ARTICLE 80

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1. Except as may be agreed upon in individual trusteeship agreements, made under Articles 77, 79, and 81, placing each territory under the trusteeship system, and until such agreements have been concluded, nothing in this Chapter shall be construed in or of itself to alter in any manner the rights whatsoever of any states or any peoples or the terms of existing international instruments to which Members of the United Nations may respectively be parties.

2. Paragraph 1 of this Article shall not be interpreted as giving grounds for delay or postponement of the negotiation and conclusion of agreements for placing mandated and other territories under the trusteeship system as provided for in Article 77.

NOTE

1. No decision was taken by the General Assembly on the material dealt under this Article after the independence of Namibia, which was brought under the direct responsibility of the United Nations by the General Assembly in 1966.

2. The Trusteeship Council acting under Article 79 terminated the United States administration over Palau.

3. References to Article 80 were made by Member States in their consideration of the future of the Trusteeship Council.

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1 G A resolution 2145 (XXI).
3 TC resolution 2199 (LXI), paras. 1 and 3.
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.

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