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CONDITIONS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY OF WESTERN SAMOA

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics: amendment to the draft conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Drafting Committee (T/L.915, Annex)

Paragraph 23 should be worded as follows:

"The Council notes with satisfaction the statement of the Administering Authority that the objective of Trusteeship for Western Samoa is independence and that the following actions are planned for the purpose of attaining that objective: the establishment of a Government of Western Samoa in October 1959; the holding, on the basis of a new citizenship Act, of elections to the Legislative Assembly in September or October 1960 and also the convening of a Constituent Assembly; the holding of a plebiscite in Western Samoa in May 1961 under United Nations supervision; the adoption in August 1961 of a special act by the New Zealand Parliament concerning the abolition of the rights of New Zealand with respect to Western Samoa after the ending of the Trusteeship Agreement; and the adoption by the General Assembly of a decision on the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement as from 31 December 1961.

The Council considers that the conclusion of any agreement whatever with Western Samoa should be postponed until such time as Western Samoa acquires full independence and is able to conduct its external affairs independently and to decide, as a fully independent and sovereign State, whether or not to conclude any particular agreement with foreign States. In this connexion the Council notes the further assurance of the Administering Authority that the independence of Western Samoa is in no way conditional upon the conclusion of any kind of treaty or any other factor."
