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See articles 75-91 of the UN Charter.

There is a rumour going the rounds that the Inner Cabinet are keen on the idea of Trusteeship. This is not so. Trusteeship may well be an option and at this time we are not in the business of ruling out any options.

The possibility of Trusteeship was raised during Mr Pym's press conference today. See below:

Journalist: In other words would you accept for example UN Trusteeship which would put the issue of sovereignty beyond dispute initially while you have an interim Administration?

Mr Pym: I would not exclude that.

Journalist: But would you positively support it?

Mr Pym: Well, I might even do that. I mean it's just an option that's open at the moment, let's see how we get on, we want a reply first of all from the Argentines, what are they going to do about it? How are they going to respond? What I'm saying to you is that I've got no hang up about that, that's an option that could be pursued.