

administering authority, has a seat, is composed of members of the United Nations, and their individual delegates act as national representatives. Members of the Permanent Mandates Commission, however, were specially selected individuals exercising an independent judgment. The Trusteeship Council, furthermore, has two new powers not provided under the Covenant system. It has the right to "accept petitions and examine them in consultation with the administering authority"—that is to say, petitions need no longer be submitted through the mandatory Power. It also has the right of inspection through "periodic visits to the respective trust territories."

TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT FOR THE TERRITORY OF WESTERN SAMOA

AS APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT THE
SIXTY-SECOND PLENARY MEETING OF ITS
FIRST SESSION ON 13 DECEMBER, 1946

(NOTE: Footnotes indicate amendments made to the draft submitted by the New Zealand Government to the General Assembly.)

WHEREAS the Territory of Western Samoa has been administered in accordance with Article 22 of the Covenant of the League of Nations and pursuant to a mandate conferred upon His Britannic Majesty to be exercised on his behalf by the Government of New Zealand;

[Article 75.]

AND WHEREAS the Charter of the United Nations signed at San Francisco on 26 June, 1945, provides for the establishment of an international trusteeship system for the administration and supervision of such territories as may be the subject of trusteeship agreements;

[Article 77.]

AND WHEREAS under the said Charter the international trusteeship system may be applied to territories now held under mandate;

AND WHEREAS the Government of New Zealand have indicated their willingness that the said international trusteeship system be applied to Western Samoa;

AND WHEREAS the said Charter provides further that the terms of trusteeship are to be approved by the United Nations¹;

¹ In the original draft submitted to the United Nations this clause read as follows: "And whereas the said Charter provides further that the terms of trusteeship are to be *agreed upon by the States directly concerned, including the mandatory Power* and approved by the General Assembly." It was agreed during the discussion of the phrase "States directly concerned" that the italicized portion should be deleted.