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REGIONAL AND ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC TERRITORIES

The Australian and New Zealand Governments have been considering the possibilities of regional organization for co-operation between Governments responsible for dependent territories in the area of the South and South-west Pacific.

They have agreed to endeavour to promote such co-operation and with this object to bring about the establishment of a Regional Advisory Commission.

Accordingly, the Australian and New Zealand Governments have decided to convene a conference in the near future. In view of the direct territorial interest of the Government in the area concerned, the Australian and New Zealand Governments invite the Government of to send representatives to Australia for this purpose at a convenient date to be arranged.

The representatives attending this conference would discuss the methods of regional co-operation and the machinery which would be necessary and would take steps to establish the Commission.

The Australian and New Zealand Governments consider that such a Commission would have advisory powers only. It should advise the Governments concerned in regard to the promotion of Native welfare and economic development.

The functions of the Commission should be to advise the member Governments on questions such as the following :—

- (a) Co-operation in regard to health and medical services and education :
- (b) The maintenance and improvement of standards of Native welfare in regard to labour conditions and the participation of Natives in administration and social services :
- (c) Co-operation in research in economic, social, and anthropological fields :
- (d) Co-operation in regard to material development, including, for example, communications and marketing.

APPENDIX B

AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION

THE Governments of Australia, the French Republic, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, New Zealand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America (hereinafter referred to as "the participating Governments"),

Desiring to encourage and strengthen international co-operation in promoting the economic and social welfare and advancement of the peoples of the non-self-governing territories in the South Pacific region administered by them,

Have, through their duly authorized representatives, met together in Canberra, made an Agreement in the following terms :—

ARTICLE I

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION

1. There is hereby established the South Pacific Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission").