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INTRODUCTION

In accordance with Article 83 of the Charter of the United Nations, with resolution 70 (1949) 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 has carried out on behalf of the Security Council those functions of the United Nations under the International Trusteeship System relating to the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the inhabitants of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, designated as a strategic area.

PART ONE

ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITIES OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

CHAPTER I

ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL

A. Membership

1. The composition of the Trusteeship Council on 1 January 1976 was as follows:

Member administering a Trust Territory

United States of America

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

China

France

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

B. Officers

2. Mr. Guy Scalabre (France) and Mr. James Murray (United Kingdom) were elected President and Vice-President, respectively, at the beginning of the forty-third session on 29 June 1976.

C. Sessions and meetings

3. The Council held the following meetings during the period covered by this report: forty-third session (1450th to _____ meetings, from 29 June to _____ July 1976).

4. All meetings took place at United Nations Headquarters, New York.

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D. Procedure

5. No change affecting the procedure for the examination of conditions in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands was made in the period under review.

E. Relations with the specialized agencies

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

CHAPTER II

EXAMINATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

7. The report of the Government of the United States on the administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands for the year ending 30 June 1975 1/ was transmitted to members of the Trusteeship Council on 24 May 1976 by a note of the Secretary-General (T/1772) and placed on the agenda of the Council at its forty-third session.

8. The Trusteeship Council began its examination of the annual report at its 1450th meeting, on 29 June 1976. At the same meeting, and at the 1451st meeting, on the same day, the representative of the United States and the Special Representative of the Administering Authority, Mr. Peter T. Coleman, Acting High Commissioner of the Trust Territory, made opening statements. Senator Tosiwo Nakayama and Representative Raymond Setik, members of the Congress of Micronesia who served as Special Advisers to the United States delegation, also made statements.

9. At the 1454th and 1455th meetings, on 1 July 1976, questions were put to the representative of the United States, the Special Representative and the Special Advisers by members of the Trusteeship Council. At its 1456th and 1457th meetings, on 6 and 7 July, the Council held a general debate on conditions in the Trust Territory.

1/ Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, 1975, Twenty-eighth Annual Report to the United Nations on the Administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, 1 July 1974 to 30 June 1975, transmitted by the United States of America to the United Nations pursuant to Article 88 of the Charter of the United Nations, Department of State Publication 8860 (Washington, D.C., Government Printing Office, 1976).

10. At the 1455th meeting, on 1 July 1976, the Council appointed a Drafting Committee, composed of the representatives of France and the United Kingdom, to propose, on the basis of the discussion which had taken place in the Council, conclusions and recommendations on conditions in the Trust Territory and to make recommendations concerning the chapter on conditions in that Territory for inclusion in the Council's report to the Security Council.

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11. At its _____ meeting on _____ July, the Council considered the report of the Drafting Committee (T/L.1201).

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CHAPTER III

EXAMINATION OF PETITIONS

12. During the examination of the annual report on the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (T/1772) at its forty-third session, the Trusteeship Council heard nine petitioners. The petitioners' requests for oral hearings had been circulated in documents T/PET.10/101 and Add.1, T/PET.10/103 and Add.1, T/PET.10/104 and Add.1 and T/PET.10/105.

13. At the same session, the Trusteeship Council had before it 27 communications which had been circulated in documents T/COM.10/L.162 to T/COM.10/L.188 under rule 24 of the rules of procedure of the Trusteeship Council.

14. The Council examined these communications at its 1454th meeting on 1 July, and decided, without objection, to take note of them. As regards T/COM.10/L.175, the Council decided, without objection, to draw the attention of the petitioners to the observations of the Administering Authority contained in T/OBS.10/42.

15. The Trusteeship Council also examined the following written petitions circulated in accordance with rule 85, paragraph 1, of the Council's rules of procedure:

(a) A petition (T/PET.10/95) from Mr. Ichiro Moritaki, President, Japan Congress Against A and H Bombs, concerning the plebiscite in the Mariana Islands, June 1975;

(b) A petition (T/PET.10/96) from Ms. Mary W. Choy and others transmitting resolution V adopted by the Conference for a Nuclear Free Pacific, concerning the plebiscite in the Mariana Islands, June 1975;

(c) A petition (T/PET.10/97) from Mr. Lani Gerson, War Resisters International concerning the plebiscite in the Mariana Islands, June 1975;

(d) A petition (T/PET.10/98) from Dr. Beverly Woodward, concerning the plebiscite in the Mariana Islands, June 1975;

(e) A petition (T/PET.10/99) from Mr. Roger N. Baldwin, Honorary President of the International League for the Rights of Man, concerning the plebiscite in the Mariana Islands, June 1975;

(f) A petition (T/PET.10/100) from Mr. Jerome J. Shestack, Chairman, International League for the Rights of Man, concerning the Mariana Islands;

(g) A petition (T/PET.10/102) from Mr. Alfonso P. Utto, concerning war damage claims.

16. The Council also considered the written observations of the Administering Authority (T/OBS.10/42) relating to T/PET.10/99 and 100.

17. At its 1454th meeting, on 1 July, the Council decided, without objection, to draw the attention of the petitioners to the observations of the Administering Authority.

CHAPTER IV

VISITS TO THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

A. United Nations Visiting Mission to observe the plebiscite in the Mariana Islands District of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, June 1975

18. At its 1443rd meeting on 4 June 1975, the Trusteeship Council, by 4 votes to 1, adopted resolution 2160 (XLII), in which it decided to send a visiting mission to observe the plebiscite in the Mariana Islands District, the mission to begin on 9 June 1975 and to end as soon as practicable after the declaration of results.

19. The Mission was composed of Mr. James Murray (United Kingdom), Chairman; Mr. John Melhuish (Australia); and Mr. Bertrand de Guilhem de Lataillade (France).

20. The report of the Visiting Mission 2/ was considered by the Trusteeship Council at its forty-third session.

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2/ Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 2 (T/1771).

B. United Nations Visiting Mission to the Trust Territory
of the Pacific Islands, 1976

21. At its 1443rd meeting on 4 June 1975, the Trusteeship Council adopted resolution 2161 (XLII), by which it decided to dispatch a periodic visiting mission to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands in 1976. The Council further decided that the Mission should be composed of members of the Council wishing to participate, with the exception of the United States of America, the Administering Authority, which was requested to provide an escort officer.

22. The Mission was composed of the following members: Mr. James Murray (United Kingdom) and Mr. Bertrand de Guilhem de Lataillade (France). It was escorted by Mr. John Kriendler, Adviser, Political and Security Affairs, in the Permanent Mission of the United States to the United Nations.

23. The report of the Visiting Mission 3/ was considered by the Council at its forty-third session concurrently with the annual report of the Administering Authority.

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CHAPTER V

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

A. General

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B. Co-operation with the Special Committee on the Situation with
regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the
Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

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3/ Ibid., Supplement No. 3 (T/1774).

CHAPTER VI

OTHER QUESTIONS CONSIDERED BY THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

A. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands

24. The United Nations programme of scholarships for inhabitants of Trust Territories was initiated pursuant to General Assembly resolution 557 (VI) of 18 January 1952. Under the procedure approved by the Trusteeship Council for the administration of this programme, the Secretary-General was invited to submit to the Trusteeship Council at least once a year a report containing all appropriate details of the programme.

25. The report of the Secretary-General submitted to the Council at its forty-third session (T/1776) covered the period from 1 June 1975 to 29 May 1976. It contained information on the use made of the scholarships and training facilities offered by 11 States Members of the United Nations. According to information made available to the Secretary-General, no application for scholarships offered by these Member States was received from the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands during the period under review.

26. At its 1456th meeting, on 6 July 1976, the Council considered the report of the Secretary-General on the scholarship programme for inhabitants of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

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

27. The annual report of the Secretary-General (T/1775) on the arrangements undertaken in co-operation with the Administering Authority 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 Territory was submitted to the Council at its forty-third session, in accordance with the provisions of Trusteeship Council resolution 36 (III) of 8 July 1948 and General Assembly resolution 754 (VIII) of 9 December 1953.

28. The report, covering the period from 14 April 1975 to 13 April 1976, set out the activities carried out by the United Nations Office of Public Information through its information centres in Washington, D.C., in disseminating information on the United Nations.

29. The report indicated that the centre has continued to pay special attention to the increased interest by the media, including press and radio, in the United Nations and the International Trusteeship System within the Trust Territory.

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Efforts were being made in the Trust Territory to strengthen the relationship between the centre and government authorities, educational institutions and non-governmental organizations. A greater flow of information material has been established and maintained between the centre and the major information channels.

30. The Trusteeship Council considered the Secretary-General's report at its 1456th meeting, on 6 July 1976.

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C. Co-operation with the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

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D. Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

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PART II

CONDITIONS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

/This part will include the chapter on conditions in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands as it is finally adopted by the Trusteeship Council at its forty-third session./
