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INTRODUCTION

1. 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

2. The composition of the Trusteeship Council on 1 January 1977 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

3. Mr. Robin A. C. Byatt (United Kingdom) and Mr. Ricardo Duque (France) were elected President and Vice-President, respectively, at the beginning of the forty-fourth session on 6 June 1977.

C. Sessions and meetings

4. The Council held the following meetings during the period covered by this report: forty-fourth session (1460th to _____ meetings, from 6 to ___ June 1977.

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

D. Procedure

6. 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

7. 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.

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CHAPTER II

EXAMINATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

- 8. 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 1976 1/was transmitted to members of the Trusteeship Council on 12 May 1977 by a note of the Secretary-General (T/1781) and placed on the agenda of the Council at its forty-fourth session.
- 9. The Trusteeship Council began its examination of the annual report at its 1460th meeting, on 6 June 1977. At the same meeting, and at the 1461st meeting, on the same day, the representatives of the United States and the Special Representatives of the Administering Authority, Adrian P. Winkel, High Commissioner of the Trust Territory and Erwin D. Canham, Resident Commissioner of the Northern Mariana Islands, made opening statements. Senator Ambilos Iehsi and Representative Raymond Setik, members of the Congress of Micronesia, and Senator Olympio T. Borja of the Northern Mariana Islands Legislature, who served as special advisers to the United States delegation, also made statements.
- 10. At the 1464th and 1465th meetings, on 9 and 10 June, questions were put to the representative of the United States, the Special Representatives and the special advisers by members of the Trusteeship Council. At its 1466th and 1467th meetings, on 13 and 14 June, the Council held a general debate on conditions in the Trust Territory.

^{1/} Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, 1976, Twenty-ninth Annual Report to the United Nations on the Administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, 1 July 1975 to 30 June 1976, 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, 1977).

11. At the 1466th meeting, on 13 June, 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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CHAPTER III

EXAMINATION OF PETITIONS

- 12. During the examination of the annual report on the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (T/1781) at its forty-fourth session, the Trusteeship Council heard five petitioners. The petitioners' requests for oral hearings had been circulated in documents T/PET.10/116 and Add.1, T/PET.10/117 and Add.1, T/PET.10/118 and Add.1 and 2. T/PET.10/119 and T/PET.10/120 and Add.1 and 2.
- 13. At the same session, the Trusteeship Council had before it 16 communications which had been circulated in documents T/COM.10/L.189 to T/COM.10/L.204 under rule 24 of the rules of procedure of the Trusteeship Council.

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CHAPTER IV

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; AND 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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CHAPTER V

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
- 14. 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.

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- B. <u>Dissemination of information on the United Nations and the</u> International Trusteeship System in Trust Territories
- 15. The annual report of the Secretary-General (T/1782) 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-fourth 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.
- 16. The report, covering the period from 1 May 1976 to 30 April 1977, 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.

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C. Co-operation with the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; and 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-fourth session.