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DELEGATION OF FRANCE: AMENDMENT PROPOSED CONCERNING CHAPTER XIV  
OF THE DRAFT PROVISIONAL RULES OF PROCEDURE  
OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

(Document T/1)

The Delegation of France has the honour to propose the following wording for Chapter XIV of the draft provisional rules of procedure of the Trusteeship Council (document T/1).

Rule 41

All petitions to the United Nations from communities or sections of the populations of trust territories shall be sent to the Secretariat of the United Nations through the administering authority. The latter shall attach to these petitions such comments as it may think desirable.

A petition from these inhabitants received by the Secretary-General through any channel other than the administering authority shall be communicated to the latter who shall return it to the Secretary-General with such comments as it may see fit.

Rule 42

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All petitions regarding the inhabitants of trust territories received by the United Nations from any source other than the inhabitants themselves shall be communicated to the President of the Trusteeship Council. The Council shall appoint at the beginning of each session an ad hoc committee of four (or two) members which shall discriminate between petitions communicated to the administering authority (which shall be invited to submit its observations within a maximum period of three months if it thinks fit) and non-admissible petitions. The former shall be communicated to the administering authority which shall be invited to submit /its observations

its observations within a maximum period of three months if it thinks fit. The latter shall be the subject of a report to the President of the Trusteeship Council.

Rule 43

All petitions sent to the United Nations shall, after one of the two above procedures has been applied, be examined by the ad hoc committee referred to in Rule 42.

The ad hoc committee may, if it thinks fit, decide to invite the author of the petition to come and explain in person the matter dealt with in the petition.

The administering authority may, if it thinks fit, send a special representative to attend the proceedings and answer any questions which may be put to him by the committee. The committee in making this examination shall link it as far as possible with the annual reports submitted by the administering authority.

Rule 44

The ad hoc committee shall then make its report and submit its conclusions to the Trusteeship Council which shall examine them.

Rule 45

The ad hoc committee must not consider as admissible:

- (a) petitions containing complaints which are incompatible with the provisions of the Charter of the trusteeship agreements;
- (b) anonymous, abusive or trivial petitions;
- (c) petitions which cover the same ground as a petition recently communicated to the administering authority;
- (d) petitions referring to a final judgment rendered by a court established by the administering authority.

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