

# ARTICLE 88

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### TEXT OF ARTICLE 88

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. In view of the fact that there have been no changes in the Questionnaire during the period under review and that the form of the annual reports presented by the Administering Authorities to the General Assembly has consequently remained unchanged, the present study includes no Analytical Summary of Practice. The only activity to be reported upon is that of the Sub-Committee established by the General Assembly with instructions to report to the Trusteeship Council on the question of modifying the basic Questionnaire so as to adapt it to the circumstances of the particular Trust Territories. The establishment of this Sub-Committee was dealt with under section B of the Repertory study of this Article.

### GENERAL SURVEY

2. The Questionnaire upon the basis of which the Administering Authority for each Trust Territory renders its annual report to the General Assembly continues to be that approved by the Trusteeship Council at its 414th meeting, eleventh session, on 6 June 1952. This Questionnaire applies generally to all the Trust Territories.

3. It will be recalled that by resolution 751 (VIII), the General Assembly instructed a sub-committee, "consisting of representatives of El Salvador, Haiti, India and Syria, to examine the Questionnaire formulated by the Trusteeship Council, to study such changes as may be necessary to adapt it to the special conditions of each Territory, and to submit its conclusions to the Trusteeship Council". It went on to invite the Trusteeship Council "to undertake, on the basis of the work of the Sub-Committee established under the preceding paragraph, the preparation of separate questionnaires adapted to the particular circumstances of each Trust Territory". The Sub-Committee established by this resolution has met from time to time during the period covered by

the present study. It has submitted three reports 1/ to the Trusteeship Council, of which the last one contains proposals for modifying the Questionnaire in respect of a particular Territory, namely, New Guinea. These proposals consisted firstly of additions and revisions in respect of existing questions and secondly of new questions for inclusion in the basic Questionnaire.

4. With regard to its future work, the Sub-Committee 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 this late stage to adapt the basic Questionnaire (T/1010) 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 announced its intention of studying the Questionnaire and of submitting to the Council in due course changes that might be necessary to adapt it to the special conditions of the other Trust Territories, namely, Nauru, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Ruanda-Urundi and Tanganyika.

5. The report 2/ of the Sub-Committee which referred only to the territory of New Guinea 3/ was considered at the eighteenth session of the Trusteeship Council, when the latter decided 4/ to postpone further consideration of it until the nineteenth session so as to enable the Administering Authority to present its considered opinions on the proposed changes in the Questionnaire.

6. There have been no further discussions in the Trusteeship Council concerning the form of the annual reports or the time-limit for their submission to the Trusteeship Council. Although the time-limit for the submission of annual reports remains the period of six months following termination of the year to which they refer, the Administering Authorities have not in general met the time-limit. An exception has been provided by the Administering Authorities of Somaliland under Italian administration and Western Samoa, which have transmitted the annual reports of those Territories for the period covered by the calendar year before the opening of the Council's session in the following June.

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1/ T C (XIV), annexes, a.i. 14, T/1128; T C (XV), annexes, a.i. 8, T/1163;  
T C (XVIII), annexes, a.i. 11, T/1267.  
2/ T C (XVIII), annexes, a.i. 11, T/1267.  
3/ T C (XVIII), 730th mtg., paras. 83-89.  
4/ Ibid., para. 89.