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Northern Ireland

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Belgium

Mr. YANG

China

Mr. RASGOTRA

India

Mr. GASBARRI

Italy

Mr. ANTONOV

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

Secretariat:

Mr. CHACKO

Secretary of the Committee

SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION: DRAFT REPORT (T/C.2/L.395)

Section I

Mr. GASBARRI (Italy) said that in paragraph 5 the word "ten-year" should be replaced by the word "nine-year" and the figure "1962" by the figure "1961".

Paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 were adopted.

Draft resolution I was approved unanimously.

Section II

Paragraphs 7, 8 and 9 were adopted.

Draft resolution II was approved by 4 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Section IV

Paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 were adopted.

Draft resolution IV was approved by 4 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Section V

Paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 were adopted.

Draft resolution V was approved by 4 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Section VI

Paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 were adopted.

Draft resolution VI was approved by 4 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Section VII

Paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 were adopted.

Draft resolution VII was approved by 4 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Section VIII

Paragraphs 4 and 5 were adopted.

Draft resolution VIII was approved by 4 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

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Section IX

Paragraphs 14, 15 and 16 were adopted.

Draft resolution IX was approved by 4 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Section X

Paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 were adopted.

Draft resolution X was approved by 4 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Section XI

Paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7 were adopted.

Draft resolution XI was approved unanimously.

Section XII

Paragraphs 5, 6, 7 and 8 were adopted.

Draft resolution XII was approved by 4 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Draft report T/C.2/L.395, as a whole, was adopted.

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Paragraphs 1 and 2, page 2

The paragraphs were adopted.

Section I

The CHAIRMAN asked the Italian representative whether paragraph 4 was in general conformity with the statements he had made.

Mr. GASBARRI (Italy) said that he had only one request, which was that the word "workers" should be replaced by the word "employees" in the second line of sub-paragraph (I).

Paragraphs 3 to 8, as thus amended, were adopted.

Draft resolution I was approved by 4 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Section II

Paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5 were adopted.

Draft resolution II was approved unanimously.

Section III

Paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 were adopted.

Draft resolution III was approved by 4 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Section IV

Paragraphs 10 and 11 were adopted.

Draft resolution IV was approved by 4 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Section V

Paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 were adopted.

Mr. RASCOTRA (India) thought the latter part of the final sentence in the draft resolution did not make it sufficiently clear that government officials were recruited on a competitive basis.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that the final part of the sentence, from the words "if he so desires" could be redrafted to read, "to compete, in accordance with the normal procedure, for a position with the Government". It would then be necessary for paragraph 4 of section V to be amended in the same way.

It was so decided.

Draft resolution V, as amended, was approved unanimously.

Section VI

Paragraphs 7 and 8 were adopted.

Draft resolution VI was approved by 4 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Section VII

Paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 were adopted.

Draft resolution VII was approved by 4 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Section VIII

Paragraphs 7 and 8 were adopted.

Draft resolution VIII was approved by 4 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

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Section IX

Paragraphs 3 and 4 were adopted.

Draft resolution IX was approved by 4 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Section X

Paragraphs 7 and 8 were adopted.

Draft resolution X was approved by 4 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Section XI

Paragraphs 13, 14 and 15 were adopted.

Draft resolution XI was approved by 4 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Section XII

Paragraphs 4 and 5 were adopted.

Draft resolution XII was approved by 4 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Section XIII

Paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 were adopted.

Draft resolution XIII was approved by 4 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Section XIV

Paragraphs 8 to 11 were adopted.

Mr. RASGOTRA (India) proposed that the operative part of draft resolution XIV should be supplemented by a further paragraph, which would become paragraph 4 and would read as follows: "Requests the Administering Authority, in consultation with the Government of Somalia, to inform the Trusteeship Council of the progress made in this matter".

Draft resolution XIV, as amended, was approved unanimously.

Section XV

Paragraphs 4 and 5 were adopted.

Mr. ANTONOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) requested a separate vote on each paragraph of draft resolution XV.

The preamble was approved unanimously.

Operative paragraph 1 was approved by 5 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Operative paragraph 2 was approved unanimously.

Draft resolution XV, as a whole, was approved unanimously.

EXAMINATION OF PETITIONS: DRAFT REPORT (T/C.2/L.397)

Mr. CHACKO (Secretary of the Committee) drew attention to certain corrections to be made in the table in paragraph 3 of the draft report.

He also proposed the addition, after paragraph 4, of a paragraph 5, to be worded as follows: "At its 520th meeting, the Standing Committee decided not to consider the petition in document T/PET.11/737 as it did not concern a Trust Territory". Paragraphs 5 and 6 would need to be renumbered accordingly. He proposed further that the following should be inserted as a foot-note to the figures "98" and "953" in paragraph 3 of the draft report: "This includes the one petition which the Committee decided not to consider which is referred to in paragraph 5". The other foot-notes would be renumbered accordingly.

Mr. ANTONOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) requested a separate vote on each paragraph of the report (T/C.2/L.397).

Paragraph 1 of the report was adopted unanimously.

Paragraph 2, as amended, was adopted by 5 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Mr. ANTONOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) asked for a separate vote on the parts of the table in paragraph 3 which referred to the "Cameroons under British and Cameroons under French administration" and the "Cameroons under French administration".

Those parts of the table were adopted by 5 votes to 1.

Paragraph 3, as a whole, was adopted by 5 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Paragraph 4 was adopted unanimously.

The new paragraph 5 was adopted unanimously.

Paragraph 6 (formerly paragraph 5) was adopted by 5 votes to 1.

Mr. ANTONOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) explained that his delegation had voted against the paragraph because the Administering Authority had refused to consider, and the Committee had been unwilling to examine, the petitions to which reference was made.

The report, as a whole, was adopted by 5 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Mr. RASGOTRA (India), Miss TENZER (Belgium), Mr. YANG (China) and Mr. GASBARRI (Italy) complimented the Chairman on the way in which he had presided over the discussions and thanked the Secretary of the Committee and the members of the Secretariat for their assistance.

The Chairman declared the Committee's 1959 session closed.