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Item 10 of the Agenda

REVISION OF THE PROCEDURES OF THE COUNCIL  
Final Report of the Committee on Rules of  
Procedure to the Trusteeship Council

Chairman: Mr. J. D. Ingles (Philippines)

1. The Committee on Rules of Procedure held four further meetings, on 3, 6, 7 and 8 February 1950.
2. The Committee unanimously agreed to reconsider the proposed amendment to Rule 24 as contained in paragraph 5 of its Interim Report (document T/L.8) and to recommend to the Trusteeship Council merely the deletion of the last sentence of the existing Rule 24.
3. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend to the Trusteeship Council to replace the text of Rule 26 by the following:

"The Secretary-General or his representative may, subject to the provisions of Rule 53, make oral as well as written statements to the Council, its committees or subsidiary bodies concerning any question under consideration."

4. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend to the Trusteeship Council to adopt the following amendment:

In the first line of Rule 53, replace the words "No representative" by the words "Neither a representative nor the Secretary-General".

5. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend to the Trusteeship Council the substitution of the following text for Rule 85:

Proposed new Rule 85

"1. The Secretary-General shall deal with all written petitions received by him in accordance with the following procedure:

"(a) All written petitions in which the petitioners expressly or by implication call for the intervention of the Trusteeship Council in order to obtain the redress of a personal or collective grievance, or the modification of the policy or practice of, or of a decision by, the administering authority, or which refer to the operation of the International Trusteeship System as laid down in the Charter, shall be placed on the agenda of the Trusteeship Council as separate items in accordance with the provisions of Rule 86 and shall be promptly circulated to all members of the Trusteeship Council.

"(b) All other written petitions (unless they fall within the provisions of sub-paragraph (c) below) shall be promptly circulated to members of the Trusteeship Council in extenso (unless they are of excessive length in which case they shall be circulated in the first instance in a summarized form) together with a reference, if any, to any petition dealing with the same subject matter which has been circulated in accordance with provisions of sub-paragraph (a) above.

"(c) All written petitions which are manifestly inconsequential or which do not relate to matters falling within the competence of the Trusteeship Council, or which are merely expressions of appreciation of the activities of the Trusteeship Council, shall be listed, together with a brief summary of their contents, and the list shall be circulated to members of the Trusteeship Council for their information. The original documents of such petitions shall be kept by the Secretary-General and shall be made available to any member of the Trusteeship Council on request.

"2. Before the opening of each session of the Trusteeship Council any member of the Trusteeship Council may request the Secretary-General to add to the provisional agenda any petition which has been circulated in accordance with the provisions of sub-paragraphs (b) or (c) above.

"While the Trusteeship Council is in session and after the Agenda for that session has been adopted any member of the Council may in accordance with the provisions of Rule 10 request that any petition which has been circulated in accordance with the provisions of sub-paragraphs (b) or (c) above be placed on the Agenda either of the Trusteeship Council or of the ad hoc Committee on Petitions provided for in Rule 90."

6. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend to the Trusteeship Council to give the following directive to the Secretary-General relating to anonymous petitions.

"All anonymous petitions which do not fall within the provisions of sub-paragraph (c) of rule 85 shall, in the first instance, be circulated to members of the Trusteeship Council by the Secretary-General as restricted documents, and shall be laid before the ad hoc Committee on Petitions. The ad hoc Committee on Petitions shall make an appropriate recommendation to the Trusteeship Council in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 of rule 90, including, in particular, a recommendation as to whether the anonymous petition in question should be circulated as an unrestricted document."

7. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend to the Trusteeship Council to amend Rule 91 as follows:

In the first sentence, delete the words "one or more of its representatives" and substitute the words "the ad hoc Committee on Petitions".

- 5) a letter from Messrs. Yusufu Semfigiri Huhuza, Yolbi Kasohena Puvabunjiuja, dated 12 October 1949;
- 6) a letter from Messrs. Israel Gashali, Rubanbipula, Ndalihuza, Kahegeli, Vyanzaza, Amed, dated 12 October 1949;
- 7) a letter from Messrs. Godfrey Rushongo, Runyala Sechyoko, Bayaga Bahintage, Lameki Mugaye, Yalli Rudabananige dated 12 October 1949;
- 8) a letter from Messrs. Samson Magumba, Janitagi M. Sporuhiza, Kokoto, Andrea Kivjadkiva, S. Nyanukara, Maliya Rakareto, Meviyadi Mivba, Stephavo Kasebele, B. John Makele, dated 12 October 1949;
- 9) a letter from Messrs. J.K. Semuguruka, Isaya Mushatsi, Delisifuzabya-bandi, Baginanandi, dated 12 October 1949;
- 10) a letter from 20 Bahangaza students, dated 27 September 1949;
- 11) a letter from Mr. Ramadhan Kafula, dated 12 October 1949;
- 12) a letter from Messrs. Richard Bgoya, Isaiah Bitende, Ernest Ruhembe, George Ndabagoye, Edward Mpimbili undated;
- 13) a letter from 16 Bahangaza school boys of the Government Secondary School, Bukoba, dated 3 October 1949;
- 14) a letter from Messrs. Bilala Kikakelesi, Z.N. Miyagalo, Seeksim Kamuzaga, Sinasiyo Rubagwa, Yakobo Nyabenda, Ruhago Chinza Ntensinseryo Bangilankandi, Runzinbanga Buchantuhula, dated 12 October 1949;
- 15) a letter from Messrs. Matiya Rukusetto, Simoni Nyamukara dated 12 October 1949;
- 16) a letter from Messrs. Leonard S/o Nkupa, Darseni S/o Banigwa, Yoshua Rwomeka, Muntumbi, Nikolaus Sebasuku, Nzorubara, Rwokara dated 12 October 1949;
- 17) a telegram from Mr. Rusewayila dated 11 October.

All these communications oppose the claims of the Mwami of Urundi for the return of Bugufi to Urundi; several claim that the petitioners who have written in support of the Mwami's claim were bribed to do so, one claims the return to Bugufi of an area of Urundi which allegedly in the past belonged to it.