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TEXT OF ARTICLE 85

1. The functions of the United Nations with regard to trusteeship agreements for all areas not designated as strategic, including the approval of the terms of the trusteeship agreements and of their alteration or amendment, shall be exercised by the General Assembly.

2. The Trusteeship Council, operating under the authority of the General Assembly, shall assist the General Assembly in carrying out these functions.

NOTE

1. There is no material requiring treatment under this Article since there were no remaining Trust Territories not designated as strategic. With the achievement of independence of Papua New Guinea in 1975, the only remaining Trust Territory was the strategic Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, which fell under the jurisdiction of the Security Council and finally acceded to independence in 1994.¹ The Trusteeship Council would henceforth meet as and where occasion might require by its decision or that of its President, or at the request of a majority of its members, or the General Assembly, or the Security Council.² No decisions or requests have taken place during this period. Accordingly, questions pertaining to the functions of the Trusteeship Council are considered under Article 83.

¹ See TC resolution 2199 (LXI) and G A resolution 49/89.

² See TC resolution 2200 (LXI).

2. During the period under review, no Territories were placed under the international trusteeship system; hence no questions arose concerning the approval of Trusteeship Agreements.