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CONDITIONS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics: amendments to the report of the Drafting Committee (T/L.1096)

1. In the chapter entitled "POLITICAL ADVANCEMENT", insert the following new paragraph before the existing paragraph 6:

"The Council notes that the Administering Authority continues to keep in its own hands all legislative and executive authority in the Trust Territory, while the people of Micronesia continue to be kept away from the solution of the problems confronting the Territory. The Council recommends the Administering Authority to lift the veto which it retains over all decisions of the Congress of Micronesia and to confer upon the Congress all powers necessary to the exercise of full legislative authority in the Territory."

2. After the first sentence in the existing paragraph 11, insert the following invitation:

"The Council invites the administering Power to submit to the Council as soon as possible the full texts of the charters of the legislative bodies of all districts of the Trust Territory."

3. Replace the existing paragraphs 12 and 13 by the following paragraph:

"The Council notes that all key posts in the Administration of the Territory remain in the hands of United States citizens and that the appointment of United States nationals to various positions at all levels of administration continues. The Council considers that the administering Power should hand over all responsible posts in the Administration of the Territory to Micronesians."

4. After the existing paragraph 13, insert a new chapter entitled "JUDICIAL SYSTEM", with the following new paragraph:

"The Council regrets that control over the judicial system of the Territory still remains in the hands of the Administering Authority and that, in particular, all judges of the High Court of Micronesia are United States citizens. The Council recommends the Administering Authority to take immediate measures to hand over responsible posts in the judicial system to Micronesians."

5. Replace the existing paragraph 15 by the following new paragraph:

"15. The Council notes that the appropriations made by the Administering Authority in the budget of the Territory do not cover even a small part of the profits which the United States has derived and continues to derive from the use of the Trust Territory for its own purposes, especially for military purposes."

6. Replace the first sentence in paragraph 18 by the following text:

"The Council notes that, as a result of the completely inadequate appropriations for public health, medical care still remains at an extremely low level which does not cover the provision of medical assistance even in cases of the most serious diseases. The Council considers it necessary that prompt measures should be worked out for a drastic improvement in the medical care of the population."

7. Before the existing paragraph 20, insert the following new paragraph:

"The Council, taking into consideration the Trust Territory's requirements of highly qualified personnel, recommends the Administering Authority to take, in the interests of the Micronesians, the opportunities for education and vocational training available to the inhabitants of the Trust Territory under the United Nations fellowship programme for inhabitants of Trust Territories."

8. (a) In the last sentence in paragraph 21, delete everything before the words: "the Council feels".

(b) Add to that sentence the following text:

"and recommends the adoption of immediate measures to establish an institution of higher education in the Territory".

9. In chapter VI, replace the existing paragraphs 22 and 23 by the following new paragraphs:

"22. The Council reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and with the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples (resolution 1514 (XV)).

"23. The Council recommends the Administering Authority to adopt, immediately and unreservedly, measures to implement in the Trust Territory the provisions of the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples, which is applicable in all its parts to the Pacific Islands, and also the recommendations of the Special Committee of Twenty-Four (A/5800/Add.6)."
