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Revised draft Report of the Standing
Committee on PetitionsChairman: Mr. Daniel Massonet (Belgium)

Delete from the draft report paragraph 8. Delete also the draft resolution annexed to the draft report, and substitute the following.7

Petition from the International League for the Rights of Man, Committee for Ruanda-Urundi

The Trusteeship Council

Having examined the petition from the International League for the Rights of Man, Committee for Ruanda-Urundi, concerning Trust Territories in general (T/PET.GENERAL/25, T/L...),

1. Accepts the principle that there must be guaranteed to a petitioner the maximum possible safeguards when his petition is being examined;
2. Notes that its Standing Committee on Petitions has already adopted the practice of seeking from a petitioner, when necessary, further information in order that he may throw light on any part of his petition that may be obscure;
3. Considers that, while there is no provision in its rules of procedure to this effect, it would not be contrary to the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations if, in appropriate cases, the observations of the Administering Authority concerned were communicated to a petitioner prior to the examination of his petition;

4. Decides that, in serious cases, and when grave difficulties arise as to the material nature of the facts alleged by a petitioner, its Standing Committee on Petitions should be free to communicate to a petitioner the observations on his petition of the Administering Authority concerned, in order to give to him an opportunity to throw light on matters still in doubt, and that a resolution on his petition should not be adopted until the petitioner has had a reasonable period in which to respond.
