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1. The Trusteeship Council shall consist of the following Members of the United Nations:
   (a) those Members administering trust territories;
   (b) such of those Members mentioned by name in Article 23 as are not administering trust territories; and
   (c) as many other Members elected for three-year terms by the General Assembly as may be necessary to ensure that the total number of members of the Trusteeship Council is equally divided between those Members of the United Nations which administer trust territories and those which do not.

2. Each member of the Trusteeship Council shall designate one specially qualified person to represent it therein.

Introductory Note

1. During the period under review, the Trusteeship Council held merely one meeting on 26 October 1998.

2. Due to the limited amount of material requiring treatment, the present study has not been set up under the headings used in previous Supplements. An analytical summary of practice has been ommitted.

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3. After the attainment of self-government by the Trust Territory of Palau, the United States ceased to be an administering member of the Trusteeship council. Thus, none of the members of the Trusteeship council remained an administering member. China, France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States and the Russian Federation continued to be members of the council by virtue of Article 86(1)b. Consequently, as described in previous Supplements, parity of membership between the administering and the non-administering members could not be maintained.

4. Since all Trust Territories attained self-government and all members of the Trusteeship Council ceased to be Administering Authorities, the practice of including representatives of indigenous populations of the Trust Territories in the delegation of the Administering Authority as well as the participation of representatives of the
indigenous populations of Trust Territories in the work of the Trusteeship Council was discontinued.

5. During the period under review, no subsidiary bodies were appointed by the Trusteeship Council.

6. During the period under review, no visiting or periodic missions were dispatched by the Trusteeship Council.

7. During the period under review, the Trusteeship Council did not engage in any substantive negotiations.\(^1\) Therefore the practice of including participation of States not members of the Trusteeship Council in the work of the Council was discontinued.

\(^1\) T/PV.1707.