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Part I

ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL

Chapter I

ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL

A. Membership

1. The composition of the Council on 1 January 1964, was as follows:

Members administering Trust Territories

Australia

New Zealand

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

United States of America

Members mentioned by name in Article 23 of the Charter and not administering Trust Territories

China

France

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

Member elected by the General Assembly

Liberia

Date of retirement

31 December 1965

B. Officers

2. Mr. Frank H. Corner (New Zealand) and Mr. René Doise (France) were elected President and Vice-President respectively, at the beginning of the thirty-first session on 20 May 1964.

C. Sessions and meetings

3. The Council held the following meetings during the period covered by this report:

Thirty-first session (1225th to meetings), 20 May to June 1964. All meetings took place at the United Nations Headquarters, New York.

D. Procedure

4. No change affecting procedure was made by the Council in the period under review.

E. Relations with the Security Council

5. In accordance with Article 83 of the Charter, with the resolution adopted by the Security Council at its 415th meeting on 7 March 1949, and with its own resolution 46 (IV) of 24 March 1949, the Trusteeship Council continued to perform those functions of the United Nations under the Trusteeship System relating to the political, economic, social and educational matters in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and submitted a report thereon to the Security Council.^{1/}

F. Relations with the specialized agencies

6. Representatives of the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) participated in the work of the Council as occasion required.

Chapter II

EXAMINATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS

7. The Council had before it the annual reports of the Administering Authorities on the following Trust Territories:

<u>Trust Territory</u>	<u>Administering Authority</u>	<u>Year covered by the report</u>	<u>Date of receipt of report by the Secretary-General</u>	<u>Note of the Secretary-General transmitting the report</u>
Nauru	Australia	year ended 30 June 1963	14 April 1964	T/1619
New Guinea	Australia	" " "	12 May 1964	T/1621
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands	United States of America	" " "	18 May 1964	T/1624

8. Further details concerning the procedural aspects of the examination of the annual reports are given below:

<u>Trust Territory</u>	<u>Name of the special representative</u>	<u>Meetings at which the annual report was examined</u>
New Guinea	Mr. G.W. Toogood	1225th-1228th, 1230th, 1231st
	Mr. J.W. Magan (Adviser) Mr. Tau Boga (Adviser)	1239th
Nauru	Mr. R. March Councillor A. Bernicke (Adviser)	1232nd-1238th, 1242nd

Chapter III

EXAMINATION OF PETITIONS

9. There were no petitions concerning Nauru or New Guinea before the Council. Three petitions circulated under rule 85, paragraph 2, of the rules of procedure, concerning the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands are referred to in the Council's report to the Security Council.^{1/}

Chapter IV

VISITS TO TRUST TERRITORIES

A. United Nations Visiting Mission to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, 1964

10. At its thirtieth session, the Council adopted resolution 2138 (XXX) on 24 June 1963, by which it appointed a periodic visiting mission to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands in 1964, to be composed of Mr. Frank H. Corner (New Zealand) Chairman; Mr. Chiping H.C. Kiang (China), Miss Angie Brooks (Liberia) and Mr. Cecil E. King, C.M.G. (United Kingdom). The resolution set forth the terms of reference of the Visiting Mission, according to which it was directed by the Council (1) to investigate and report as fully as possible on the steps taken in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands towards the realization of the objectives set forth in Article 76 b of the Charter of the United Nations, and to pay special attention to the question of the future of the Territory in the light of the relevant sections of the Charter and the Trusteeship Agreement, bearing in mind the

provisions of relevant Trusteeship Council and General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960; (2) to give attention, as might be appropriate in the light of discussions in the Trusteeship Council and of resolutions adopted by it, to issues raised in connexion with the annual reports on the administration of the Territory, in the petitions received by the Council concerning the Territory, in the reports of the previous periodic visiting missions to the Territory and in the observations of the Administering Authority on those reports; (3) to receive petitions, without prejudice to its acting in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Council, and to investigate on the spot such of the petitions received as, in its opinion, warranted special investigation. Finally, the Council requested the Visiting Mission to submit to the Council, as soon as practicable, a report on its visit to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands containing its findings, with such observations, conclusions and recommendations as it might wish to make.

11. Before its departure for the Trust Territory, the Mission visited Washington, D.C. on 30 and 31 January 1964, for preliminary discussions with representatives of the Departments of State and of the Interior on recent political and economic developments in the Trust Territory and, in particular, to obtain an indication of the views of the Administering Authority as to the future of the Territory. The Mission was received by the Secretaries of State and of the Interior. It left New York for the Trust Territory on 4 February and returned on 16 March 1964.

12. The report of the Mission^{1/} was examined by the Council in conjunction with the annual report of the Administering Authority. The principal observations and recommendations of the Visiting Mission on conditions in the Trust Territory, as well as the text of resolution (XXXI)^{2/} adopted by the Council on 23 June 1964, are to be found in the Council's report to the Security Council.^{3/}

B. United Nations Visiting Mission to the Trust Territories of
Nauru and New Guinea, 1965

13. At the 1241st meeting of the Council, the Governments of France, Liberia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of

1/ T/1620.

2/ T/L.1078.

3/ S/ .

America were invited to submit nominations for membership of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Trust Territories of Nauru and New Guinea in 1965.

14. At its following meeting, on 24 June 1964, the Council adopted resolution (XXXI)^{1/} setting forth the terms of reference of the Visiting Mission. In this resolution, the Council directed the Visiting Mission (1) to investigate and report as fully as possible on the steps taken in the Trust Territories of Nauru and New Guinea towards the realization of the objectives set forth in Article 76 b of the Charter of the United Nations, and to pay special attention to the question of the future of the two Territories, including the wishes of the Nauruan community regarding its future, in the light of the relevant sections of the Charter and the Trusteeship Agreements, bearing in mind the provisions of relevant Trusteeship Council and General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960; and resolution 1541 (XV) of 15 December 1960; (2) to give attention, as may be appropriate in the light of discussions in the Trusteeship Council and of resolutions adopted by it, to issues raised in connexion with the annual reports on the administration of the Trust Territories, in the petitions received by the Council concerning Nauru and New Guinea, in the reports of previous visiting missions and the Administering Authority's observations on those reports; (3) to receive petitions, without prejudice to its acting in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Council, and to investigate on the spot such of the petitions received as, in its opinion, warrant special investigation. Finally, the Council requested the Visiting Mission to submit to the Council as soon as practicable separate reports on the Trust Territories of Nauru and New Guinea containing its findings, with such observations, conclusions and recommendations as it might wish to make.

15. (paragraph to be inserted, regarding the election of the Chairman of the Visiting Mission and approval of nominations of members to be submitted)

Chapter V

ATTAINMENT OF SELF-GOVERNMENT OR INDEPENDENCE BY THE TRUST TERRITORIES AND THE SITUATION IN TRUST TERRITORIES WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

16. Uppermost in the minds of members of the Council throughout its examination of conditions in the three Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands, Nauru and

^{1/} T/L.1082.

New Guinea, were the measures being taken to transfer all powers to the peoples of those Territories, in accordance with their freely expressed will and desire, in order to enable them to enjoy complete independence or self-government within the shortest time practicable. The pertinent conclusions and recommendations of the Council, as well as the individual observations of members of the Council, are contained in the Council's report to the Security Council with respect to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and in the relevant chapters on Nauru and New Guinea in its report to the General Assembly.

17. The General Assembly, in its resolutions 1654 (XVI) of 27 November 1961, and 1810 (XVII) of 17 December 1962, requested, inter alia, the Trusteeship Council to assist the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in its work. In accordance with this request, the President of the Trusteeship Council addressed a letter to the Chairman of the Special Committee informing him that at its thirty-first session the Council had examined conditions in the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands, Nauru and New Guinea and that the conclusions and recommendations of the Council, as well as the observations of members of the Council representing their individual opinions only were contained in the report to the Security Council relating to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and in the report to the General Assembly with regard to Nauru and New Guinea. He also expressed his willingness to discuss with the Chairman of the Special Committee any further assistance which the Special Committee might desire from the Trusteeship Council.

Chapter VI

OTHER QUESTIONS CONSIDERED BY THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

A. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories

18. Under the procedure approved by the Council for the administration of the United Nations programme of scholarships for inhabitants of Trust Territories, the Secretary-General submits an annual report to the Council containing all appropriate

details of the programme. The report^{1/} submitted to the Council at its thirty-first session was the thirteenth such report and covered the period from 15 May 1963 to 14 May 1964. During this period, as in previous years, according to the information made available to the Secretary-General, no applications for scholarships offered by thirteen Member States were received from any of the three remaining Trust Territories.

19. The report of the Secretary-General was considered by the Council at its 1237th meeting. Both in the reply to the request of the Secretary-General, dated 24 January 1964, for information regarding the utilization of the scholarships offered by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, as well as in the statement of the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics at the 1237th meeting,^{2/} dissatisfaction was expressed that during the twelve years in which the United Nations scholarship programme had been in existence no scholarships had been used by inhabitants from any of the three Trust Territories in the Pacific despite the desire of the indigenous inhabitants to acquire knowledge and despite the need of the Trust Territories for trained personnel - a need which, to a certain extent, could be satisfied by means of scholarships offered by Member States under the United Nations programme.

20. The Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General and drew the attention of the Administering Authorities to the observations made.

B. Dissemination of information on the United Nations and the
International Trusteeship System in Trust Territories

21. In accordance with the terms of Trusteeship Council resolution 36 (III) of 8 July 1948 and of General Assembly resolution 754 (VIII) of 9 December 1953, the Secretary-General submits an annual report to the Trusteeship Council on the arrangements undertaken in co-operation with the Administering Authorities for distributing official records of the United Nations and disseminating information concerning the aims and activities of the United Nations and the International Trusteeship System, in the Trust Territories. The report^{3/} submitted to the Council at its thirty-first session covered the period from 1 June 1963 to 31 May 1964.

1/ Document T/1622.

2/ Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Thirty-first Session,
document T/SR.1237.

3/ Document T/1623.

22. The report was discussed at the 1237th meeting,^{1/} at which the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics expressed the opinion that in disseminating information about the United Nations and its activities in various fields throughout the three Trust Territories priority should be given to the text of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples and to the activities of the Special Committee of Twenty-Four. The representatives of the United States of America and of Australia gave full and detailed information regarding the dissemination in the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands, New Guinea and Nauru respectively, of the above-mentioned Declaration, as well as of information regarding all the operations, decisions and debates of the United Nations through all the media of communication.

23. The Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General.

Part II

CONDITIONS IN TRUST TERRITORIES

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| I. | New Guinea | (to be completed) |
| II. | Nauru | (to be completed) |

1/ Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Thirty-first Session,
document T/SR.1237.