

## TRUSTEESHIP

LIST OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS  
RELATING TO THE MANDATES SYSTEM AVAILABLE IN  
DIVISION OF TRUSTEESHIP OF THE SECRETARIAT FOR BACKGROUND  
AND REFERENCE PURPOSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE DISCUSSIONS  
IN COMMITTEE IV OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## A. BASIC AND GENERAL DOCUMENTS

## I. DOCUMENTS REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MANDATES SYSTEM

## 1. Responsibilities of the League arising out of Article 22 (Mandates).

Report presented by the Council to the Assembly. Assembly document 161.

(20/48/161) (Bilingual)\*

## 2. Declaration by the Japanese Government relating to C Mandates.

(20/31/96F) (B)

## 3. The Responsibility of the League under Article 22 of the Covenant.

Memorandum from the German Government concerning the fate of the former

German colonies. (20/48/106) (B)

## II. TEXTS OF THE MANDATES CHARTERS

Note: The texts of the fourteen Mandates Charters (in both English and French) have been reproduced by the Secretariat of the United Nations and circulated to the General Assembly. (Document A/70). (B)

## III. PERMANENT MANDATES COMMISSION

1. Constitution, approved by the Council on 1 December 1920. Edition

embodying the amendments adopted by the Council on 10 January 1922 and

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\* The term (Bilingual), which will hereafter be shown as (B), refers to a joint French and English text.

- (E and F) indicate that the document has been printed in an English text and in a French text.

- (F) indicates that there is only a French text.

- (E) indicates that there is only an English text.

8 September 1922, C.P.M. (1). (E and F)

2. Rules of Procedure of the Permanent Mandates Commission (C.P.M.8 (2) )  
(C.404 (2). M.295 (2). 1921. VI) (E and F)

#### IV. QUESTIONNAIRES DRAWN UP BY THE PERMANENT MANDATES COMMISSION

1. Mandate for Palestine. Questionnaire intended to assist the preparation of the annual reports of the Mandatory Powers. (C.553.M.335.1922.VI) (B)

2. Mandate for Syria and the Lebanon. Questionnaire intended to assist the preparation of the annual reports of the Mandatory Power (C.554.M.336.1922. VI) (B)

3. "B" Mandates. Questionnaire intended to facilitate the preparation of the annual reports of the Mandatory Powers (C.396.1921.VI) (C.P.M.7) (B)

4. "C" Mandates. Questionnaire intended to facilitate the preparation of the annual reports of the Mandatory Powers. (C.397.1921.VI) (C.P.M.7 (1) ) (B)

5. B and C Mandates. List of questions which the permanent Mandates Commission desires should be dealt with in the annual reports of the Mandatory Powers (A.14.1926.VI) (C.P.M.407 (1) ) (E and F)

#### V. PETITIONS: RULES OF PROCEDURE

1. Rules of Procedure in respect of Petitions concerning Inhabitants of Mandated Territories - adopted by the Council on 31 January 1923.  
(C.P.M.38 (1) ) (B)

2. Summary of the Procedure to be followed in the matter of Petitions concerning Mandated Territories. (C.545.M.194.1927.VI, Extract No. 1)  
(C.P.M.558 (1) ). (E and F)

3. Mandates. Extract from the Minutes of the fortieth session of the Council, fourth meeting held on 10 June 1926 (Extract No. 39 of the Official Journal - July 1926). (E)

#### VI. CONVENTIONS APPLIED TO MANDATED TERRITORIES

Tables of General International Conventions applied to Mandated Territories (C.735.M.340.1931.VI) (C.P.M. 1230). (B)

#### VII. STATISTICAL INFORMATION REGARDING MANDATED TERRITORIES

1. Statistical Information concerning Territories under Mandate.

(C.143.M.34.1928.VI) (C.P.M.698) (E and F)

2. Statistical Information regarding Territories under Mandate.

(C.565.M.272.1933.VI) (C.P.M.1387) (B)

#### VIII. NATIONAL STATUS OF THE INHABITANTS OF MANDATED TERRITORIES

1. Status of the Inhabitants of Territories under B and C Mandates.

Resolution adopted by the Council on 23 April 1923 (C.P.M.630) (E and F)

2. Status of the Inhabitants of Territories under B and C Mandates. Replies from Mandatory Powers. (C.157.1929.VI) (C.P.M.844) (E and F)

3. Observations of the Government of the Union of South Africa (C.309.1929.VI) (C.P.M.898) (E and F)

#### IX. VARIOUS GENERAL QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MANDATED TERRITORIES

1. Questions of Military Recruiting, State Domain and Liquor Traffic. Views of Mandatory Powers (C.317.1926.VI) (E and F)

2. Liquor Traffic. Definition of terms. Opinion of the Mandatory Powers. (C.234.1928.VI and C.234 (a) 1928.VI) (E and F)

3. Liquor Traffic in the Territories under Mandate. Measures taken by the Organs of the League. Memorandum established by the Secretariat.

(C.341.M.99.1928.VI Extract No. 2) (C.P.M.711 (1) ) (E and F)

4. Liquor Traffic in Territories under B and C Mandates. Statistics: Summary of Legislative Measures and Miscellaneous Information.

(C.608.M.235.1930.VI) (E and F)

#### X. MINUTES OF THE PERMANENT MANDATES COMMISSION (SESSIONS 1-37) INCLUDING THE REPORTS OF THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL

(English and French) and general Indexes to those Minutes.

#### XI. "THE MANDATES SYSTEM. ORIGIN - PRINCIPLES - APPLICATION"

Published by the League of Nations in April 1945. (Series of League of Nations Publications. VI. A. Mandates 1945. VI. A.1.) (E and F)

#### XII. BIBLIOGRAPHY

1. List of Works relating to the Mandates System and the Territories under Mandate catalogued in the Library of the League of Nations, Geneva 1930.

(106 pages) (B)

2. List of Works relating to the Mandates System and the Territories under Mandate catalogued in the Library of the League of Nations. First Supplement, Geneva 1934 (55 pages) (B)

B. ANNUAL REPORTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS CONCERNING THE VARIOUS TERRITORIES UNDER MANDATE

XIII. ANNUAL REPORTS BY THE MANDATORY POWER TO THE COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF:

1. Palestine and Transjordan (1920 - 1938) (E)
2. Syria and Lebanon (1922 - 1938) (F)
3. Iraq (1920 - 1932) (E)
4. Cameroons under British Mandate (1921 - 1938) (E)
5. Cameroons under French Mandate (1915 - 1938) (F)
6. Togoland and British Mandate (1920 - 1938) (E)
7. Togoland under French Mandate (1915 - 1938) (F)
8. Tanganyika Territory (1918 - 1938) (E)
9. Ruanda-Urundi (1917 - 1938) (F)
10. South West Africa (1919 - 1938) (E)
11. New Guinea (1914 - 1938) (E)
12. Nauru (1914 - 1938) (E)
13. Western Samoa (1920 - 1938) (E)
14. Islands under Japanese Mandate (1920 - 1937) (E)

XIV. OTHER DOCUMENTS - STATEMENTS, SPECIAL REPORTS, ETC., - RELATING TO VARIOUS TERRITORIES

1. Palestine and Transjordan

(a) Jewish National Home. Declarations by Balfour, Pichon and Imperiali, dated 2 November 1917, 14 February 1918 and 9 May 1918 respectively  
(no number) (B)\*

(b) Palestine. Correspondence with the Palestine Arab Delegation and the Zionist Organization, presented to Parliament, June 1922 (Cmd 1700).  
(E)

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\* The text of the Imperiali note is in English and in Italian.

- (c) Note by Secretary-General, transmitting
  - (i) the Palestine Order in Council of 10 August 1922;
  - (ii) the Palestine Legislative Council Election Order, 1922;
  - (iii) instructions by the British Government to the High Commissioner for Palestine. (C.639.M.378.1922.VI.C.P.M.36.) (E)
- (d) Note by the Secretary-General of 23 September 1922, transmitting a memorandum by the British Government on Article 25 of the Palestine Mandate: Territory known under the name of Transjordan. (C.667.M.396. 1922 VI.) (E and F)
- (e) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a letter from the British Government of 16 August 1923 relating to the coming into force of the Palestine Mandate. (C.536.1923.VI.) (E and F)
- (f) Proposed formation of an Arab Agency. Correspondence with the High Commissioner for Palestine; presented to Parliament in November 1923. (Cmd.1989.) (E)
- (g) Article 14 of the Palestine Mandate. Letter from the British Government of 18 November 1929, forwarding a memorandum on Jewish and Moslem Rights and Claims at the Wailing Wall, Jerusalem (C.P.M.977). (E and F)
- (h) Declaration of the British Government regarding the rights and claims in connection with the Wailing Wall, January 1930. (C.41.1930 VI). (E and F)
- (i) Report of the Commission on the Palestine Disturbances of August 1929, presented to Parliament in March 1930 (Cmd.3530). (E)
- (j) Collected observations of the Permanent Mandates Commission with regard to Palestine (first to sixteenth sessions). (C.P.M.1009), May 1930. (E)
- (k) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a letter from the British Government of 20 October 1930, forwarding a Statement of Policy with regard to Palestine (Cmd.3692) and the Report by Sir John Hope Simpson

(Cmd.3686) on questions of Immigration, Land Settlement and Development in Palestine (C.625.1930.VI - C.P.M.1093). (E)

(l) Note by the Secretary-General of 12 February 1931, forwarding an Appendix (maps) to Sir John Hope Simpson's Report on Immigration, Land Settlement and Development in Palestine (C.158.1931.VI. - C.P.M.1138)

(Cmd.3687) (E and F)

(m) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the text of a letter from the British Prime Minister to Dr. Weizmann (the Jewish Agency), dated 16 February 1931. (C.173.1931.VI.C.P.M.1139) (E)

(n) Note by the Secretary-General forwarding a letter from the British Government of 5 June 1931, transmitting the Report of the Commission appointed to determine the rights and claims of Moslems and Jews in connection with the Wailing Wall at Jerusalem (C.412.1931.VI.C.P.M.1180)

(E and F)

(o) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a letter from the United Kingdom Government dated 26 September 1936, forwarding a Statement of that Government regarding their policy in Palestine (C.420.1936.VI).

(E and F)

(p) Report of the Palestine Royal Commission presented to Parliament in July 1937. (Cmd.5479) (C.495.M.336.1937.VI). (English edition)

(q) Rapport de la Commission Royale de Palestine (French edition) (C.495.M.336.1937.VI) (Geneve, 30 novembre, 1937)

(r) Palestine Royal Commission. Summary of Report (with extracts) Colonial No. 135, 1937. (E)

(s) Palestine Royal Commission. Memoranda prepared by the Government of Palestine. Colonial No. 133 (1937). (E)

(t) Palestine Royal Commission. Minutes of Evidence heard at Public Sessions (with Index). Colonial No. 134 (1937) (E)

(u) Palestine. Statement of Policy by the United Kingdom Government, presented to Parliament in July 1937. (Cmd.5513) (E and F)

- (v) Collected Observations of the Permanent Mandates Commission with regard to Palestine and Transjordan 1924 - 1936. (C.P.M.1917 - 16 July 1937) (E)
- (w) Palestine. Communication from the Government of Iraq, dated 31 July 1937 (C.321.M.216.1937. - C.P.M.1924) (E and F)
- (x) Permanent Mandates Commission. Thirty-second (Extraordinary) session. General report by the Sub-Committee on petitions concerning the disturbances in Palestine in 1936 and the political development and future of that country. (C.330.M.222.1937.VI. Extract No. 2, 18 August 1937) (E and F)
- (y) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a letter from the United Kingdom Government of 28 January 1938, together with a "White Paper" (Cmd.5634) on the Policy in Palestine presented to Parliament in January 1938 (Despatch dated 23 December 1937 from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the High Commissioner for Palestine (C.66.1938.VI) (E and F)
- (z) Letters from the United Kingdom Government to the Secretary-General, dated 9 November and 19 November 1938, transmitting the Report of the Palestine Partition Commission (Document Cmd.5854) and the Statement on Palestine (Document Cmd.5893) issued by that Government on 9 November 1938 (C.492.M.334.1938.VI). Also summary of Report. (F and E)
- (aa) Letter from the United Kingdom Government to the Secretary-General dated 20 May 1939, transmitting the Statement of Policy on Palestine issued by that Government on 17 May 1939 (Document Cmd.6019). (C.163.M.96.1939.VI). (E and F)
- (bb) Palestine. Statement by the United Kingdom Representative to the Council of the League of Nations on 22 May 1939. (C./105th.session/P.V.2(1) ). (E and F)

(cc) Letter from the United Kingdom Government to the Secretary-General dated 28 February 1940, transmitting the following documents relating to the Sale of Land in Palestine:

- (i) Regulations under Article 16 D of the Palestine Orders-in-Council, 1922 - 1939;
- (ii) Statement explanatory of the Palestine Land Transfers Regulations;
- (iii) Memorandum by the United Kingdom Government. (E and F)

2. Tanganyika Territory

- (a) Boundary between Kenya Colony and Tanganyika Territory. Letter from the British Government dated 25 September 1945. (C.687.M.246.1925. VI. C.P.M.332) (E and F)
- (b) Boundary between Kenya Colony and Tanganyika Territory. Report by M. Unden. (C.740.1925.VI.) (E and F)
- (c) Boundary between Kenya Colony and Tanganyika Territory. Note by the Secretary-General of 2 October 1926. (C.567.1926.VI.) (B)
- (d) Ex-enemy property in Tanganyika Territory. Communication from the British Government of 22 March 1927. (C.182.1927.VI. - C.P.M.551). (E and F)
- (e) Report of the Commission on Closer Union of the Dependencies in Eastern and Central Africa, presented to Parliament in January 1929 (Cmd.3234) (E)
- (f) Statement of the Conclusions of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom as regards Closer Union in East Africa, presented to Parliament in June 1930 (Cmd.3574) (E)
- (g) Joint Select Committee (of Parliament) on Closer Union in East Africa. Vol. I. - Report together with the proceedings of the Committee (1931) (E)
- (h) Closer Union in East Africa. Letter from the United Kingdom Government dated 2 September 1932, transmitting a Command Paper



(Cmd.4141) (E) containing Correspondence (1931 - 1932) arising from the Report of the Joint Select Committee on Closer Union in East Africa (C.P.M.1294) (E and F)

(i) Letter from the United Kingdom Government, of 23 March 1935, transmitting a Statement of Conclusions issued by the East African Governors after their Conference on 18 January 1935. (C.P.M.1614) (E)

(j) Frontier between Tanganyika and Mozambique. Note by the Secretary-General communicating to the Council letters from the British and Portuguese Governments submitting for the Council's approval an Agreement dated 11 May 1936 regarding the delimitation of that frontier. (C.21.1937.VI.) (E and F)

(k) Frontier between Tanganyika and Mozambique. Joint request from the Governments of the United Kingdom and Portugal. Minutes of the meeting of the Council on 22 January 1937. (C./96th session/P.V.2 (1) ) (E and F)

(l) Letter from the United Kingdom Government to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations, dated 31 March 1938, and concerning the wording of the preamble to Orders-in-Council applied to Tanganyika. (C.P.M.2018) (E and F)

3. Frontier Between Tanganyika Territory and Ruanda-Urundi.

(a) Proposals of the Belgian and British Governments. Memorandum by the Secretary-General, dated 16 August 1923. (C.525.1923.VI) (E and F)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General of 7 October 1926, relating to the communication by the Belgian and British Governments of certain documents concerning that frontier. (C.575.M.215.1926.VI. - C.P.M.472) (E)

(c) Letters dated 28 February and 26 March 1935, with annexes, from the Governments of Belgium and of the United Kingdom respectively, submitting jointly to the Council for approval a Treaty signed by them on 22 November 1934, concerning the delimitation of that frontier. (C.173.1935.VI.) (E and F)

(d) Minutes of the meeting of the Council of the League of Nations on 20 May 1935. C./86 session/P.V.1 (1). (E and F)

4. Ruandi-Urundi

(a) Memorandum by the German Government, dated 16 September 1925, concerning the Belgian Law of 21 August 1925, on the administration of Ruanda-Urundi. (C.593.1925.VI. - C.P.M. 282.) (E and F)

(b) Observations of the Belgian Government, dated 16 October 1925 on the memorandum by the German Government. (C.623.1925.VI. - C.P.M.301.) (E and F)

(c) The Belgian Law of 21 August 1925, concerning the administration of Ruanda-Urundi. Report by Mr. M. Unden, adopted by the Council, 8 December 1925. (C.731.(1).1925.VI.) (E and F)

5. Frontier Between Togoland Under British Mandate and Togoland Under French Mandate. Joint note dated 23 September 1930, from the British and French Government notifying their approval of the Final Report of the Mixed Commission for the delimitation of the frontiers of the territories of Togoland under their respective mandates (C.653.M.269.1930.VI) (E and F)

6. South-West Africa

(a) Frontier between Angola and South West Africa. Letter from the Portuguese Government of 11 September 1925 (A.61.1925.VI. - C.P.M.274) (E and F)

(b) Frontier between Angola and South-West Africa. Letter from the Government of the Union of South Africa of 18 September 1925. (A.97.1925.VI. - C.P.M.267) (B)

(c) Frontier between Angola and South-West Africa. Letter from the Portuguese Government of 23 September 1925. (A.129.1925.VI. - C.P.M.280). (B)

(d) Legal Opinion, communicated on 20 November 1925 by the Government of the Union of South Africa, on the Position of the Caprivi Zipfel in relation to the Union Government and Bechuanaland Protectorate Administration. (C.717.1925.VI) (E and F)

- (e) Frontier between South West Africa and Angola. Letter from the Portuguese Government of 10 August 1926, forwarding copies of the Agreements between the Union of South Africa and Portugal concerning the frontier between South West Africa and Angola, signed on 22 June and 1 July 1926. (A.38.1926.VI). (E and F)
- (f) Frontier between South West Africa and Angola. Letter from the Government of the Union of South Africa forwarding copies of the Agreements of 22 June and 1 July 1926 (see under 5) (C.577.M.217.1926.VI. - C.P.M.474) (E and F)
- (g) Observations of the Government of the Union of South Africa on the Council's decision concerning certain remarks relating to ex-enemy property in South West Africa contained in the Report of the Permanent Mandates Commission on the work of its Fourteenth Session. (C.259.1929.VI. - C.P.M.872) (E and F)
- (h) Observations of the Government of the Union of South Africa on the Council's decision concerning certain remarks relating to the status of the inhabitants of South West Africa, contained in the Report of the Permanent Mandates Commission on the work of its Fourteenth Session. (C.309.1929. - C.P.M.898) (E and F)
- (i) Letter dated 6 September 1929 from the Representative of the Union of South Africa relating to the Council's decision on the observations on South West Africa contained in the Report of the Permanent Mandates Commission on its Fifteenth Session. (C.440.1929.VI) (E and F)
- (j) Letter dated 20 September 1929 from the representative of the Union of South Africa relating to the report of the Permanent Mandates Commission on its Fifteenth Session. (C.462.1929.VI) (E and F)
- (k) Extracts from the Minutes of the second and third meetings of the Fifty-seventh Session of the Council, 19 and 25 September 1929. (C.P.M.927) (E and F)
- (l) Report of the Permanent Mandates Commission on its Fifteenth session. Observations on the administration of South West Africa. Note

by the Secretary-General (C.577.1929.VI) (E and F)

(m) South West Africa. Amendment to the Railways and Harbours Act.

Communication from the Government of the Union of South Africa with reference to the observations of the Permanent Mandates Commission at its Fourteenth and Fifteenth Sessions. (C.232.M.118.1930.VI. - C.P.M.1008) (E and F)

(n) Communications from the Government of the Union of South Africa with reference to the Council's resolutions concerning the work of the Permanent Mandates Commission at its Fifteenth and Sixteenth Sessions. (Questions of "sovereignty") (C.325.1930.VI. - C.P.M.1015) (E and F)

(o) Observations of the Government of the Union of South Africa regarding a passage of the Report of the Permanent Mandates Commission on the work of its Twentieth Session. (Responsibility of the Union Government for the Budget of South West Africa) (C.336.1932.VI. - C.P.M.1285). (B)

(p) Letter dated 29 April 1935 from the Government of the Union of South Africa communicating the Report (U.G.No.16.1935) of the Commission on the Economic and Financial Relations between the Union of South Africa and the Mandated Territory of South West Africa (C.P.M.1617) (E)

(q) Letter, dated 8 June 1936, from the Government of the Union of South Africa transmitting the Report of the "South West Africa Commission (the so-called Constitutional Commission)". (U.G.No.26.1936) (C.P.M.1814) (E)

(r) Letter dated 19 August 1936, from the Acting Representative of the Government of the Union of South Africa to the League of Nations transmitting a statement in relation to the Report of the "South-West African Commission" (C.P.M.1823) (Annex affixed to Report mentioned above under 9) (E)

(s) Letter dated 30 December 1936, from the Accredited Representative of the Union of South Africa to the League of Nations, communicating a Declaration on the Administration of South West Africa. (C.P.M.1884 (1) ) (E and F)

7. New Guinea

Communication from the Australian Government regarding the administration of New Guinea (Application of Australian Navigation Act) (A.64.1925.VI) (B)

8. Western Samoa

(a) Telegram, dated 2 January 1930, from the New Zealand Government concerning the riot which occurred in Apia on 28 December 1929. (C.5.M.2 1930.VI) (E and F)

(b) Telegrams dated 28 January and 5 February 1930 from the New Zealand Government relating to the same riot. (C.125.M.43.1930.VI) (E and F)

9. Islands under Japanese Mandate

(a) Communication from the Chinese Government dated 8 June 1938 regarding the application of the Japanese National Mobilization Bill to the mandated islands. (C.207.M.113.1938.VII). (E and F)

(b) Co-operation of Japan with the organs of the League. Letter from the Japanese Government dated 2 November 1938. (C.415.M.260.1938) (E)

10. Territories under Mandate in the Pacific

(a) Notes on Certain Aspects of the Work of the League of Nations of interest to the Pacific Countries. Geneva, June 1927. (E)

(b) The League of Nations in relation to the Pacific. Geneva, September 1929. (E)

(c) Memorandum on the Work of the League in relation to the Pacific. Prepared for the Sixth Conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations. Geneva, 1936. (E)

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