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The Trusteeship Council shall formulate a questionnaire on the political, economic, social, and educational advancement of the inhabitants of each trust territory, and the administering authority for each trust territory within the competence of the General Assembly shall make an annual report to the General Assembly upon the basis of such questionnaire.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

1. For the period under review there was no material which required treatment in the Analytical Summary of Practice; that section has, therefore, been omitted as was the case in *Supplements Nos. 1 and 2* of the *Repertory*. The relevant developments are described in the General Survey.
2. During the early part of the period under review the Trusteeship Council, on the basis of reports submitted by the Sub-Committee on the Questionnaire, adopted special questionnaires for Nauru and Tanganyika and revised the terminology and the statistical appendices of the basic Questionnaire. At its sixteenth session the General Assembly, under resolution 1645 (XVI), decided to discontinue the Sub-Committee on the Questionnaire.
3. The procedures for the submission by the Administering Authorities of annual reports remained in effect, the only modification being the revision of the distribution list in respect of each annual report.

GENERAL SURVEY

A. The Questionnaire

4. It will be recalled¹ that the Trusteeship Council at its first session had approved a Provisional Questionnaire and, at its eleventh session, a revised or basic Questionnaire applicable to all Trust Territories.² However, the General Assembly at its eighth session, by resolution 751 (VIII) considering that the revised Questionnaire was not applicable in its entirety to all the Trust Territories, had instructed a Sub-Committee to examine the Questionnaire formulated by the Trusteeship Council, to study such changes as might be necessary to adapt it to the special conditions of each Territory, and to submit its conclusions to the Trusteeship Council. It had invited the Trusteeship Council to undertake the preparation of separate questionnaires adapted to the particular circumstances of each Trust Territory.

5. It may also be recalled that the Council, on the basis of a report submitted by the Sub-Committee, had

adopted a special questionnaire for New Guinea.³ With respect to other Trust Territories the Sub-Committee had decided that in view of the possibility of certain of the Trust Territories attaining the objectives of Trusteeship at an early date, it was unnecessary at that late stage to adapt the basic Questionnaire to the special conditions of the Territories in question, namely, Somaliland under Italian administration, Togoland under British administration, Togoland under French administration, the Cameroons under British administration, the Cameroons under French administration, and Western Samoa. The Sub-Committee had announced its intention of submitting to the Council in due course special questionnaires for Nauru, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Ruanda-Urundi and Tanganyika.⁴

6. During the period under review, the Sub-Committee submitted to the Trusteeship Council at

¹ See *Repertory*, vol. IV, under Article 88, para. 7.

² T C (XI), Special Supplement, T/1010.

³ T C (XXII), Special Supplement, T/1010/Add.1.

⁴ See *Repertory*, *Supplement No. 1*, vol. II, under Article 88, para. 4. Decision contained in T C (XVIII), Annexes, a.i. 11, T/1267.

its twenty-sixth session two reports containing special questionnaires for Nauru and Tanganyika.⁵ In preparing those questionnaires, the Sub-Committee had taken into account observations submitted by Australia and the United Kingdom, the Administering Authorities concerned. The Sub-Committee also submitted a report in which changes were proposed to the basic Questionnaire in order to adapt it to the special conditions of Ruanda-Urundi.⁶

7. The Council approved⁷ the special questionnaire for Nauru, with some amendments, and also approved the special questionnaire for Tanganyika. It further decided⁸ to transmit the Sub-Committee's report on the special questionnaire for Ruanda-Urundi to the Government of Belgium, as the Administering Authority concerned, for its comments.

8. Also at its twenty-sixth session, the Council decided,⁹ on the basis of a suggestion by the Sub-Committee, to appoint an *Ad Hoc* Committee of two members to carry out, with the assistance of the specialized agencies and the Statistical Office of the United Nations, a revision of the statistical portions and terminology sections of the basic Questionnaire so as to bring them into line with the latest statistical practices and methods.

9. The *Ad Hoc* Committee received written comments from the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Monetary Fund, the Statistical Office of the United Nations and the Fiscal and Financial Branch of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs.¹⁰ The *Ad Hoc* Committee submitted a report¹¹ to the Council at its twenty-seventh session containing a new text for the statistical and terminology sections and for the appendices of the basic Questionnaire which was adopted by the Trusteeship Council.

10. At the same session, the Council unanimously adopted resolution 2103 (XXVII) in which it expressed its appreciation of the work of the Sub-Committee and recommended to the General Assembly that the Sub-Committee, having completed its work, should be discontinued. In submitting the draft resolution¹² on which resolution 2103 (XXVII) was based, the sponsor stated that, in view of the changes which had taken place in many Territories since the establishment of the Sub-Committee, there was no longer any need for the Sub-Committee.

11. The General Assembly at its sixteenth session by resolution 1645 (XVI), having noted that the Trusteeship Council had adopted special questionnaires for

certain Trust Territories, expressed its appreciation of the work accomplished by the Sub-Committee on the Questionnaire and decided that the Sub-Committee, having completed its work, should be discontinued.

12. Thus, for the three Territories remaining under the International Trusteeship System as of mid-1962, special questionnaires exist only for two: Nauru and New Guinea. There is no special questionnaire for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

B. Submission of annual reports

13. Rules 72 and 73 of the rules of procedure of the Trusteeship Council provide that each Administering Authority shall transmit 400 copies of its annual report on the Trust Territory concerned to the Secretary-General within six months from the termination of the year to which the report refers. The annual reports received during the period under consideration are listed in annex I.

14. The Secretary-General continued to transmit the annual reports to the members of the Trusteeship Council upon receipt. Prior to the opening of the General Assembly, the practice of distributing annual reports to all Member States continued, with the exception of the annual reports on the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands which continued to be distributed to members of the Security Council. As previously, the annual reports were also distributed to specialized agencies and others.

15. In a memorandum dated 4 March 1952,¹³ the Secretary-General circulated a distribution list in respect of the annual reports. That memorandum was subsequently revised on 25 April 1952, 2 June 1953, 27 August 1953, 7 October 1954, 5 May 1955, 8 January 1957, 25 February 1957, 18 July 1957, 25 September 1957 and 4 June 1962. The latest revised list is included as annex II.

16. During the period under review, Administering Authorities continued to submit supplementary information on conditions in the Trust Territories in order to keep the Trusteeship Council informed of the developments which had occurred between the time of the submission of the annual reports and their consideration by the Council. Belgium submitted such information for Ruanda-Urundi;¹⁴ the United Kingdom for the Cameroons under British administration¹⁵ and Australia for New Guinea¹⁶ and for Nauru.¹⁷ Italy transmitted a separate report concerning developments in Somaliland for the period 1 January to 31 May 1959.¹⁸ In accordance with rule 74, each Administering Authority also continued to designate a special representative who was present during the examination of the relevant annual report and who answered questions put by members of the Trusteeship Council on conditions in the Territory.

⁵ T C (XXVI), Annexes, a.i. 9, T/1488, and T/1539 respectively.

⁶ T C (XXVI), Annexes, a.i. 9, T/1506.

⁷ T C (XXVI), 1085th mtg., para. 60; 1128th mtg., para. 21.

⁸ T C (XXVI), 1128th mtg., para. 22.

⁹ T C (XXVI), 1052nd mtg., paras. 1-15 and 1112th mtg., paras. 102 and 103. See also Sub-Committee's third progress report: T C (XXVIII), Annexes, a.i. 11, T/1267.

¹⁰ See T/AC.47/L.2, L.3, L.4, L.5 and Add.1 and L.6 and Add.1 (all mimeographed).

¹¹ T C (XXVII), Annexes, a.i. 11, T/1557.

¹² T C (XXVII), 1166th mtg., para. 20. Draft resolution contained in T/L.1022, submitted by Paraguay.

¹³ T/L.241 (mimeographed).

¹⁴ T C (XXVI), Annexes, a.i. 3, T/1540.

¹⁵ T C (XXVI), Annexes, a.i.3, T/1527).

¹⁶ T C (XXVII), Annexes, a.i.4, T/1567; T C (XXIX), Annexes, a.i. 3, T/1601.

¹⁷ T C (XXVII), Annexes, a.i. 4, T/1578; T C (XXIX), Annexes, a.i. 3, T/1599.

¹⁸ T/1471/Add.1 (mimeographed).

ANNEX I
Submission of annual reports

Session	Territory	Year	Number of copies received				Documents symbols:	
			Date	Number	Date	Number	Trusteeship Council	General Assembly or Security Council
XXVI	Somaliland	1959	10/6/60	25	1/7/60	363	T/1542	A/4483
	Tanganyika	1958	1/10/59	400			T/1489	A/4484
	Tanganyika	1959	12/5/60	40	21/7/60	364	T/1529	A/4484
	Nauru	1/7/58- 30/6/59	22/3/60	57	16/5/60	352	T/1509	A/4480
	New Guinea	1/7/58- 30/6/59	12/4/60	57	8/8/60 27/9/60	30 320	T/1514	A/4481
	Pacific Islands	1/7/58- 30/6/59	7/4/60	400			T/1513	S/4303
	Western Samoa	1959	1/4/60	55	31/8/60	345	T/1512 and Add. 1	A/4485
XXVII	British Cameroons	1959	9/6/61	350			T/1573	A/4835
	Ruanda-Urundi	1959	21/11/60	470			T/1552	A/4837
	Tanganyika	1960	16/6/61	22	12/7/61	400	T/1577	A/4834
	Nauru	1/7/59- 30/6/60	3/5/61	35	31/5/61 8/8/61	22 350	T/1562	A/4839
	New Guinea	1/7/59- 30/6/60	3/5/61	35	8/8/61	350	T/1561	A/4838
	Pacific Islands	1/7/59- 30/6/60	12/6/61	400			T/1574	S/4839
	Western Samoa	1960	3/7/61	50	8/8/61	350	T/1579	A/4836
XXVIII	Ruanda-Urundi	1960	19/12/61	436			T/1583	A/5178
XXIX	Nauru	1/7/60- 30/6/61	16/5/62	50	29/8/62	350	T/1589	A/5176
	New Guinea	1/7/60- 30/6/61	29/5/62	50	29/8/62	350	T/1591	A/5177
	Pacific Islands	1/7/60- 30/6/61	21/5/62	400			T/1590	S/5125
XXX	Nauru	1/7/61- 30/6/62	14/5/63	50	18/9/63	230	T/1606	A/5521
	New Guinea	1/7/61- 30/6/62	14/5/63	50	18/9/63	230	T/1607	A/5522
	Pacific Islands	1/7/61- 30/6/62	15/5/63	400			T/1611	S/5317
XXXI	Nauru	1/7/62- 30/6/63	14/4/64	50	18/9/64	350	T/1619	A/5733
	New Guinea	1/7/62- 30/6/63	12/5/64	50	18/9/64	350	T/1621	A/5734
	Pacific Islands	1/7/62- 30/6/63	18/5/64	400			T/1624	S/5712
XXXII	Nauru	1/7/63- 30/6/64	7/4/65	50	24/5/65	350	T/1631	A/5935
	New Guinea	1/7/63- 30/6/64	7/4/65	50	13/7/65	350	T/1632	A/5936
	Pacific Islands	1/7/63- 30/6/64	9/4/65	50	12/4/65	350	T/1633	S/6295
XXXIII	Nauru	1/7/64- 30/6/65	20/4/66	50	5/8/66	350	T/1648	A/6363
	New Guinea	1/7/64- 30/6/65	26/4/66	50	5/8/66	350	T/1649	A/6364
	Pacific Islands	1/7/64- 30/6/65	25/5/66	400			T/1652	S/7322

ANNEX II

Revised distribution list of annual reports

	<i>Copies</i>		<i>Copies</i>
1. Members of the Trusteeship Council (eight members)	4 each	17. Commission on the Status of Women	1
2. ILO, UNESCO, FOA, WHO	2 each	18. Commission on Narcotic Drugs	1
3. Bank, Fund, ITU, ICAO, UPU, ITU, WMO	1 each	19. Fiscal Commission	1
4. United States Mission	9	20. Population Commission	1
5. Australian Mission	2	21. Office of Legal Affairs	1
6. Secretary of Island Territories, Department of Island Territories, Wellington	2	22. OPI Press	6
7. Member States ^a	1 each	23. Essential Services	9 to 23 ^b
8. South Pacific Commission, Pentagone Anse Vata, Noumea, New Caledonia	1	24. UNICEF	1
9. Depository Libraries (82)	1 each	25. Information Centres (15)	1 each
10. Geneva Office	2	26. Economic Commission for Africa	1
11. International Court of Justice	1		
12. Economic and Employment Commission	1		
13. Transport and Communications Commission	1		
14. Statistical Commission	1		
15. Commission on Human Rights	1		
16. Social Commission	1		

^a 117 Member States as of August 1966. In the case of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, 60 copies are sent to the Security Council secretariat for distribution to the members of the Security Council.

^b Depending upon the number of copies available, "Essential Services" receive 9, 14 or 23 copies.

Priority A (9 copies): interpreters—5; verbatim reporters or précis-writers—4.

Priority B (14 copies): interpreters—5; verbatim reporters or précis-writers—4; English Section—1; French Section—1; editor for Summary Records—1; Reference for all other Sections—1; Index and Library—1.

Priority C (23 copies): as in Priority B, plus 2 additional copies for verbatim reporters or précis-writers; 4 additional copies for Reference Section; 1 additional copy for Library; Map Library—1; Microfilm Unit—1.