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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 made no changes affecting its rules of procedure.

2. The material contained in the general survey below relates to the regular sessions of the Trusteeship Council held during the period under review (no special sessions were held). As in Supplements Nos. 1 to 4, an analytical summary of practice has been omitted as there is no material that requires treatment at that level of detail.

GENERAL SURVEY

3. By its resolution 2134 (XL) of 4 June 1962, the Trusteeship Council had decided that the Council should meet in one regular session each year during the month of May.\(^1\)


5. The Trusteeship Council held its forty-first, forty-third and forty-fourth sessions in June rather than in May, as stipulated in the rules of procedure. The Official Records contain neither an explanation nor an objection to this departure from practice. At its forty-fifth session, the Council returned to its previous practice, holding its meetings from 15 May to 8 June 1978.

6. The Trusteeship Council split its forty-first and forty-second sessions into two segments. At its forty-first session, the Council met from 3 to 11 June 1974, adjourned and then resumed its meetings from 15 to 23 October 1974. The adjournment was suggested at the 1428th meeting by the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of New Guinea in order to allow the Papua New Guinea House of Assembly to conclude its deliberations on the preparation of a new constitution. The Council thus suspended its consideration of agenda items 4 (b) and 5 as they pertained to New Guinea, as well as items 6 through 9, until the session could be resumed at a time to be determined through consultations between the President and the Council.\(^2\)

\(^1\)Rule 1 of the rules of procedure of the Trusteeship Council.

\(^2\)The relevant agenda items were as follows: “4 (b) examination of annual reports of the Administrative Authorities for the year ending 30 June 1973: Papua New Guinea”; “5. examination of petitions”; “6. consideration of the dispatch of a visiting mission to Papua New Guinea”; “7. attainment of self-government or independence by the Trust Territories and the situation of the Trust Territories with regard to the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples”; “8. General Assembly resolution 3109 (XXVIII) of 12 December 1973 on the question of Papua New Guinea”; “9. cooperation with the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (T/1750)”. 

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7. During the forty-second session of the Trusteeship Council, at the 1444th meeting, the same procedure of suspension was adopted pending determination of the setting of a date for the independence of Papua New Guinea. Thus, the Council considered most of its agenda items at its meetings held between 27 May and 7 June 1975 and resumed work on 28 and 29 August 1975 to conclude its consideration of agenda items 13 to 16 and 18.\(^3\)

8. Details of the regular special sessions of the Council are set out in the annex to the present article. There were no special sessions held during the period under review.

\(^3\)The relevant agenda items were as follows: “13. consideration of the dispatch of a visiting mission to Papua New Guinea”; “14. General Assembly resolution 3284 (XXIX) of 13 December 1974 on the question of Papua New Guinea”; “15. attainment of self-government or independence by the Trust Territories and the situation of the Trust Territories with regard to the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples”; “16. cooperation with the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples”; “18. adoption of the report of the Trusteeship Council to the General Assembly (T/1761)”. 
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### Sessions of the Trusteeship Council

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