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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. During the period under review, the Trusteeship Council revised certain of its rules of procedure and modified some of its methods of work. These revisions and modifications were brought about, to a large extent, by the decrease in the number of Trust Territories, from ten at the beginning of the period under review to three by mid-1962, and the consequent decrease in the work of the Trusteeship Council.

2. As with previous studies of Article 90 in the *Repertory* and its *Supplements Nos. 1 and 2*, however, this study is confined to those features of the procedures and practices of the Trusteeship Council not dealt with in connexion with other Articles of the Charter. Thus the modifications and revisions relating to reports, petitions and the organization of visiting missions are dealt with under Article 87; the abolition of the Sub-Committee on the Questionnaire by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Trusteeship Council, under Article 88; and the abolition of the

Standing Committee on Administrative Unions and the Committee on Rural Economic Development, under Article 76.

3. The application of other rules and practices—which were not modified—relating to representation and credentials, to voting and the Council's relationship with other bodies, are dealt with under Articles 86, 89 and 91, respectively.

4. The material contained in the General Survey below consequently concerns only the deletion of the rules relating to Somaliland under Italian administration and the amendment of the rule relating to the sessions of the Trusteeship Council by virtue of which it was decided to hold only one regular session, instead of two regular sessions, each year.

5. The material did not require treatment in an Analytical Summary of Practice and thus, as in *Supplements Nos. 1 and 2* this section has been omitted.

GENERAL SURVEY

6. The Secretary-General submitted to the Trusteeship Council at its twenty-sixth session a note¹ drawing the attention of the Council, among other things, to the fact that, with the attainment of independence by Somaliland under Italian administration on 1 July 1960, supplementary rules A, B, C and D of the Council's rules of procedure relating to the participation in its sessions of States Members of the United Nations Advisory Council for the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration which were not members of the Trusteeship Council, would no longer be applicable.

7. At the same session, the Council decided to delete these rules with effect from 1 July 1960.²

8. As of the beginning of the period under review rule 1 of the Council's rules of procedure³ provided that the Trusteeship Council should meet in two regular sessions each year and that the first of such sessions should be convened during the month of January and the second during the month of June. In that connexion it may be noted that it was the normal practice of the Council to examine the annual reports concerning Trust Territories in Africa at its winter session, and those concerning Trust Territories in the Pacific area at its summer session.

9. At its twenty-fourth session, the Trusteeship Council had decided,⁴ in accordance with rule 3 of the rules of procedure, to call a special session to

¹ T C (XXVI), Annexes, a.i. 18 (T/1508).

² T C (XXVI), 1097th mtg., para. 380.

³ See United Nations publication, Sales No. 58.1.20 (T/1/Rev.5).

⁴ T C (XXIV), 1041st mtg., para. 96.

consider the report of the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner concerning the plebiscite in the northern part of the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration. The tenth special session was accordingly held on 2 and 14 December 1959.

10. The twenty-fifth regular session was held from 25 January to 8 February 1960. The twenty-sixth session, in accordance with a decision taken at the twenty-fourth session, was to have been held in Rome, in May 1960 but these arrangements were cancelled and the Council decided to meet at Headquarters where the twenty-sixth session accordingly took place from 14 April to 30 June 1960.

11. At the twenty-sixth session it was proposed that, since three Trust Territories had attained independence and since the composition of the Trusteeship Council was to be discussed at the fifteenth session of the General Assembly, rule 1 of the rules of procedure should be suspended and that the Council should hold only one session in 1961. After some discussion, however, it was decided that the question of its future meeting should be postponed to a later date and that, until such time as a decision was taken, the rules of procedure relating to the holding of sessions would stand.⁵

12. In the event no regular session was held in January 1961, but the Council convened on 10 April 1961 in special session (its eleventh) to consider the report of the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner on the supervision of the plebiscites in the southern and northern parts of the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration.

13. The twenty-seventh session was held from 1 June to 19 July 1961. At that session the Council decided⁶ to leave the dates of the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth session to be determined by the Secretariat, after consultation with the members of the Council.

14. At its sixteenth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 1701 (XVI) on 19 December 1961, in which it recommended that the Trusteeship Council should consider, at its twenty-eighth session, the comments and suggestions regarding the Council's methods of work and procedure, in order to bring them into accordance with the requirements of the new situation in the field of the International Trusteeship System.

15. The twenty-eighth session of the Council took place on 10 and 11 January 1962. At that session,⁷

the Council took note of General Assembly resolution 1701 (XVI) and decided to consider the substance of the item at its twenty-ninth session. In the meantime, the Council requested the Secretariat to prepare a working paper containing suggestions on the technical aspects of simplifying its procedures in the light of the decrease in its membership and in the number of Trust Territories. The Secretariat was asked to include suggestions made by representatives at the twenty-seventh session of the Council and in the General Assembly at its sixteenth session. It was further decided that the twenty-ninth session should be convened on 31 May 1962.

16. The twenty-ninth session took place from 31 May to 8 June and from 2 to 20 July 1962. At that session, the Council had before it the working paper on procedures prepared by the Secretariat⁸ containing, among others, the suggestion that the Council should henceforth hold only one session annually, to be convened in May, that being the most suitable month, in the light of the technical considerations relating to the preparation of documents, the availability of conference services and the printing of the Council's reports to the General Assembly and the Security Council. By resolution 2134 (XXIX) of 4 June 1962, the Council decided that after that date it would meet in one regular session each year and rule 1 of the rules of procedure was accordingly amended to read: "The Trusteeship Council shall meet in one regular session each year. This session shall be convened during the month of May".⁹

17. The thirtieth session accordingly took place from 29 May to 26 June 1963 and the thirty-first session from 20 May to 29 June 1964.

18. At the thirty-first session, the nominations of the Chairman and one member of the 1965 Visiting Mission to the Trust Territories of Nauru and New Guinea were approved by the Council; it was further decided¹⁰ that the two remaining nominations to be submitted by the Governments concerned should be automatically approved when received. The Chairman and the one member whose nominations had been approved, however, were subsequently unable to serve on the Mission and the President of the Council summoned a special session in order that new nominations might be approved. The twelfth special session took place on 2 March 1965.

19. The thirty-second session took place from 28 May to 30 June 1965 and the thirty-third session on 27 May and from 27 June to 26 July 1966.

⁵ T C (XXVI), 1134th mtg., paras. 83-102.

⁶ T C (XXVII), 1173rd mtg., para. 76..

⁷ T C (XXVIII), 1177th mtg., paras. 22-25; 1179th mtg., para. 24.

⁸ T C (XXIX), Annexes, a.i. 7, (T/L.1038).

⁹ See United Nations publication, Sales No.:62.I.23 (T/1/Rev.6).

¹⁰ T C (XXXI), 1243rd mtg., para. 2.

ANNEX
Sessions of the Trusteeship Council*

<i>Session</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Meetings</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Vice-President</i>
Tenth special	2 and 14 December 1959	1042nd and 1043rd	Mr. Max H. Dorsinville (Haiti)	Mr. Girolamo Vitelli (Italy)
Twenty-fifth	25 January to 8 February 1960	1044th to 1050th	Mr. Girolamo Vitelli (Italy)	U Tin Maung (Burma)
Twenty-sixth	14 April to 30 June 1960	1051st to 1134th	Mr. Girolamo Vitelli (Italy)	U Tin Maung (Burma)
Eleventh special	10 April 1961	1135th	U Tin Maung (Burma)	—
Twenty-seventh	1 June to 19 July 1961	1136th to 1176th	U Tin Maung (Burma)	Mr. Jonathan B. Bingham (United States of America)
Twenty-eighth	10 and 11 January 1962	1177th to 1179th	Mr. Jonathan B. Bingham (United States of America)	Mr. Carlos Salamanca (Bolivia)
Twenty-ninth	31 May to 8 June 1962 and 2-20 July 1962	1180th to 1202nd	Mr. Jonathan B. Bingham (United States of America)	Mr. Carlos Salamanca (Bolivia)
Thirtieth	29 May to 26 June 1963	1203rd to 1224th	Mr. Nathan Barnes (Liberia)	Mr. Frank H. Corner (New Zealand)
Thirty-first	20 May to 29 June 1964	1225th to 1243rd	Mr. Frank H. Corner (New Zealand)	Mr. René Doise (France)
Twelfth special	2 March 1965	1244th	Mr. Frank H. Corner (New Zealand)	—
Thirty-second	28 May to 30 June 1965	1245th to 1270th	Mr. André Naudy (France)	Mr. C. P. Hope (United Kingdom)
Thirty-third	27 May and 27 June-26 July 1966	1271st to 1296th	Mr. Francis D. W. Brown (United Kingdom)	Miss Angie E. Brooks (Liberia)

* All sessions were held at United Nations Headquarters.