ARTICLE 90

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TEXT OF ARTICLE 90

1. The Trusteeship Council shall adopt its own rules of procedure, including the method of selecting its President.

2. The Trusteeship Council shall meet as required in accordance with its rules, which shall include provision for the convening of meetings on the request of a majority of its members.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

1. The present study, like the previous Repertory studies of Article 90, is confined to features of the procedures of the Trusteeship Council which are not dealt with in connexion with other Articles of the Charter. It therefore does not describe procedures concerning the exercise of the Council's supervisory functions under Articles 87 and 88; or its rules relating to representation and credentials, to voting and to its relationship with other bodies, which fall under Articles 86, 89 and 91, respectively.

2. At its nineteenth session, the Council undertook a review of its procedures regarding petitions; this subject is dealt with in this Supplement in the study under Article 87 in section II, "Article 87 b". Discussions with regard to the remaining features of Article 90 are described below.

GENERAL SURVEY

3. During its twentieth session, the Trusteeship Council amended rule 19 of its rules of procedure, which originally read as follows:

"The Trusteeship Council shall elect, at the beginning of its regular session in June, a President and a Vice-President from among the representatives of the members of the Trusteeship Council."

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At its 838th meeting, the Council decided 1/ to substitute "January" for "June" in rule 19.

4. At the conclusion of the twenty-first session, the President of the Trusteeship Council announced that he would no longer be the representative of his country at the United Nations. Consequently, in accordance with rule 21 of the rules of procedure, the Vice-President served as President during the twenty-second session and the eighth and ninth special sessions.

5. At its twenty-second session, the Council reviewed 2/ rule 21 of its rules of procedure. At its 933rd meeting, it adopted a resolution 3/ whereby it amended the rule to read as follows:

"If the President should be temporarily absent, the Vice-President shall act as President in the same conditions. In the event that the President for any reason is no longer able to act in that capacity, the Council shall elect a new President for the unexpired term. The same procedure shall be followed in the event that the Vice-President for any reason is no longer able to act in that capacity."

6. The Council decided 4/ that the new rule should come into force on 1 January 1959. The list of persons who held the offices of President and Vice-President during the period covered by this Supplement is given in the annex to the present study.

7. The rules of procedure of the Trusteeship Council relating to the time, place and method of convening regular and special sessions of the Trusteeship Council continued to be observed, with one exception. Owing to postponement of the opening date of the eleventh regular session of the General Assembly to 12 November 1956 and its conclusion on 8 March 1957, rule 1 of the rules of procedure of the Trusteeship Council was perforce suspended to permit the Council to hold its nineteenth regular session from 14 March to 15 May 1957 and its twentieth regular session from 20 May to 12 July 1957.

8. At the request 5/ of the representative of France, the Trusteeship Council, under rule 3 of the rules of procedure, held a special session, beginning 10 December 1956. During this sixth special session, a communication 6/ was submitted by the Government of France concerning the referendum which had taken place on 28 October 1956 in the Trust Territory of Togoland under French administration.

9. From 12 to 20 September 1957, the Trusteeship Council held its seventh special session to consider the report 7/ of the United Nations Commission on Togoland under French administration, which had been established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 1046 (XI) of 23 January 1957. The activities of the Council, including resolution 1785 (S-VII), were described in its special report 8/ on the question of the future of Togoland under French administration, which was submitted to the General Assembly at its twelfth session.

1/ T C resolution 1715 (XX) of 11 July 1957.
2/ T C (XXII), 933rd mtg., paras. 52-65.
3/ T C resolution 1908 (XXII); see also Rules of Procedure of the Trusteeship Council, T/1/Rev.5 (United Nations Publication, Sales No.: 58.1.20).
4/ T C (XXII), 933rd mtg., para. 65.
5/ T C (S-VII), Annexes, a.i. 2, T/1288.
7/ T C (S-VII), Suppl. No. 2 (T/1343), document T/1336 and Add.1 and 2.
8/ G A (XII), Annexes, a.i. 37, A/3676 And Corr.1.
10. The Trusteeship Council held its eighth special session from 13 to 17 October 1958, when it adopted a resolution concerning the future of the Trust Territory of Togoland under French administration. It also decided on arrangements for two United Nations Visiting Missions in 1959, one to the Trust Territory of Western Samoa and one to the Trust Territories of Nauru, New Guinea and the Pacific Islands.

11. On 6 and 7 November 1958, the Trusteeship Council held its ninth special session, at which it decided on additional terms of reference to be transmitted to the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Trust Territories in West Africa.

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2/ T C resolution 1921 (S-VIII).
10/ T C resolution 1922 (S-VIII).
11/ T C resolution 1923 (S-VIII).
12/ T C resolution 1924 (S-IX).
ANNEX
Sessions of the Trusteeship Council a/

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<td>10 December 1956 to 31 January 1957</td>
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<td>752nd to 793rd</td>
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a/ All sessions were held at United Nations Headquarters.
b/ The President announced that he would not be the representative of his country after the twenty-first session, and the Vice-President then served as President.