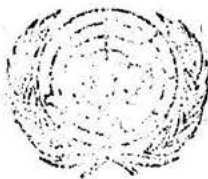


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1. Examination of petitions [Agenda item 4] (continued)
2. Examination of conditions in Ruanda-Urundi [Agenda item 3 b] (continued)

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR A PERIODIC VISITING MISSION TO TRUST TERRITORIES IN  
WEST AFRICA [Agenda item 6]

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): At our last meeting, when we elected the member countries on the Visiting Mission to the Cameroons under French administration and the Cameroons under British administration, the representative of the United States said that at today's meeting he would give his Government's reply as to whether it would agree to serve on that Mission. The representative of the United States has just informed me that his Government does accept membership on the Mission.

EXAMINATION OF PETITIONS: 115TH, 116TH AND 117TH REPORTS OF THE STANDING  
COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS (T/L.550, L.556, L.557) [Agenda item 4]

Mr. TARAZI (Syria) (interpretation from French): The reports which the Standing Committee on Petitions now has the honour to submit to the Council are the last ones adopted by the Committee. I must say that these reports do not differ substantially from the others we have had the honour of submitting: they contain a number of draft resolutions which should be voted on by the Council. However, since these are the last reports, I should like to draw the Council's attention more particularly to document T/L.557, which is an overall report on the activities of the Committee on Petitions during the fifteenth session of the Council. The members of the Council will thus see which petitions were submitted to the Committee, where they come from and what was done about them. All these petitions were considered. Those that were deferred until another session have also been listed.

May I take advantage of this opportunity to thank all the members of the Committee on Petitions for the assistance which they gave when considering the various issues before us.

Also, in this connexion, I should like to mention the valuable contribution of the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Rankin. Mr. Rankin has co-operated very closely with us in the Committee on Petitions for a period of years and

during several sessions. As I have heard that he is soon leaving the United Nations to take up other duties, I should like to pay a warm tribute to him for his zeal, his ability and his very close co-operation with us. Time and again, he has assisted us in finishing our work in good time. Since he is leaving us soon, I should like, as Chairman of the Committee on Petitions and as representative of Syria, to extend to him my very best wishes.

(Mr. Tarazi, Syria)

I think I must also mention Mr. Rankin's assistants who participated in the work of the Committee, and also those whose assistance was given from other sections of the Secretariat. It is my opinion that, from the point of view of form and presentation, the secretariat of the Petitions Committee has done a job which might well be envied by some world parliaments.

It is on this note that I should like to conclude my remarks and my introduction to the three reports of the Petitions Committee.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We shall consider first petitions concerning the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration (T/L.550), in connexion with which there are eleven draft resolutions. I shall put each draft resolution to a vote.

Mr. TARAZI (Syria) (interpretation from French): I would request a separate vote on the last paragraph of draft resolution I.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): If there are no further comments, I shall put to a vote draft resolution I with the exception of the last paragraph, on which the representative of Syria has requested a separate vote.

Operative paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of draft resolution I were adopted by 8 votes to none, with 4 abstentions.

Operative paragraph 4 of draft resolution I was adopted by 11 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Draft resolution I as a whole was adopted by 9 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

Draft resolution II was adopted by 6 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.

Draft resolution III was adopted by 6 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.

Draft resolution IV was adopted by 11 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Draft resolution V was adopted by 7 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

Draft resolution VI was adopted unanimously.

Draft resolution VII was adopted by 6 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.

Draft resolution VIII was adopted by 6 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.

Draft resolution IX was adopted by 6 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.

Draft resolution X was adopted by 6 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.

Draft resolution XI was adopted by 6 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.

The recommendation contained in paragraph 3 on page 2 of document T/L.550 was adopted by 7 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): The Council will now vote on the draft resolutions contained in the annex to document T/L.556.

Draft resolution I was adopted by 11 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Draft resolution II was adopted by 11 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Draft resolution III was adopted by 6 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.

Draft resolution IV was adopted by 6 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.

Draft resolution V was adopted by 6 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.

Draft resolution VI was adopted by 6 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.

Draft resolution VII was adopted by 9 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

Draft resolution VIII was adopted by 6 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.

Draft resolution IX was adopted by 6 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.

Mr. TARAZI (Syria) (interpretation from French): I should like to propose a revision in the French text only of paragraph 2, draft resolution X, so that the text would read:

"Exprime l'espoir que les habitants de la région de Nogal mettront, dans le nouveau chef de district, la même confiance qu'ils avaient placée dans son prédécesseur".

Mr. MAX (France) (interpretation from French): I should like to propose an even simpler revision, which would read:

'Exprime l'espoir que les habitants de la région de Nogal accorderont au nouveau chef de district la même confiance qu'à l'ancien'.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): As the representative of Syria agrees to the revision as just read out by the representative of France, which applies only to the French text, the Council will now proceed to the vote on draft resolution X, with the understanding that the French text will be in the manner in which it was read out by the representative of France.

Draft resolution X was adopted by 7 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

Draft resolution XI was adopted by 6 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.

The recommendation contained in paragraph 3 on page 2 of document T/L.556 was adopted by 7 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): The Trusteeship Council will now vote on the recommendations contained in the 117th report of the Standing Committee on Petitions, T/L.557.

The recommendations contained in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 were adopted unanimously.

EXAMINATION OF CONDITIONS IN RUANDA-URUNDI: REPORT OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE (T/L.546 and Add.1, L.567, L.568)/[Agenda item 3(b)] (continued)

Mr. DORSINVILLE (Haiti) (Chairman of the Drafting Committee) (interpretation from French): I have the honour to submit to the Trusteeship Council the draft report of the Drafting Committee on Ruanda-Urundi under Belgian Administration, T/L.567. The report does not contain an examination of the situation in the Territory, nor does it contain the observations of the members of the Visiting Mission, because this Territory had been visited by the Visiting Mission in 1954. The report contains recommendations which the members of the Committee wished to submit to the Council.

I wish to pay tribute to my colleagues on the Committee who worked diligently with me in order to submit the report as quickly as possible. We were pressed for time, but we worked to the best of our ability and it is for the Council to decide whether the recommendations contained in the report can be adopted. I wish to add a word of thanks to the Secretariat of the Committee which co-operated with us admirably. Having finished our work on Friday at 7.15 p.m., I am certain that the Council will appreciate what a good job was done in circulating the document in such record time. I am told that some of the translations were already finished the same evening and circulated among the delegations.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): The Council will now consider the draft report contained in document T/L.567. The Indian delegation has submitted a number of amendments which, I am informed by the



Secretary, will be ready for circulation to the members of the Council very shortly. In order not to lose time, it has been suggested that we should put to the vote the recommendations to which the representative of India has not submitted amendments.

Paragraph 7 of the report indicates that the Drafting Committee recommends the adoption of the conclusions and recommendations contained in paragraphs 8 to 35. We shall now consider paragraph 8 of the draft report.

Mr. TARAIZI (Syria)(interpretation from French): I wish to move an amendment which should be inserted between paragraphs 8 and 9. This amendment would deal with the administrative union between Ruanda-Urundi and the Belgian Congo. It stems directly from the two recommendations which were already adopted by the Council when it discussed the reports on the Cameroons and Togoland under French administration.



(Mr. Tarazi, Syria)

The text of the amendment which will be circulated to the members of the Council is as follows:

"The Council, noting the information it has up to the present obtained on the subject of the administrative union of Ruanda-Urundi with the Belgian Congo, requests the Administering Authority to place before the Council a brief statement of the effects which that union is likely to have, in the Administering Authority's opinion, on the Territory's future political development."

Mr. JAIPAL (India): I draw the attention of the Council to a decision taken by it, which was as follows:

"At its 411th meeting, on 1 April 1952, the Council decided, as a general principle, that no general observations by the Council on conditions in Trust Territories should be included in the sections entitled 'General' of the relevant chapters of its reports to the General Assembly and to the Security Council." (T/976, pages 30-31)

Our delegation, therefore, will be obliged to vote against paragraph 8 of this report.

Paragraph 8 was adopted by 6 votes to 2, with 4 abstentions.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): The amendment from Syria would come next. However, as it has not yet been circulated, we shall consider it at a later time. This is also the case with paragraph 9 to which the representative of India has presented an amendment. We now come to paragraph 10.

Mr. JAIPAL (India): We should like to propose a minor addition to paragraph 10. At the end of the paragraph, we propose the addition of the following words: "and to develop the Council's functions".

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): Since this is a simple phrase to be added at the end of paragraph 10, would the members agree that we need not wait until the text is issued?

It was so decided.

The Indian amendment was adopted by 7 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.  
Paragraph 10, as amended, was adopted by 10 votes to none with 2 abstentions.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): There are amendments to paragraphs 11 and 12. Consequently, we pass to paragraph 13.

Mr. JAIPAL (India): My delegation does not quite understand what is meant by the words "devise means of consolidating ... the relations" between the two States. We are under the impression that, until now, the measures taken by the Administering Authority have been to bring the two States closer together and that it would like to see a continuance of such developments. Therefore, in place of the words "devise means of consolidating as soon as possible the relations between them in the interest of the future of the Trust Territory as a whole", we suggest that the following words be inserted: "continue to foster the development of a single territorial government".

Mr. LOCMES (Australia): My delegation also had some difficulty in understanding the words "devise means of consolidating" and so on. I had in mind a slightly different formulation which I should like to put forward for the consideration of the representative of India. After the words, "the Administering Authority", the phrase would read: "continue its efforts to develop the closest possible relationship between them in the interest of the future of the Trust Territory as a whole".

I do feel that that is what we should like the Administering Authority to continue to do. The proposal of the representative of India is probably going a little bit too far by bringing in the idea of a single territorial government. That, of course, is something which may come later. However, for the time being, we should like the Administering Authority to continue its efforts to develop the closest possible relationship in the interest of the future of the Trust Territory as a whole. The meaning is not really very different. It is probably a little more precise in line with the actions of the Administering Authority. I wonder whether the representative of India would be prepared to accept that formulation instead?

(Mr. Loomes, Australia):

My amendment is to replace the words "devise means of consolidating as soon as possible the relations" by the following words: "continue its efforts to develop the closest possible relationship".

Mr. JAIPAL (India): I should be very happy to accept the Australian formula. But I would mention that our own formula merely acknowledges the fact that there is at the moment a single territorial government, which is the Belgian administration, and all we had suggested was that the Administration should continue to foster the development of a single territorial government. However, if it has any sinister connotation, I should be happy to withdraw my own proposal in favour of the Australian proposal.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): That being the case, we shall now vote on the Australian amendment to paragraph 13.

The amendment was adopted by 10 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.

Paragraph 13, as amended, was adopted by 11 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We now come to paragraph 14.

Mr. JAIPAL (India): I have a very slight amendment to propose: that, at the end of the second line of the English text, the word "prisoners" be changed to "persons".

The amendment to Paragraph 14 was adopted unanimously.

Paragraph 14, as amended, was adopted by 10 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.

Paragraph 15 was adopted by 11 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We come now to paragraph 16.

Mr. JAIPAL (India): We have a very slight amendment to propose. In the fourth line of the English text of paragraph 16, we should like to suggest the insertion, after the word "Africans", of the words "and other inhabitants of the Territory".

Mr. DORSINVILLE (Haiti) (interpretation from French): In connexion with the amendment proposed by the representative of India, I should like to draw the attention of the Council to the fact that, during the discussions held in the Committee, emphasis was placed specifically on the participation of the Africans in the development of the Territory. The suggestion of the representative of India is that we add the words "and other inhabitants". I want to draw the attention of the Council to this in order that it may understand the exact meaning of the vote that will be taken on the Indian proposal.

Mr. RYCKMANS (Belgium) (interpretation from French): I think I should draw the attention of the Council to the scope which the amendment of the representative of India would have in connexion with the last phrase.

Mr. SEARS (United States of America): I should like to ask whether this is not injecting the multi-racial policy right into Ruanda-Urundi.

Mr. JAIPAL (India): I am at a loss to understand the observation of the representative of the United States. The impression we have is that there is very little private participation on the part of the inhabitants of Ruanda-Urundi in the implementation of the Ten-Year Plan. All we seek to suggest here is that the Administering Authority encourage the participation not only of the Africans but of other inhabitants of the Territory as well. The Ten-Year Plan is a plan for national development, and in Ruanda-Urundi there are not only Africans but there are others, too. There are Belgians, there are Greeks, and there are also some Asians, and they have capital.

When we met the Chamber of Commerce in Ruanda-Urundi, the President of the Chamber told us that he did not know the scope of the participation of private interests in the implementation of the Ten-Year Plan. We are not injecting anything new here. As I explained, it is merely to suggest that the Administering Authority encourage not only the Africans, but the others as well.

If the representative of Belgium would explain the nature of the objection, then we might be prepared to reconsider this amendment.

Mr. RYCKMANS (Belgium): I have no objection whatever, but I would only draw attention to the words "particularly through the activities of the indigenous councils". The Europeans and Asians are not members of the indigenous councils. If the draft resolution speaks only of Africans, then it is all right to mention participation in the activities of the indigenous councils.

Mr. JAIPAL (India): I am obliged to the representative of Belgium for pointing out the last clause of this paragraph. I was aware of it, and I, frankly, could not understand how the indigenous councils, with their rather limited powers at the moment, could participate in the implementation of the Ten-Year Plan. Personally, I should like that last clause to be left out because it would then give the Administration complete freedom of action in regard to the encouragement of the Africans and others. Therefore, I should like to suggest the deletion of the last clause, "particularly through the activities of the indigenous councils".

Mr. DORSINVILLE (Haiti)(interpretation from French): In connexion with the proposal of the representative of India, I had intended to make the observation which has just been made by the representative of Belgium.



If we add to paragraph 16 the words "and other inhabitants of the Territory" obviously the end of the paragraph could not be retained.

However, I would again draw the Council's attention to the fact that, during the discussions in the Committee, the emphasis was on the participation of the Africans in the affairs of the Territory; that this participation must be encouraged, and that is why mention was not made in this paragraph of the participation of other elements of the population of the Territory. The sense of the paragraph is perfectly clear to the members of the Drafting Committee. However, the Council is free to introduce other ideas.

For my part, in view of the sense of the discussions in the Drafting Committee, and bearing in mind the observations of representatives during the general debate in the Council, my delegation will vote in favour of the original text as proposed in document T/L.567. This does not mean that my delegation is not in favour of participation of other elements of the population, but the sense of the paragraph was very clear to the Drafting Committee and I believe that its members took into account the opinions expressed during the general debate in the Council.

Mr. REID (New Zealand): I should like to thank the Chairman of the Drafting Committee for clarifying this position. I think, with him, that there has been a confusion of two thoughts. One is the economic development by industry under the Ten-Year Plan, and the representative of India has directed his amendment to that point; that is, that the European and Asian, as well as the African, inhabitants should participate more in the development of industry. But the Drafting Committee, as the representative of Haiti has pointed out, was more concerned with the participation of the indigenous councils in the social, educational, health and other activities of the Government; and those, equally, are provided for under the Ten-Year Plan. The confusion of the industrial development with this original thought of the Drafting Committee does give rise, I think, to the difficulties of the Indian amendment. Therefore, I should like to support the interpretation of the Drafting Committee and the clause as it originally stood.



The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We shall now proceed to the vote. The Council has before it two amendments proposed by the representative of India: the first, to add after the word "Africans" the phrase "and other inhabitants of the Territory"; the second, the deletion of the final words of the paragraph "particularly through the activities of the indigenous councils".

Mr. RYCKMANS (Belgium)(interpretation from French): I think that the amendment proposed by the representative of India is a single amendment because, if the Council accepts the insertion of the words "and other inhabitants of the Territory", inevitably the phrase "particularly through the activities of the indigenous councils" will have to be dropped. On the other hand, if the proposed addition is not accepted by the Council, I am sure that the representative of India would have no objection to the retention of the remaining words of the paragraph.

Mr. JAIPAL (India): I agree that it is actually a single amendment. I suggested the insertion of certain words and, as a consequence, certain other words would have to be deleted.

The amendment was adopted by 4 votes to 2, with 6 abstentions.

The recommendation contained in paragraph 16 as amended was adopted by 7 votes to 1, with 4 abstentions.

Mr. TARAZI (Syria)(interpretation from French): I abstained from voting on the Indian amendment because, as the Chairman of the Drafting Committee explained, questions were raised in the Committee regarding the participation of indigenous inhabitants, and this recommendation was designed to encourage the participation of the population in the development of the Territory. I was prepared to vote in favour of the recommendation as a whole but, since the amendment was adopted, I abstained in that vote also.

Mr. GRUBYAKOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (interpretation from Russian): I should like to propose a small amendment to paragraph 17. The last phrase of that paragraph reads: "and will be able to persuade the surplus population of other parts of the Territory to migrate to these regions". My delegation does not think that it is necessary to include those words. The first part of the sentence, ending with the words "and other regions", makes it quite obvious that the regions in question cannot be developed unless they are populated. That is why my delegation would propose that the phrase that I have read out should be deleted. That phrase, furthermore, implies that there is a surplus of population in some regions and a scarcity of population in other regions -- and that is a controversial point.

If there are objections to the deletion of the phrase, I would propose that it should be replaced by the words "so as to render them appropriate for settlement". I, personally, would be in favour of either solution, if the Chairman of the Drafting Committee and the representative of the Administering Authority have no preference in this respect.

Mr. DORSINVILLE (Haiti) (interpretation from French): I think that there is a reason for the inclusion of the phrase which the Soviet Union representative would like to have deleted. I think that the members of the Drafting Committee believed that we should in some way draw the Administering Authority's attention to the way in which the transfer of population could be carried out. My delegation had in mind similar situations in other Trust Territories, where more or less violent methods were used to induce populations to leave their land. I do not want to go into details, and shall confine myself to saying that it was with those similar situations in mind that we decided to suggest that the Administering Authority should persuade the population -- and I emphasize the word "persuade" -- to migrate to these regions. By the use of the word "persuade", we meant to suggest that the Administering Authority should explain to the population of a given area where the conditions were not favourable to development -- because of land erosion, and so forth -- why that population might be asked to agree to migrate to other areas where the conditions were more favourable.

That is why the last phrase was included in paragraph 17. I would again draw the Soviet Union representative's attention to the word "persuade" which is used in the phrase. That word has a definite meaning, and I do not think that there should be any change in the sentence as now drafted.

Mr. JAIPAL (India): I have no observations on the amendment moved by the Soviet Union representative. I do, however, wish myself to propose a small amendment to paragraph 17; namely, to add the following sentence to the end of the paragraph: "The Council notes with satisfaction the policy of the Administering Authority as regards alienation of land, which has so far led to relatively little alienation."

Mr. LOOMES (Australia): The representative of India proposes that the Council should note with satisfaction the policy of the Administering Authority as regards the alienation of land. He then goes on in his amendment to indicate certain consequences of that policy. I think that it is unnecessary to indicate those consequences. I should prefer it if the sentence stopped with the words "alienation of land". The consequences that have followed from the Administering Authority's policy in this respect may readily be found in the report.

If the representative of India does not agree with me, I would request that the amendment should be put to the vote in two parts. The first vote would be on the words "The Council notes with satisfaction the policy of the Administering Authority as regards alienation of land", and the second vote would be on the words "which has so far led to relatively little alienation".

Mr. JAIPAL (India): It is precisely because of the consequences of the policy that we should like to express our satisfaction. We think that it is very important to state to what the policy has led. I am afraid, therefore, that we cannot accept the Australian proposal to delete the last phrase of our amendment.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): Two amendments have been moved to paragraph 17.

The first, presented by the Soviet Union representative, would replace the last phrase of the paragraph, "and will be able to persuade the surplus population", etc., by the phrase "so as to render them appropriate for settlement". population"

Mr. DORSINVILLE (Haiti) (interpretation from French): It was my impression that the Soviet Union amendment was to delete the last phrase of paragraph 17, beginning with the words "and will be able to persuade". The President has just read out some words which he says would replace that phrase, under the Soviet Union amendment. I was not aware that the Soviet Union representative had moved such an amendment.

Mr. GRUBYAKOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (interpretation from Russian): The representative of Haiti has correctly understood my intention; namely, that the phrase beginning with the words "and will be able to persuade" should be deleted.

(Mr. Grubyakov, USSR)

Our second proposal, however, was made in the event that members of the Council might prefer it to the first proposal. However, as no definite view has been expressed in this connexion, I would move that we drop completely the last part of the sentence. In that sense, the representative of Haiti correctly understood my statement.

I believe that we could merely vote separately on the second part of the sentence, and in that way we shall see whether it should be retained or deleted. It is the view of my delegation that this phrase is superfluous and that it might even cause some difficulty for the Administering Authority.

Mr. TARAZI (Syria) (interpretation from French): The representative of the Soviet Union has suggested two alternatives: either (1) that the phrase be deleted completely, or (2) that it be replaced by a different formulation. For my part, I am prepared to vote in favour of the deletion of the phrase. However, if the Soviet amendment is not adopted, I would move another amendment. In the event that the Council decides to retain the phrase, I should like to move the following: In place of the phrase in question, to add the phrase "in order to render them appropriate for resettlement".

In accordance with the rules of procedure, my amendment should be voted upon after the Soviet Union amendment, as the latter is further removed from the original text, since it would delete it altogether.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): If I correctly understood the amendment of the representative of the Soviet Union, it calls for a separate vote on the last phrase of paragraph 17, which reads: "and will be able to persuade the surplus population of other parts of the Territory to migrate to these regions". The Council will now vote on whether we should delete that phrase.

Mr. GRUBYAKOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (interpretation from Russian): I merely request a separate vote on that part of the sentence. The result of the vote will indicate whether or not the phrase is to be retained. We do not need to depart from our established procedure.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): That is the way in which I had understood the remarks of the representative of the Soviet Union. However, certain other observations led me to put the question in the way in which I did. The Council will now vote on the last phrase of paragraph 17, beginning with the words "and will be able".

The phrase was adopted by 7 votes to 4, with 1 abstention.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): In view of the fact that the phrase is retained, it is not necessary to vote on the Syrian or Soviet Union amendments.

Mr. TARAZI (Syria) (interpretation from French): Notwithstanding the vote which has just taken place, I believe that my amendment can be voted upon. The Council voted to retain the phrase, but I have submitted an amendment to that phrase. My amendment, therefore, can still be voted upon. The representative of the Soviet Union did not formally move an amendment to the text, whereas the Syrian amendment did constitute a modification of the text. Since this amendment has been recorded in the minutes, I believe that the Council must vote upon it.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): I should like to ask the representative of Syria the following question: Are the words of his amendment "in order to render them appropriate for resettlement" to replace the last phrase of the paragraph? The Council has just voted on that last phrase, and it decided to retain it. The representative of Syria is actually requesting the reconsideration of a vote.

Mr. TARAZI (Syria) (interpretation from French): The vote which the Council has just taken was for the purpose of deciding whether to maintain or delete a phrase. However, as I explained to the Council, if the deletion of the phrase was not decided upon, I desired to submit an amendment, namely "in order to render them appropriate for resettlement".



(Mr. Tarazi, Syria)

The question is not of great importance, and if the President maintains his point of view, I shall not challenge it. However, I am not sure whether, in accordance with the rules of procedure, my amendment can be considered as though it just vanished.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): There were some doubts as to the manner in which the representative of the Soviet Union wished the Council to vote on his proposal. He did wish us to vote separately on the final part of paragraph 17, which we did in accordance with rule 60 of the rules of procedure. On the other hand, some members felt that the representative of the Soviet Union wanted the Council to vote on the deletion of the final phrase. The representative of the Soviet Union, however, stated that he simply wanted a separate vote on the phrase, which would take place in accordance with rule 60. The Council voted, and it decided to include the final phrase in the text. The Council cannot now proceed, under the rules of procedure, in the manner suggested by the representative of Syria.



The Council now has before it another amendment to paragraph 17, submitted by the Indian delegation. It calls for the addition of the following sentence to the end of the paragraph:

"The Council notes with satisfaction the policy of the Administering Authority as regards alienation of land, which has so far led to relatively little alienation".

The Australian delegation has requested a separate vote on the final phrase of the amendment, "which has so far led to relatively little alienation". Since the representative of India has not agreed to the deletion of those words, we shall proceed to a separate vote on the two parts of the amendment. The Council will vote first on the part beginning with the words "The Council" and ending with the words "alienation of land", after which it will vote on the second part.

The first part of the Indian amendment was adopted by 5 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.

The second part of the Indian amendment was adopted by 3 votes to 2, with 7 abstentions.

Paragraph 17 as a whole, as amended, was adopted by 6 votes to 1, with 4 abstentions.

Mr. GRUBYAKOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (interpretation from Russian): I should like to explain my vote on the amendment which was submitted by the Indian delegation. As it was drafted, we could not even participate in the vote because it is rather contradictory. We express satisfaction with the policy of the Administration. For what? Because the policy has led to minor alienation of the land for the time being. Does this mean for the time being but that at some other time there will be an increase? It is so contradictory in its terms that we preferred not to vote at all. When this part was included in paragraph 17, it changed the content to such an extent that we voted against it.

Paragraph 18 was adopted by 7 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We shall now proceed to consider paragraph 21.

Mr. JAIPAL (India): We should like to propose the addition of the following words at the very end of paragraph 21: "and develop better pasture lands".

Mr. DORSINVILLE (Haiti) (interpretation from French): I have no objection in principle to the addition of these words, but I believe it would be more logical for them to be inserted somewhat earlier in the paragraph, perhaps before the words "to establish a meat industry". The beginning of the process is better pasturage and the end result is the establishment of a meat industry.

Mr. RYCEMANS (Belgium) (interpretation from French): It is very difficult to put the amendment of the representative of India in a place other than where it is now. I would suggest to the representative of India a formula which would give him satisfaction, namely to insert the words "and develop better pasture lands" in his draft of paragraph 19, so that it would read: "to combat soil erosion, to develop better pasture lands" and so on.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): It appears that the representatives of India and Haiti have no objection to having this phrase inserted in paragraph 19, as suggested by the representative of Belgium. In view of the fact that we have postponed the consideration of paragraphs 19 and 20 because of the various amendments involved, I would suggest that we proceed to vote on paragraph 21 as it stands.

Paragraph 21 was adopted by 11 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Mr. JAIPAL (India): With respect to paragraph 22, in the second line after the word "construction", we should like to propose the insertion of the words "in three years" so that the paragraph would read "...envisages the construction in three years of an hydro-electric plant". If we are not mistaken, we believe that the special representative, during the debate on Ruanda-Urundi, mentioned that the Administration had every hope that this plant would be ready and operating in three years. That is rather important because of the delay that there has been in the construction of this plant, and we should like this paragraph to state specifically that the government envisages the construction of this plant in three years.

Mr. GRUBYAKOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (interpretation from Russian: Does this mean that we will note with satisfaction that this construction will be achieved in three years when the Administering Authority could possibly achieve it in two years or two and a half years? Or is this a commitment on the part of the Administering Authority that the plant will be built in three years? In the second case, I would vote in favour of it. In the first case, if it were merely taking note of the fact that the plant would not be built before three years, I would not be able to vote in favour of it. Would the representative of Belgium or the Chairman of the Drafting Committee clarify this point? Is it impossible to build this plant in less than three years?

Mr. RYCKMANS (Belgium) (interpretation from French): That is a question which I was putting to my advisers. They have answered me that the services of the Ten-Year Plan hope to finish the plant in three years.

The inclusion in paragraph 22 of the words "in three years" was adopted by 7 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

Paragraph 22, as amended, was adopted by 11 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Mr. JAIPAL (India): With respect to paragraph 23, we should like to suggest the addition of the words "to increase the production of cash crops" in the second line, so that the paragraph would read:

"The Council commends the Administering Authority for the measure it has taken to foster the establishment of co-operative societies to increase the production of cash crops..."

Our delegation has been much impressed by the Administering Authority's efforts in increasing the production of cash crops and we should like it recognized somewhere in the report.

Mr. REID (New Zealand): I should just like to query the operation of the rest of the clause if that amendment is put in because the last line speaks of the "more active participation of the indigenous population in their operation". That can apply to the establishment of co-operative societies but it cannot very well apply to the production of cash crops. Either the Secretariat may be able to suggest an alternate wording or else again it may go into the Indian delegation's amendments to paragraphs 19 or 20. There is a grammatical difference in connexion with the words "in their operation" if this amendment is approved.

I give every support to the inclusion of this provision somewhere.

After discussion, the President put the following amended text to the vote:

"The Council commends the Administering Authority for the measures it has taken to increase the production of cash crops and to foster the establishment of co-operative societies, and expresses the hope that its efforts will lead to their further development and to an increased and more active participation of the indigenous population in the operations of those societies."

The paragraph, as amended, was adopted by 11 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): We now come to paragraph 24, dealing with roads and public works.

Mr. DORSINVILLE (Haiti) (interpretation from French): The amendment I wish to propose concerns the French text only and consists of the insertion of the word "transport" in the second sentence, so that it would read "développement des entreprises de transport routier" and be more in agreement with the English text.

Mr. JAIPAL (India): I propose the deletion of the word "fully" in the first line; either one approves a policy or does not, and as there is no suggestion that the policy has been partially disapproved by the Council we feel that the word "fully" is redundant and would like a separate vote to be taken on that word.

Mr. GEUBYAKOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (interpretation from Russian): It is my recollection that the Visiting Mission took a critical view of the priority given to road construction from the financial aspect of the Ten-Year Plan, and we felt that the observations of the Visiting Mission were well founded. Certain delegations supported the conclusions of the Mission, while others disagreed. I would request a separate vote on the first sentence of paragraph 24, and another vote on the second sentence.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): According to the observations of the representative of Haiti, the Secretariat will bring the French text into conformity with the English text.

The Council will vote first on the retention of the word "fully" in the first sentence, as requested by the representative of India.

By a vote of 5 to 4, with 3 abstentions, it was agreed to retain the word "fully" in the first sentence of paragraph 24.

The first sentence of the recommendation contained in paragraph 24 was adopted by 7 votes to 2, with 3 abstentions.

The second sentence of the recommendation contained in paragraph 24 was adopted by 11 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

The recommendation contained in paragraph 24 as a whole was adopted by 8 votes to none, with 4 abstentions.

Mr. JAIPAL (India): With regard to paragraph 25, while we should have no objection to the paragraph as it stands, we should like to ask the representative of Belgium whether the Government has not done anything at all about the work in social advancement. This paragraph as it stands implies, perhaps, the devoted and successful work done by the Christian missions for the people of the Territory; it does not refer to anything done by the Government.

Mr. RYCKMANS (Belgium) (interpretation from French): The report speaks for itself. The hospitals, dispensaries, etc. speak for themselves and, if the missions have done a great deal in the social field, it is because the Government has given them the material means to do so.



Mr. MAX (France) (interpretation from French): Furthermore, paragraph 8 under "General" contain a recommendation recording the progress achieved in Ruanda-Urundi under the Administering Authority, particularly in improving the welfare of the indigenous inhabitants, which seems to us to refer also to social progress.

Mr. JAIPAL (India): We shall be obliged to vote against this because it does not, in our opinion, constitute a correct or comprehensive appraisal of developments in the social sphere. Once again, the reason for voting against it is the Council's decision of 1 April 1952, "that no general observations by the Council on conditions in Trust Territories should be included in the sections entitled 'General' of the relevant chapters of its reports to the General Assembly and to the Security Council".

The recommendation contained in paragraph 25 was adopted by 8 votes to 1, with 3 abstentions.

The recommendation contained in paragraph 27 was adopted by 9 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

Mr. JAIPAL (India): In paragraph 28 we should like to propose the addition, at the end of the paragraph, of the following words: "and abolish penal sanctions for breaches of contract".

Mr. GRUEYAKOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (interpretation from Russian): I would request a separate vote on the last words of the paragraph, namely, "wherever possible", because, in the Russian text, such words would be nonsensical. To say "the further development of joint councils with direct representation of African workers wherever possible" is ridiculous; where it is not possible, the Administering Authority will not organize them, so that these last two words are superfluous and I should like them voted upon separately.



The Indian amendment was adopted by 7 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

The words "wherever possible" at the end of paragraph 28 were adopted by 4 votes to 3, with 4 abstentions.

The recommendation contained in paragraph 28, as a whole, as amended, was adopted by 9 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

Mr. JAIPAL (India): I should like to propose the following amendment to paragraph 29: at the end of the paragraph, add a sentence reading, "The Council urges the Administering Authority to enquire into prison conditions, with a view to improving them generally".

Mr. TARAZI (Syria) (interpretation from French): I think that it would be clearer if the last phrase of the Indian amendment read: "with a view to making the necessary improvements".

Mr. JAIPAL (India): I think that the meaning of my amendment must have suffered in translation, for the words suggested by the representative of Syria express the same objective as the words I have used. Nevertheless, I do not think that we should worry too much about the actual drafting, and I am therefore glad to accept the words proposed by the representative of Syria.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): In order that everyone may be quite clear about the Indian amendment, I shall read it out. The following sentence would be added to the end of paragraph 29: "The Council urges the Administering Authority to enquire into prison conditions, with a view to making the necessary improvements".

The Indian amendment was adopted by 6 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.

The recommendation contained in paragraph 29, as amended, was adopted by 8 votes to none, with 4 abstentions.

Mr. RYCKMANS (Belgium) (interpretation from French): I should like to make a statement for the record in connexion with the last phrase of the recommendation which has just been adopted; namely, the phrase reading "and commends the observations of WHO (T/1159) to the attention of the Administering Authority".

During the meetings of the Council of the WHO, the representative of the Administering Authority will make detailed comments on the observations of the WHO contained in document T/1159. There are some omissions in those observations, particularly in the field of preventive medicine. For instance, no mention at all is made of the smallpox vaccinations, despite the fact that more smallpox vaccinations were given in the Territory than all other vaccinations put together. There is also no mention of the fact that, through the efforts of the Indigenous Welfare Fund and the Territory's Water Supply Services, good drinking water has been provided for the inhabitants of rural areas.

Mr. GRUBYAKOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (interpretation from Russian): We think that the wording of paragraph 30 of the Drafting Committee's report constitutes a retrogression from previous recommendations on the subject of corporal punishment. I therefore propose the following amendment to paragraph 30: replace the words "to examine the means of abolishing corporal punishment altogether in the shortest possible time" by the words "to take measures to abolish corporal punishment altogether in the shortest possible time".

The Soviet Union amendment was adopted by 6 votes to 4, with 1 abstention.

The recommendation contained in paragraph 30, as amended, was adopted by 7 votes to 1, with 4 abstentions.

Mr. MAX (France)(interpretation from French): I should like to explain my vote. My delegation would have abstained in the vote on the text drafted by the Drafting Committee. We were opposed, however, to the Soviet Union amendment.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): The Council must still consider certain paragraphs of this report which were left pending owing to the fact that the Indian amendments have not been circulated. The Council must also consider paragraphs 31 to 35 under the heading "Educational advancement". As it is now one o'clock, I suggest that we should adjourn at this time and meet again at 2.30 p.m.

The meeting rose at 1 p.m.