

ARTICLE 83

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TEXT OF ARTICLE 83

1. All functions of the United Nations relating to strategic areas, including the approval of the terms of the trusteeship agreements and of their alteration or amendment, shall be exercised by the Security Council.

2. The basic objectives set forth in Article 76 shall be applicable to the people of each strategic area.

3. The Security Council shall, subject to the provisions of the trusteeship agreements and without prejudice to security considerations, avail itself of the assistance of the Trusteeship Council to perform those functions of the United Nations under the trusteeship system relating to political, economic, social, and educational matters in the strategic areas.

NOTE

1. There were no changes in the arrangements for the functions provided for under paragraphs 1 and 3 of Article 83 during the period under review, nor were any decisions taken relating to paragraph 2 of the Article.

2. The only decisions to be noted in this Supplement are those taken by the Trusteeship Council in its regular examination of political, economic, social and educational conditions in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

GENERAL SURVEY

3. At its twentieth, twenty-second and twenty-fourth regular sessions, the Trusteeship Council examined the annual reports 1/ of the Government of the United States of America concerning its administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands for the years ending 30 June in 1956, 1957 and 1958. On the most recent of these occasions, the Council also examined the report 2/ submitted by the United

1/ Ninth, tenth and eleventh annual reports on the administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Department of State Publications 6457, 6607 and 6798, transmitted to members of the Trusteeship Council by notes of the Secretary-General T/1316, T/1383 and T/1453, respectively.

2/ T C (XXIV), Suppl. No. 3 (T/1447).

Nations Visiting Mission which had toured the Territory in February and March 1959. On each occasion the Council adopted a report on conditions in the Territory for inclusion in its report 3/ to the Security Council.

4. At its twenty-second session, the Trusteeship Council examined a petition 4/ from the Committee of Soviet Women, together with the annual report of the Administering Authority. At the same session, the Council granted two requests for hearings concerning nuclear tests in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. Following the hearings at its 900th meeting, two draft resolutions were submitted to the Council. The first 5/ of these was submitted by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, but was later withdrawn. 6/ The second draft resolution, 7/ submitted by India, would have requested the Administering Authorities of the Trust Territories not to conduct nuclear and thermo-nuclear tests in or in proximity to any Trust Territory. This draft resolution was rejected 8/ by 7 votes to 4, with 2 abstentions.

5. A petition 9/ from the people of the Saipan District of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, concerning war damage claims, was examined by the Trusteeship Council at its twenty-fourth session, together with the annual report of the Administering Authority. At the same session, a petition 10/ on behalf of inhabitants of the Marshall Islands regarding land claims was examined; the Council adopted a resolution 11/ concerning it, and decided to resume consideration of the petition at its twenty-sixth session.

3/ S C, 12th yr., Special Suppl. No. 1 (S/3852); S C, 13th yr., Special Suppl. No. 1 (S/4076); S C, 14th yr., Special Suppl. No. 1 (S/4206).

4/ T/PET.10/L.2 (mimeographed).

5/ T C (XXII), Annexes, a.i. 3, p. 13, T/L.855.

6/ T C (XXII), 904th mtg., para. 8.

7/ T C (XXII), Annexes, a.i. 3, p. 13, T/L.856.

8/ T C (XXII), 904th mtg., para. 9.

9/ T/PET.10/L.3 (mimeographed).

10/ T/PET.10/L.30 (mimeographed).

11/ T C resolution 2006 (XXIV).