust Territories as such and on their separate development as distinct entities;

Requests the Administering Authorities concerned to make the fullest possible effort to furnish in their annual reports separate records, statistics, and other information on each Trust Territory in order to safeguard the effective exercise of the Council's supervisory functions.
