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*Present:*

The representatives of the following States: Australia, Belgium, Burma, China, France, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Italy, New Zealand, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

The representatives of the following specialized agencies: International Labour Organisation; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; World Health Organization.

**Examination of conditions in the Trust Territory of Ruanda-Urundi (*concluded*):**

- (i) Annual report of the Administering Authority for 1956 (T/1338, T/1352, T/1358);
- (ii) Report of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in East Africa, 1957 (T/1346)

[Agenda items 4 (b) and 6 (b)]

REPORT OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE ON RUANDA-URUNDI (T/L.810 AND ADD.1, T/L.824) (*concluded*)

1. The PRESIDENT recalled that at the previous meeting the Council had taken a decision on paragraphs 1 to 12, inclusive, of the draft conclusions and recommendations contained in annex I to the report of the Drafting Committee (T/L.824). He suggested that the Council should now vote on the remaining paragraphs of that annex.

*Paragraph 13 was adopted by 13 votes to 1.*

*Paragraph 14 was adopted by 12 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.*

2. Mr. SMOLDEREN (Belgium), referring to paragraph 15, assured the members of the Council that the Administering Authority would in due course include in its annual report complete information concerning the possible effects of the European Common Market on the Territory's economy. He would vote against the paragraph, since its wording was not clear and might give the impression that the Administering Authority was bound to give information on the subject in advance.

3. Mr. KESTLER (Guatemala) proposed the insertion in paragraph 15, after the words "European Common Market", of a comma followed by the words: "of the possible effects which the application of the Rome Treaty may have on the development of the Territory".

*A vote was taken on the Guatemalan proposal.*

*There were 7 votes in favour and 7 against.*

*After a brief recess in accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure of the Trusteeship Council, a second vote was taken.*

*There were 7 votes in favour and 7 against. The proposal was not adopted.*

*Paragraph 15 was adopted by 8 votes to 5, with 1 abstention.*

4. Sir Andrew COHEN (United Kingdom) said that he wished to change his vote and to abstain.

5. The PRESIDENT said that the United Kingdom representative's statement would be included in the record of the meeting.

*Paragraph 16 was adopted by 13 votes to none, with 1 abstention.*

*Paragraph 17 was adopted unanimously.*

*Paragraph 18 was adopted by 8 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.*

6. After a short debate on the meaning of the words "indigenous rights in land" as appearing in the Russian text of paragraph 19, to which attention had been drawn by Mr. LOBANOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), Mr. SALOMON (Haiti) proposed that the words "régime foncier autochtone" in the French text of the paragraph should be translated literally into English and Russian.

*It was so decided.*

*Paragraph 19, with the drafting changes in the English and Russian texts agreed upon, was adopted unanimously.*

7. Mr. CLAEYS BOUUAERT (Belgium) asked for a separate vote on the last sentence of paragraph 20. While it was true that the Administering Authority had contemplated the establishment of a meat industry in the Territory, it preferred on the whole to leave industrial matters to private enterprise. Moreover, if a meat-packing industry was to pay its way, there would have to be a reduction in the prices obtained for cattle by the indigenous inhabitants, but that would be to the detriment of the cattle-owners. The Belgian

delegation would therefore be unable to vote in favour of a sentence in which the Administering Authority would be asked to give artificial encouragement to the establishment of a meat industry, because such a step would not be in the real interests of the cattle-owners of the country.

*A vote was taken on the last sentence of paragraph 20.*

*There were 7 votes in favour and 7 against.*

*After a brief recess in accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure of the Trusteeship Council, a second vote was taken.*

*There were 7 votes in favour and 7 against. The last sentence of paragraph 20 was not adopted.*

*The remainder of paragraph 20 was adopted unanimously.*

*Paragraph 21 was adopted unanimously.*

*Paragraph 22 was adopted unanimously.*

8. Mr. KESTLER (Guatemala) proposed that the words in the last sentence of paragraph 23 "The Council further reiterates its hope" should be replaced by "The Council also reiterates its hope".

*It was so decided.*

*Paragraph 23, as amended, was adopted by 8 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.*

*Paragraph 24 was adopted unanimously.*

*Paragraph 25 was adopted by 13 votes to none, with 1 abstention.*

*Paragraph 26 was adopted by 11 votes to none, with 1 abstention.*

9. Mr. LOBANOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) asked for a separate vote on the first sentence of paragraph 27.

10. Mr. JAIPAL (India) proposed that the words "notes with gratification" in the last sentence of paragraph 27, which might appear somewhat condescending, should be replaced by "notes with pleasure".

*It was so decided.*

11. Mr. CLAEYS BOUUAERT (Belgium) asked for a separate vote on the last clause of paragraph 27, beginning with the words "and is confident that the Administering Authority...". The Administering Authority did not consider itself authorized to launch political organizations or to encourage political competition between the various currents of opinion in the Territory.

12. Mr. KESTLER (Guatemala) asked for a separate vote on the words "because of practical considerations" in the first sentence of paragraph 27.

13. Mr. LOBANOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) withdrew his request for a separate vote on the first sentence of the paragraph.

14. Mr. JAIPAL (India) proposed, in view of the remarks made by the Belgian representative, that the last part of paragraph 27 should be altered to read as follows: "and is confident that the Administering Authority will continue to foster and encourage the development of political institutions". That wording was based on Article 73 of the Charter.

15. Mr. CLAEYS BOUUAERT (Belgium) considered that such a recommendation was out of place under the heading "Social advancement".

*The words "because of practical considerations" were adopted by 9 votes to 3, with 2 abstentions.*

16. Mr. KELLY (Australia) said he would abstain in the vote on the Indian amendment because the words "political institutions" might be understood to mean organized political movements.

*The Indian amendment was adopted by 7 votes to 1, with 2 abstentions.*

17. Mr. MAX (France) said that the French delegation had voted against the Indian amendment because in its view an allusion to political institutions was out of place in a section dealing with social advancement.

18. Mr. JAIPAL (India) said that he had voted in favour of the words "because of practical considerations" because he considered that the Council should take note of the reasons adduced by the Administering Authority.

19. He agreed with the Belgian representative that the reference to political activities was out of place in the paragraph in question; since, however, the Drafting Committee had thought it well to place the paragraph there, the Indian delegation had been obliged to propose the amendments it thought necessary.

*The last clause of paragraph 27, as amended, was adopted by 6 votes to 1, with 7 abstentions.*

20. Mr. CLAEYS BOUUAERT (Belgium) said that his delegation had abstained in the vote because it considered that the sentence would lead to confusion.

*Paragraph 27 as a whole, as amended, was adopted by 6 votes to none, with 8 abstentions.*

21. Mr. JAIPAL (India) suggested that paragraph 27 should be transferred to the end of section II, which dealt with political advancement; it would thus follow paragraph 12.

22. Mr. MAX (France) supported that proposal.

*It was so decided.*

*Paragraph 28 was adopted by 8 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.*

*Paragraph 29 was adopted unanimously.*

*Paragraph 30 was adopted by 6 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.*

23. Mr. LOBANOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) proposed that the words "the substantial services" in paragraph 31 should be replaced by the words "some services".

24. Mr. CLAEYS BOUUAERT (Belgium) proposed that the paragraph should begin "The Council notes with satisfaction the activities of the Administering Authority...".

*The Soviet Union amendment was adopted by 5 votes to 2, with 7 abstentions.*

25. Mr. CLAEYS BOUUAERT (Belgium) pointed out that his proposal was now that the words "some services provided by" should be replaced by the words "the activities of", so that the paragraph would read "The Council notes with satisfaction the activities of the Administering Authority...".

*The Belgian amendment was adopted by 10 votes to 1, with 3 abstentions.*

*Paragraph 31, as amended, was adopted by 12 votes to none.*

*Paragraph 32 was adopted unanimously.*

*Paragraph 33 was adopted unanimously.*

*Paragraph 34 was adopted unanimously.*

26. Mr. CLAEYS BOUUAERT (Belgium) asked for a separate vote on the phrase in paragraph 35

reading "the establishment of a special fund to finance certain aspects of the educational programme".

*The phrase was adopted by 7 votes to 1, with 6 abstentions.*

*Paragraph 35 was adopted unanimously.*

*Paragraph 36 was adopted unanimously.*

27. The PRESIDENT asked the Council to consider annex II of document T/L.824 and proposed that paragraphs 1 to 4 of the annex should be adopted.

*It was so decided.*

28. The PRESIDENT announced that the Indian delegation had submitted amendments to paragraph 5 which had been circulated as document T/L.839.

29. Mr. JAIPAL (India) said that the purpose of the amendments was to bring the language of the draft into greater conformity with that of the recommendations previously adopted by the Council.

30. Mr. SEARS (United States of America) proposed that the second Indian amendment (T/L.839, para. 2) should be amended to read as follows: "Delete the words occurring after 'Administering Authority will continue to adopt' and substitute 'other plans, where appropriate, with intermediate targets and dates, for the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the Territory whenever it is satisfied that this will create the pre-conditions for the attainment by the Territory or self-government or independence.'"

31. Mr. JAIPAL (India) said that he had no objection to the inclusion of the proposed amendments in his text.

*The first Indian amendment (T/L.839, para. 1) was adopted by 6 votes to none, with 7 abstentions.*

*The second Indian amendment (T/L.839, para. 2), as amended, was adopted by 6 votes to 3, with 5 abstentions.*

32. Mr. SEARS (United States of America) reserved his delegation's right to change its position because he still had doubts concerning the wording adopted.

*Paragraph 5 of annex II, as amended, was adopted by 6 votes to 3, with 5 abstentions.*

33. Mr. LOBANOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that the Soviet delegation had abstained because the recommendations proposed by the Drafting Committee took no account of the instructions the General Assembly had given the Council in its resolutions 1064 (XI) and 1207 (XII). In those resolutions the Assembly recommended that the Administering Authority should take the necessary steps to ensure the attainment in the near future of self-government or independence by the Trust Territory of Ruanda-Urundi and to establish a target date for the achievement of that aim. The Administering Authority had not carried out the terms of those resolutions. The Drafting Committee had made no judgement of the Administering Authority's position with respect to target dates and had even expressed some satisfaction at various plans which were in no way intended to implement the General Assembly's resolutions on the attainment of independence by the Territory as soon as possible. The recommendations proposed by the Drafting Committee were actually a big step backwards as compared with the recommendations of the Assembly. The Indian amendments, made worse by the additions proposed by the United States, did not substantially change the recommendation.

34. Mr. KELLY (Australia) said that he had voted against the paragraph because of the lack of precision of certain phrases. The words "where appropriate" were meaningless. His delegation considered that the Administering Authority had certain rights and that the responsibility for determining whether the fixing of targets or dates was appropriate rested with it.

35. Mr. KESTLER (Guatemala) said that he had abstained because paragraph 5 did not fully comply with the General Assembly's instructions. His delegation reserved the right to submit a draft resolution on that point to the Fourth Committee at the thirteenth session of the Assembly.

36. Mr. JAIPAL (India) said that he had used the words "as will create the pre-conditions for the attainment by the Territory of self-government or independence" because they were to be found in many resolutions of the Assembly and the Council. It had seemed unwarranted to choose a different formulation while the recommendation was still at the drafting stage. He reserved his delegation's position with regard to any formulation which might be submitted in the future.

37. U PAW HTIN (Burma) said that he had voted for the Indian amendment because it brought the form of the draft resolution close to that of the Council's previous recommendations. He did not believe that the amendment proposed by the United States representative had been necessary.

38. Mr. CLAEYS BOUUAERT (Belgium) said that he had voted against the paragraph because to the extent that the text was descriptive it was wholly superfluous, and to the extent that it adopted a somewhat paternalistic attitude towards the Administering Authority it infringed that Authority's prerogatives under the Charter and the Trusteeship Agreement.

39. The PRESIDENT put before the Council the recommendation in paragraph 3 of the Drafting Committee's report (T/L.824), which referred to documents T/L.810 and Add.1.

40. Mr. CLAEYS BOUUAERT (Belgium) said that he had several corrections to propose to the paragraph in document T/L.810/Add.1 under the heading "Status of the Territory and administrative union with the Belgian Congo". The words "the force of Public Order" should be replaced by the words "the forces responsible for the defence of the Territory and the maintenance of public order", since those forces included the Territorial police, which was made up of indigenous inhabitants of Ruanda-Urundi, while the Force of Public Order of the Congo was also responsible for the defence of the Territory. The words "No indigenous inhabitants had been recruited for the Force in view of the fact that this occupation did not appeal to them", should be replaced by the following wording, which was closer to the facts: "No indigenous inhabitants had been recruited for the armed forces in view of the fact that this occupation did not appeal to them".

*It was so decided.*

*The recommendation in paragraph 3 of document T/L.824 which concerned documents T/L.810 and T/L.810/Add.1, as amended, was adopted without objection.*

#### **Administrative unions affecting Trust Territories: report of the Standing Committee on Administrative Unions (T/L.823)**

[Agenda item 8]

41. The PRESIDENT asked for a vote on para-

graph 15 of the report of the Standing Committee on Administrative Unions (T/L.823), which concerned Ruanda-Urundi.

*The paragraph was adopted by 10 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.*

42. Mr. LOBANOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) pointed out that administrative unions, which to a considerable extent prejudged the future of Trust Territories, hindered their political, economic and social advancement. Thus far, Ruanda-Urundi had no legislative or executive organs independent of the Belgian Congo, which the Administering Authority dealt with as an economic enterprise and to which the political development of the Territory was subordinated. The report of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in East Africa, 1957, (T/1346) left no doubt that the serious difficulties being encountered by the Territory were partly due to the customs union with the Congo. Yet the report on administrative unions did not mention that state of affairs. In the only recommendation the Committee had made on the subject of the customs union, no opinion had been expressed by the Committee; the question had been left open. That was why his delegation had abstained in the vote.

43. His delegation wished to state further that it continued to advocate the immediate creation in the Territory of legislative and executive organs independent of the colony, as well as the elimination of all the effects of the administrative union—something which could not be done without giving up the administrative union itself.

44. Mr. JAIPAL (India) pointed out that under the recommendation the Council had adopted, it confined itself to taking note of the fact that the Administering Authority had undertaken a careful study of the operation of the administrative union. His delegation had voted in favour of the recommendation without prejudice to its opinion as to the legal basis of the association of the Territory with the Congo and the possible revision of that basis. The Territory should be placed under more direct control from Brussels and should have a separate budget.

45. Mr. KESTLER (Guatemala) said he had voted for the text in paragraph 15 because the study undertaken by the Administering Authority would be valuable to the Council. But his delegation had abstained when the report had been put to the vote in the Standing Committee, because the report failed to mention any of the other aspects of the union.

*The meeting was suspended at 4.10 p.m. and resumed at 4.30 p.m.*

#### **Examination of petitions (T/L.821 and Corr.1, T/L.825) (continued)**

[Agenda item 5]

TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTH REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS: PETITIONS CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION (T/L.821 AND CORR.1) (concluded)

46. The PRESIDENT requested the Council to continue its consideration of draft resolution IX in the annex to document T/L.821 and Corr.1. He recalled that at the previous meeting the Belgian representative had raised objections to paragraph 2 of the draft, which read: "*Expresses the hope* that the next visiting mission, in its report on the political situation in the Territory, will take into account both the causes and the

possible effects of the dissolution of these three organizations." The Belgian delegation had submitted an amendment (T/L.836), to paragraph 2, and a sub-amendment to that amendment had been submitted by India (T/L.837).

47. Mr. SMOLDEREN (Belgium) regretted that he could not accept the Indian amendment to his own amendment, as it failed to take into account the objections he had raised to paragraph 2 of the draft at the previous meeting.

48. Mr. BENDRYSHEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) requested the Council to take a decision on the two paragraphs reproduced in section IX, paragraph 9, of the report. Those paragraphs proposed that the Administering Authority should adhere strictly in practice to the provisions of the Trusteeship Agreement and ensure to the population freedom of speech, Press and association and other democratic freedoms. He would ask the President to put those paragraphs to the vote.

*A vote was taken on the Indian amendment (T/L.837) to the Belgian amendment.*

*There were 6 votes in favour and 6 against, with 2 abstentions.*

*After a brief recess in accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure of the Trusteeship Council, a second vote was taken.*

*There were 6 votes in favour and 6 against, with 1 abstention. The amendment was not adopted.*

*The Belgian amendment (T/L.836) was adopted by 6 votes to 5, with 3 abstentions.*

*The two paragraphs reproduced in section IX, paragraph 9, of the report, on which a vote had been requested by the USSR representative, were rejected by 7 votes to 3, with 4 abstentions.*

*Draft resolution IX, as amended, was adopted by 7 votes to none, with 7 abstentions.*

49. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the recommendation in paragraph 3 of the introduction to the report (T/L.821 and Corr.1). He pointed out that the figure XII should read XI.

*The recommendation was adopted by 7 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.*

TWO HUNDRED AND TENTH REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS: PETITIONS CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION (T/L.825)

50. The PRESIDENT requested the Council to vote on the various draft resolutions in the annex to document T/L.825.

*Draft resolution I was adopted by 9 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.*

*Draft resolution II was adopted by 7 votes to none, with 7 abstentions.*

*Draft resolution III was adopted by 9 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.*

*Draft resolution IV was adopted by 7 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.*

*Draft resolution VI was adopted by 9 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.*

*Draft resolution VII was adopted by 7 votes to none, with 7 abstentions.*

*Draft resolution IX was adopted by 9 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.*

*Draft resolution X was adopted by 8 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.*

*Draft resolution XI was adopted by 9 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.*

51. Mr. BENDRYSHEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) asked the President to take a vote on the paragraph reproduced in section XII, paragraph 6, of document T/L.825. The petitioner had opened a school on his own initiative and had been obliged to close it for lack of funds. To encourage such initiative, the Administering Authority ought to grant the requisite assistance to that school, as there was no government school in the district.

*The paragraph reproduced in section XII, paragraph 6, of the report was rejected by 7 votes to 6, with 1 abstention.*

*Draft resolution XII was adopted by 8 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.*

*Draft resolution XIII was adopted by 9 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.*

*The recommendation in paragraph 3 of the introduction to the report (T/L.825) was adopted by 7 votes to none, with 7 abstentions.*

#### **Examination of conditions in the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under British administration (continued):**

(i) **Annual report of the Administering Authority for 1956 (T/1340, T/1350, T/1353, T/1359);**

(ii) **Petitions raising general questions (T/L.811/Add.1)**

[Agenda items 4 (c) and 5 ]

#### **REPORT OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE ON THE CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION (T/L.811 AND ADD.2, T/L.835)**

52. Mr. NATARAJAN (India), Chairman of the Drafting Committee, presented the Committee's report (T/L.835) and pointed out that most of the recommendations had been unanimously agreed upon. The Council would find any differences of opinion recorded in the report.

53. The PRESIDENT requested representatives to examine the draft conclusions and recommendations in the annex to document T/L.835.

54. Sir Andrew COHEN (United Kingdom) found the tone of the report rather different from earlier reports. He would accordingly like to suggest some very minor amendments.

55. With regard to paragraph 1, the Council was asked to express the hope that all concerned would contribute to the inhabitants' achieving the objectives envisaged in the Charter. A reader might get the impression that the Administering Authority was not contributing to the achievement of those objectives by the Territory. He would accordingly propose that the paragraph should read as follows:

"The Council, noting that the Trust Territory is on the threshold of changes, is confident that all concerned will continue to contribute, particularly in this transitional period, to the achievement by the inhabitants of the objectives envisaged in the Charter of the United Nations as smoothly and harmoniously as possible."

56. Mr. BENDRYSHEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that he would vote against that amend-

ment, which would change the entire meaning of the recommendation.

*The United Kingdom amendment was adopted by 8 votes to 2, with 3 abstentions.*

*Paragraph 1, as amended, was adopted by 9 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.*

*Paragraph 2 was adopted by 12 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.*

*Paragraph 3 was adopted by 12 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.*

*Paragraph 4 was adopted by 10 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.*

*Paragraph 5 was adopted unanimously.*

*Paragraph 6 was adopted unanimously.*

*Paragraph 7 was adopted unanimously.*

57. Sir Andrew COHEN (United Kingdom) said that in paragraph 8, the words "The Council recommends that the Administering Authority should ensure that the resources of the Trust Territory are developed" suggested that the Administering Authority was not doing those things at the moment. He would accordingly propose the following wording, "The Council recommends that the Administering Authority should continue its policy of ensuring ...".

*The United Kingdom amendment was adopted by 8 votes to 1, with 5 abstentions.*

*Paragraph 8, as amended, was adopted by 11 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.*

*Paragraph 9 was adopted unanimously.*

*Paragraph 10 was adopted unanimously.*

*Paragraph 11 was adopted by 13 votes to none, with 1 abstention.*

58. Sir Andrew COHEN (United Kingdom) proposed that the end of paragraph 12 should be amended to read as follows: "... expresses the hope that the Administering Authority will take further comprehensive measures ...".

*The United Kingdom amendment was adopted by 10 votes to none, with 4 abstentions.*

*Paragraph 12, as amended, was adopted unanimously.*

*Paragraph 13 was adopted unanimously.*

*Paragraph 14 was adopted unanimously.*

*Paragraph 15 was adopted unanimously.*

59. Mr. BENDRYSHEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) asked for a separate vote on the first part of paragraph 16 since it did not seem to him to reflect the true situation.

60. Sir Andrew COHEN (United Kingdom) felt that the Soviet representative might be confusing "revenue" with "contribution". There was no doubt that the Cameroons Development Corporation was, directly or indirectly, an important source of revenue.

61. The PRESIDENT put to the vote the first part of paragraph 16 up to and including the words "Southern Cameroons".

*The first part of paragraph 16 was adopted by 10 votes to 1, with 3 abstentions.*

*Paragraph 16 as a whole was adopted by 12 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.*

62. Mr. BENDRYSHEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) could not endorse the text of paragraph 17; the representative organs of the Southern Cameroons had no voice in questions concerning the raising and expenditure of revenue. Those organs should at least

be consulted on such weighty matters. He drew the Council's attention to the text submitted by his delegation and reproduced in paragraph 6 of the report, which recommended particularly that the legislative organs of the Territory should be granted full rights in matters of raising revenue in the Territory and its expenditure.

63. Sir Andrew COHEN (United Kingdom) explained that the Administering Authority was not opposed to consultation, but it did not think it appropriate to commit itself to any particular procedure. He was therefore prepared to accept the text of paragraph 17, but could not support the Soviet amendment.

*The Soviet amendment quoted in paragraph 6 of the report was rejected by 7 votes to 4, with 3 abstentions.*

*Paragraph 17 was adopted by 10 votes to 1, with 3 abstentions.*

64. Mr. BENDRY SHEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said he had voted against the text of paragraph 17 because in its present form it did not reflect the true state of affairs.

*Paragraph 18 was adopted unanimously.*

65. Sir Andrew COHEN (United Kingdom), referring to paragraph 19, objected to the inclusion of the words "free and" in the phrase "free and indigenous Press". The use of such a word was wholly unwarranted since there was no reason to believe that an indigenous Press would not be free. He therefore asked for a separate vote on those words.

*By 6 votes to 3, with 4 abstentions, it was decided to delete the words "free and".*

*Paragraph 19, as amended, was adopted unanimously.*

66. Sir Andrew COHEN (United Kingdom) remarked, with regard to paragraph 20, that the subject of political rights of women had already been dealt with in paragraph 6. He proposed that the words "economic and social rights" should be replaced by "status".

*The United Kingdom amendment was adopted by 10 votes to none, with 4 abstentions.*

*Paragraph 20, as amended, was adopted unanimously.*

*Paragraph 21 was adopted unanimously.*

*Paragraph 22 was adopted unanimously.*

67. Sir Andrew COHEN (United Kingdom), referring to paragraph 23, objected to the use of the word "free" in the phrase "to foster free trade-union activity"; recalling his argument in connexion with paragraph 19, he asked for a separate vote on the word. He also suggested that the beginning of the paragraph should be amended to read: "The Council expresses the hope that all possible measures will continue to be taken ...".

*By 7 votes to 2, with 5 abstentions, it was decided to delete the word "free".*

*The United Kingdom amendment to the first part of the paragraph was adopted by 8 votes to 1, with 5 abstentions.*

*Paragraph 23, as amended, was adopted unanimously.*

*Paragraph 24 was adopted unanimously.*

68. Sir Andrew COHEN (United Kingdom) felt that, in its present form, paragraph 25 suggested that the Administering Authority did not agree with conclusions of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) concerning the objective of free primary education. He therefore proposed, firstly, that the last part of the first sentence beginning with the words "attaches particular impor-

ance" should read as follows: "... expresses the hope that steady progress will be made towards the goal of free primary education for all children of primary school age". Secondly, it would seem that UNESCO did not intend to produce a special study as mentioned at the end of paragraph 25. In that case it would be preferable to adopt the wording: "requests the Administering Authority to give priority to the development of adult education with the assistance of the advice to be provided by UNESCO."

69. Mr. SALSAMENDI (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) confirmed that UNESCO was not contemplating a special study.

*The first United Kingdom amendment was adopted by 7 votes to 1, with 6 abstentions.*

*The second United Kingdom amendment was adopted by 11 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.*

*Paragraph 25, as amended, was adopted unanimously.*

70. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to consider the Indian amendment in document T/L.840.

71. Mr. NATARAJAN (India) explained that the Drafting Committee had had before it a draft resolution on the establishment of intermediate target dates (T/L.835, para. 7), which it had not adopted. Actually, that text, like document T/L.840, no longer met the situation as it appeared in the light of recent information furnished by the Administering Authority. He had therefore combined the two proposals in the form of a new text, which he read out.

72. The PRESIDENT thought that it would be better to postpone consideration of the question until the Secretariat was able to circulate the new text.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Administrative unions affecting Trust Territories: report of the Standing Committee on Admin- istrative Unions (T/L.823/Add.1) (continued)**

[Agenda item 8]

73. The PRESIDENT invited the Council to consider the report of the Standing Committee on Administrative Unions concerning the Cameroons under British administration (T/L.823/Add.1).

74. Mr. BENDRY SHEV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that he did not find the report satisfactory. At the present time, the Cameroons under British administration was in an abnormal situation: having neither a status nor institutions of its own, it was partially incorporated in Nigeria. Actually, in the case of that Territory, as in others, the administrative union had the effect of annexing the Territory to the neighbouring colony. Yet the report did not provide any analysis of the situation nor did it contain any conclusions or recommendations. It merely reflected the point of view of the Administering Authority. He emphasized that it was urgently necessary to create independent legislative, executive and judicial organs for the Territory, of which it had so far been deprived.

75. U PAW HTIN (Burma) recalled that his delegation had abstained when the Committee had voted on the report. He reserved his delegation's position with regard to the future stand it would take in the Committee.

76. Mr. KESTLER (Guatemala) said that his delegation had voted against the adoption of the report.

77. Sir Andrew COHEN (United Kingdom) said that he disagreed entirely with the views of the Soviet

<sup>1</sup> Subsequently circulated as document T/L.840/Rev.1.

Union. In the first place, Nigeria was not a colony ; for the most part at least it was a Protectorate, and moreover, a Protectorate which would shortly attain autonomy.

78. The PRESIDENT suggested that the Council should take note of the report.

*It was so decided.*

The meeting rose at 5.50 p.m.