



Seventeenth session

DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE
INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEESHIP SYSTEM IN THE TRUST TERRITORIES

Report of the Secretary-General

1. By resolution 1644 (XVI) the General Assembly, recalling the Secretary-General's report^{1/} prepared in accordance with resolution 1607 (XV), requested the Secretary-General "to take steps, in consultation with the Administering Authority concerned, to establish without any further delay in New Guinea in 1962 a United Nations information centre in which responsible positions would be occupied by indigenous inhabitants of the Territory."

2. The Secretary-General was further requested to submit to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session a report concerning the implementation of resolution 1644 (XVI). The present report is submitted in compliance with that request.

3. As a result of discussions between the representatives of the Administering Authority and the representatives of the Secretary-General, a United Nations Information Centre was established at Port Moresby, to serve the two Territories of New Guinea and Papua, in April 1962.

4. Premises and other facilities have been provided by the Administering Authority to the Centre, which is fully operational. The Director ad interim is in the process of selecting, in consultation with the Administering Authority, qualified indigenous inhabitants to be trained for positions of responsibility in the Centre.

5. In addition to a first series of visits to various parts of the Trust Territory, the Director of the Centre is in the process of preparing, in collaboration with the Department of Education of the Territory, a series of

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda items 13, 50 and 51, document A/4864.

simplified booklets dealing with basic facts on the United Nations, Human Rights and the Trusteeship System, for translation into local languages for school use. Aiding the Director in these activities is an expert in the languages of the Territory, whose services have been provided to the Centre by the Administering Authority.
