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Trusteeship Council



The Trusteeship Council chamber at United Nations Headquarters in New York City in 1993. The chamber was designed by Finn Juhl, a Danish architect, and furnished by the Government of Denmark. UN Photo/Andrea Brizzi

Status

The Trusteeship Council suspended its operations on 1 November 1994, a month after the independence of Palau, the last remaining United Nations trust territory. By a resolution adopted on 25 May 1994, the Council amended its rules of procedure to drop the obligation to meet annually and agreed to meet as occasion required – by its decision or the decision of its President, or at the request of a majority of its members or the General Assembly or the Security Council.

Background

The UN Charter established (<http://www.un.org/en/about-us/un-charter/chapter-13>) the Trusteeship Council as one of the main organs of the United Nations, and assigned to it the task of supervising the administration of Trust Territories placed under the [International Trusteeship System](https://www.un.org/en/about-us/un-charter/chapter-12) (<https://www.un.org/en/about-us/un-charter/chapter-12>). The main goals of the International Trusteeship System were to promote the advancement of the inhabitants of

Trust Territories and their progressive development towards self-government or independence. The Trusteeship Council is made up of the five permanent members of the Security Council – China, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom and the United States. The aims of the Trusteeship System have been fulfilled to the extent that all Trust Territories have attained self-government or independence, either as separate States or by joining neighbouring independent countries.

Functions and powers

Under the Charter, the Trusteeship Council is authorized to examine and discuss reports from the Administering Authority on the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the peoples of Trust Territories and, in consultation with the Administering Authority, to examine petitions from and undertake periodic and other special missions to Trust Territories.

Bureau

At the beginning of each session the Trusteeship Council elects a President and a Vice-President from among the representatives of the members of the Council. The President and the Vice-President hold their offices until their respective successors are elected, for a maximum duration of five years. At its seventy-second session in 2019, the Trusteeship Council elected Anne Gueguen of France as its President and Jonathan Guy Allen of the United Kingdom as its Vice-President. The Trusteeship Council will meet again in November 2021.

Proceedings and documentation

The Index to Proceedings of the Trusteeship Council is an annual bibliographic guide to the proceedings and documentation of the Trusteeship Council prepared by the [Dag Hammarskjöld Library \(https://library.un.org/\)](https://library.un.org/).

See also:

- [Decolonization \(https://www.un.org/en/global-issues/decolonization\)](https://www.un.org/en/global-issues/decolonization) (Global Issues)
- [The United Nations and Decolonization \(https://www.un.org/dppa/decolonization/en\)](https://www.un.org/dppa/decolonization/en).

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Timeline: Self-Determination for the Trust Territories



(<https://www.un.org/dppa/decolonization/en/history/international-trusteeship-system-and-trust-territories>)

View a timeline of how and when the Trust Territories achieved self-determination through the United Nations.
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- UN Audiovisual Library (<http://www.unmultimedia.org/avlibrary/>)
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- Information on COVID-19 (Coronavirus) (<https://www.un.org/en/coronavirus>)
- Africa Renewal (<https://www.un.org/africarenewal/>)
- UN Action: 11 Facts (https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/un_card_2021_e.pdf)

KEY DOCUMENTS

- UN Charter (<https://www.un.org/en/about-us/un-charter>)
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights (<https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights>)
- Convention on the Rights of the Child (<http://www.unicef.org/crc/>)

- Statute of the International Court of Justice (<https://www.un.org/en/about-us/un-charter/statute-of-the-international-court-of-justice>)

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- Violence Against Women and Girls (Spotlight Initiative) (<http://www.un.org/en/spotlight-initiative/index.shtml>)


- [Preventing Sexual Exploitation and Abuse \(https://www.un.org/preventing-sexual-exploitation-and-abuse/\)](https://www.un.org/preventing-sexual-exploitation-and-abuse/)
- [Prevention of Genocide and the Responsibility to Protect \(http://www.un.org/en/preventgenocide/adviser/\)](http://www.un.org/en/preventgenocide/adviser/)
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- [The Question of Palestine \(https://unispal.un.org/DPA/DPR/unispal.nsf/udc.htm\)](https://unispal.un.org/DPA/DPR/unispal.nsf/udc.htm)
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