

At the twenty-third meeting of its first session on 24 April, 1947, the Trusteeship Council adopted a second resolution relating to the petition from Western Samoa, as follows :

“ THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

“ RESOLVES that subject to the provisions of rule 65 of its rules of procedure regarding financial implications, the Trusteeship Council hereby authorizes the sending of a visiting mission to Western Samoa with instructions :

“ (1) To investigate the petition dated 18 November 1946 of the *Fautua*, members of the Legislative Council, associate Judges, *Faipule* and district representatives of Western Samoa that Western Samoa be granted self-government, and

“ (2) To visit Western Samoa for this purpose, to remain in the Territory for a sufficient period to ascertain all the relevant facts and to report back to the Trusteeship Council ; and

“ That a committee of representatives of the nine members of the Council attending this session, together with the President, be authorized on behalf of the Council to select the individuals who shall compose the aforesaid visiting mission.”

Upon the recommendations of the *ad hoc* Committee mentioned in the last paragraph of the resolution, the Council decided during its twenty-seventh meeting on 28 April that the visiting Mission to Western Samoa should be composed of the following individuals : Mr Francis B. Sayre, President of the Trusteeship Council ; Mr Pierre Ryckmans, Honorary Governor-General of the Belgian Congo ; and Mr Awni Khalidy. It was further understood that in the event that Mr Khalidy should be unable to go, the three members of the Mission should meet to recommend to the Committee of Nine the name of a proposed substitute. Finally, it was agreed that the three members of the Mission should consider the proposal that possibly two expert consultants be appointed in an advisory capacity, and report back to the Committee. The Mission was further authorized to consider other matters relating to the staffing of the Mission.

After the conclusion of the meeting of the Trusteeship Council, the *ad hoc* Committee on the composition of the visiting Mission met again on 7 May. It was announced that Mr Khalidy found himself unable to participate in the Mission. Acting under authorization conferred upon him at this meeting, the President subsequently invited Senator Eduardo Cruz-Coke, of Chile, to become the third member of the Mission, and received his acceptance on 21 May, 1947. The composition of the Mission was, therefore, as follows :

1. Mr Francis B. Sayre.
2. Mr Pierre Ryckmans.
3. Mr Eduardo Cruz-Coke.