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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 the last Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands in 1994,¹ there have been some proposals to give the Trusteeship Council a new role since its mandate ended according to Article 75, but none of them have prospered.² As noted in the previous Supplement, the 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.³ No decisions or requests have taken place during this period.

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

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

² See *Repertory, Supplement No.9*, vol. V, under Article 75.

³ See TC resolution 2200 (LXI).

Agreements. References to Article 85 were made by Member States in their consideration of the future of the Trusteeship Council.⁴

⁴ See, for instance, A/51/33 (para. 105) and A/50/1011, Section II. See also *Repertory, Supplement No.9*, vol. V, under Article 75.