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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 changes to its rules of procedure related to the question of the convening of sessions of the Trusteeship Council.

2. Since the changes affecting the rules of procedure were made in the last session of the period under review, the changes did not affect the work of the Trusteeship Council during the period under review.

3. The material contained in the general survey below relates to the regular and special sessions of the Trusteeship Council held during the period under review.

I. General Survey

4. During the period under review, the Council held its fifty-sixth session from 15 May to 1 August 1989; fifty-seventh session from 21 May to 28 November 1990; fifty-eighth session from 3 May to 19 December 1991; fifty-ninth session from 26 May to 21 December 1992; sixtieth session from 12 May 1993 to 18 January 1994; and sixty-first session from 24 May to 1 November 1994.

5. In addition, the Trusteeship Council, in pursuance of rule 3 of its rules of procedure, held its nineteenth special session on 16 and 17 March 1989 in order
to consider an invitation\textsuperscript{1} by the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands for the dispatch of a periodic mission to Palau. Furthermore, it held its twentieth special session on 8 January 1990 to consider a request\textsuperscript{2} of the Administering Authority for the dispatch of a visiting mission to observe the plebiscite in Palau on the Compact of Free Association on 6 February 1990. The Council held its twenty-first special session on 19 December 1991 to consider a further invitation\textsuperscript{3} of the Administering Authority for the dispatch of a visiting mission to observe current conditions in Palau.

6. In its 1705\textsuperscript{th} meeting during its sixty-first session, the Trusteeship Council adopted resolution T/RES/2200 (LXI) entitled “Amendment of the rules of procedure of the Trusteeship council”. The amendment affected the rules of procedure related to the question of the convening of sessions of the Trusteeship Council. The amendment will be further discussed in the Analytical Summary of the present Supplement.

7. All sessions of the Council were held at the United Nations Headquarters, in New York.

8. Details of the regular and special sessions of the Trusteeship Council are set out in the annex to the present study.

II. Analytical Summary

A. The convening of sessions of the Trusteeship Council

9. The rules of procedure concerning the convening of sessions of the Trusteeship Council were amended during the period of review. These revisions were brought about by the attainment of self-government by the last Trust Territory. Resolution T/RES/2199 (LXI), adopted at the 1705\textsuperscript{th} meeting of the sixty-first session of the Trusteeship Council\textsuperscript{4}, notes that the people of Palau have chosen free association with the United States of America\textsuperscript{5} and that the Republic of Palau requested early termination of the Trusteeship Agreement.

10. Following the attainment of self-government by the last Trust Territory, the Trusteeship Council, at its 1705\textsuperscript{th} meeting of its sixty-first session held from 24 May to 1 November 1994, adopted resolution T/RES/2200, amending its rules of procedure in accordance with Article 90 of the Charter of the United Nations. Rules 1 and 2 of the rules of procedure were replaced by the

\textsuperscript{1} T/PV.1659.
\textsuperscript{2} T/1940.
\textsuperscript{3} T/1960.
\textsuperscript{4} T/PV.1705.
\textsuperscript{5} T/RES/2199, para. 1.
following rule 1:

“The Trusteeship council shall meet as and where occasion require, by decision of the Trusteeship Council, or by decision of its President, or at the request of a majority of its members, or at the request of the General Assembly, or at the request of the Security Council acting in pursuance of the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations.”

11. Changes were made to the rules of procedure regarding the election of the President and the Vice-President in order to reach consistency with the amendment of rule 1 throughout the document. Rule 17 of the rules of procedure was amended to read:

“The Trusteeship Council shall elect, at the beginning of each session, if at least a year has passed since the beginning of the previous session a President and a Vice – President from among the representatives of the members of the Trusteeship Council”

Consequently, Rule 18 was amended to read:

“The President and the Vice-President shall hold office until their respective successors are elected and for a maximum duration of five years and shall not be eligible for immediate re-election”.

12. Certain changes were made regarding the petitioning practice in rule 84. The practice of presenting written petitions after the due date now reads as following:

“In cases where Administering Authority may be prepared to consider a written petition at shorter notice than is prescribed by the foregoing rules, or where, in exceptional cases, as a matter of urgency, it may be so decided by the Trusteeship Council in consultation with the Administering Authority concerned, such written petition may be placed on the agenda of a session notwithstanding that it has been presented after the due date”.

13. The rules of reports of the Trusteeship Council were also amended during the period of review covered by the present Supplement of the Repertory of Practice, in particular rule 97 was changed. Reference to the provisions of Article 88 of the Charter of the United Nations was added:

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6 T/1/Rev.7.
13 T/1/Rev.7
14 T/1/Rev.7
15 T/1/Rev.7
“Subject to the provisions of Article 88 of the Charter of the United Nations, the Trusteeship Council shall present to the General Assembly after each of its sessions a general report on its activities and on the discharge of its responsibilities under the International Trusteeship System. Each such report shall include a review of the conditions in each Trust Territory.”

14. Certain changes were also made in the rules of procedure, which define the order of conducting sessions. Rule 5, which stated that the Trusteeship Council may decide to adjourn temporarily, was deleted.
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