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PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO THE PEOPLES OF TRUST TERRITORIES

Addendum to the report of the Secretary-General

The following additional information concerning action taken by the Government of Australia to implement Trusteeship Council resolution 36 (III) of 15 July 1948 was communicated by the Acting Head of the Australian Mission to the United Nations.

"The following information refers to implementation in the Trust Territory of New Guinea:

"The giving of instruction on the United Nations in schools, mentioned in the report of 12 December 1949 continues. In addition, a special radio programme has been inaugurated by the Department of Education and the Australian Broadcasting Commission. It is proposed to broadcast one session every fortnight using recordings from the 'United Nations Stories', the 'United Nations Albums' and the 'Heroes of Peace' series, supplemented by special scripts provided by the United Nations Radio Division.

"To further the general interest in the United Nations, a branch of the Australian Division of the United Nations Association will shortly be established in Port Moresby, the administrative capital. This branch of the Association will collaborate with the Department of Education and the Australian Broadcasting Commission in the work of broadcasting information about the United Nations.

"Already scripts specially prepared in simple English, Pidgin and six Papuan vernaculars are being presented in the 'Native Peoples' Session' which is conducted by the Department of Education for one and one half hours daily, five days a week. In this connection it is noteworthy that recordings in Pidgin English sent by United Nations have proved particularly useful.

"The flow of educational films is also being maintained, and these, too, are proving interesting and stimulating.

"Finally,
"Finally, a wide range of printed matter on the United Nations is on prominent display at the Rabaul Public Library and is available to the reading public.

"The following information refers to implementation of resolution 36 in the Trust Territory of Nauru:

"A great variety of material on United Nations is being regularly received and distributed over as wide a field as possible. Documentary films on United Nations activities, are shown to all sections of the population per medium of the regular screenings of educational films sent from Australia. In addition, literature received at the meeting place of the indigenous peoples is on display and is available to all desiring access to it."