

ANNEX

MANDATE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF GERMAN SAMOA,
CONFERRED UPON HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY FOR AND
ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINION
OF NEW ZEALAND, CONFIRMED AND DEFINED BY
THE COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS—GENEVA,
17 DECEMBER, 1920

The Council of the League of Nations :

WHEREAS by Article 119 of the Treaty of Peace with Germany signed at Versailles on the 28th June 1919, Germany renounced in favour of the Principal Allied and Associated Powers all her rights over her overseas possessions, including therein German Samoa ; and

WHEREAS the Principal Allied and Associated Powers agreed that, in accordance with Article 22, Part I (Covenant of the League of Nations) of the said Treaty, a mandate should be conferred upon His Britannic Majesty, to be exercised on his behalf by the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand, to administer German Samoa, and have proposed that the mandate should be formulated in the following terms ; and

WHEREAS His Britannic Majesty, for and on behalf of the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand, has agreed to accept the mandate in respect of the said territory, and has undertaken to exercise it on behalf of the League of Nations in accordance with the following provisions ; and

WHEREAS, by the aforementioned Article 22, paragraph 8, it is provided that the degree of authority, control or administration to be exercised by the mandatory, not having been previously agreed upon by the members of the League, shall be explicitly defined by the Council of the League of Nations :

Confirming the said mandate, defines its terms as follows :—

Art. 1. The territory over which a mandate is conferred upon His Britannic Majesty for and on behalf of the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand (hereinafter called the mandatory) is the former German Colony of Samoa.

2. The Mandatory shall have full power of administration and legislation over the territory subject to the present mandate as an integral portion of the Dominion of New Zealand, and may apply the laws of the Dominion of New Zealand to the territory, subject to such local modifications as circumstances may require.

The mandatory shall promote to the utmost the material and moral well-being and the social progress of the inhabitants of the territory subject to the present mandate.

3. The mandatory shall see that the slave trade is prohibited, and that no forced labour is permitted, except for essential public works and services, and then only for adequate remuneration.

The mandatory shall also see that the traffic in arms and ammunition is controlled in accordance with principles analogous to those laid down in the Convention relating to the control of the arms traffic, signed on the 10th September, 1919, or in any Convention amending the same.