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### TOPIC: On the Revival of the United Nations Trusteeship Council with a New Mandate for the Environment and the Global Commons

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**ABSTRACT:** Reviving the United Nations Trusteeship Council (UNTC) and the evolution of the idea of *trust* in the global domain underscores that there are places, territories, and areas known as ‘global commons’ that require special and careful nurturing. The TC under the UN Charter sought to continue the spirit and essence of the ‘**sacred trust**’ with a ‘new mandate,’ even as it now lies dormant since 1994. From a scholarly perspective, such a move eminently makes sense since it could bring to life an entity within the UN. It will essentially serve as a guardian of the global ‘common concerns’ as well as of the ‘common heritage of mankind.’ Its primary mandate would remain the environment and the global commons as well as to serve as a trustee for the present and future generations of humankind. A revived TC with a new mandate (for the environment and the global commons) could strengthen the UN and vindicate one of the core purposes for which the ‘United Nations’ came together in 1945 with a solemn resolve “to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained”.

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