ARTICLE 83

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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. Article 83 (1) and (3) provides that the functions of the United Nations with respect to strategic areas under the Trusteeship System shall be exercised by the Security Council, with the assistance of the Trusteeship Council in respect of political, economic, social and educational matters in such areas. During the period under review, as indeed since the arrangements between the Security Council and the Trusteeship Council were agreed upon in 1949, the Trusteeship Council has been the only organ to concern itself with conditions in the one strategic area under trusteeship, namely, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

2. Article 83 (2) relating to the applicability of the basic objectives of the System to strategic areas under trusteeship has not given rise to any decisions during the period covered by the present study.

3. Consequently, the only decisions requiring treatment here are those taken during the period under review by the Trusteeship Council in its regular examination of political, economic, social, and educational conditions in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

4. At its sixteenth and eighteenth sessions, the Council examined the reports of the Government of the United States of America on its administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands for the years ending 30 June 1954 and 30 June 1955, respectively. On the latter occasion, it examined at the same time a report submitted by a visiting mission which had been in the Territory in February and March 1956. On each occasion the Council adopted a report on conditions in the Territory for inclusion in its report to the Security Council. At its seventeenth session, the Trusteeship Council examined two petitions concerning nuclear tests in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and adopted a resolution concerning them.

1/ See in the Repertory, vol. IV, under Article 83, paras. 34-36.
2/ T C resolution 1493 (XVII).
5. At the sixteenth and eighteenth sessions, the Trusteeship Council prepared reports on the exercise of its functions in respect of strategic areas under trusteeship for transmission to the Security Council. The reports were transmitted to members of the Security Council. As in the past, they were not placed on that Council's agenda.