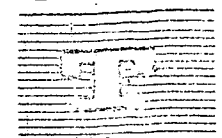


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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

2157 (XXXIX). Terms of reference of the United Nations
Visiting Mission to the Trust Territory
of the Pacific Islands (1973)

The Trusteeship Council,

Having decided to dispatch a periodic visiting mission to the Trust Territory
of the Pacific Islands in 1973,

Having decided that the Visiting Mission should be composed of _____
(Australia), _____ (France), _____ (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)
and _____ (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), 1/

Having decided that the Visiting Mission should visit the Trust Territory
early in 1973 for a period of approximately six weeks,

1. Directs the Visiting Mission to investigate and report as fully as
possible on the steps taken in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands towards
the realization of the objectives set forth in Article 76 b of the Charter of
the United Nations and to pay special attention to the question of the future of
the Territory, in the light of the relevant Articles of the Charter and the
Trusteeship Agreement, and bearing in mind the relevant provisions of Trusteeship
Council and General Assembly resolutions, including Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV)
of 14 December 1960 and 1541 (XV) of 15 December 1960;

2. Directs the Visiting Mission to give attention, as may be appropriate
in the light of discussion in the Trusteeship Council and of resolutions adopted
by it, to issues raised in connexion with the annual reports on the administration
of the Territory, in the petitions received by the Council concerning the
Territory, in the reports of the previous periodic visiting missions to the
Territory and in the observations of the Administering Authority on those reports;

1/ At its 1403rd meeting, on 14 June 1972, the Council decided that the
nominations to be submitted would automatically be approved when received.

3. Directs the Visiting Mission to receive petitions, without prejudice to its action in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Council, and to investigate on the spot such of the petitions as, in its opinion, warrant special investigation;

4. Requests the Visiting Mission to submit to the Council as soon as practicable a report on its visit to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands containing its findings, with such observations, conclusions and recommendations as it may wish to make.

1403rd meeting
14 June 1972