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APPOINTMENT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

In accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly, at its 473rd plenary meeting on 21 September 1954, appointed a Credentials Committee to examine the credentials of representatives.¹

The Committee was constituted as follows: the delegations of BURMA, EL SALVADOR, FRANCE, LEBANON, NEW ZEALAND, PAKISTAN, the UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and URUGUAY, with the representative of EL SALVADOR as Chairman.

COMPOSITION OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

The General Committee of the General Assembly for the ninth session was constituted as follows:

(a) *President of the General Assembly:*

His Excellency Mr. Eelco N. van Kleffens (Netherlands).

*473rd plenary meeting,
21 September 1954.*

(b) *Vice-Presidents elected by the General Assembly:*

BURMA, CHINA, ECUADOR, FRANCE, the UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

*474th plenary meeting,
22 September 1954.*

(c) *Chairmen of the Six Main Committees and of the Ad Hoc Political Committee of the General Assembly:*

First Committee: Mr. Francisco Urrutia (Colombia);
Second Committee: Sir Douglas Copland (Australia);
Third Committee: Mr. Jiří Nosek (Czechoslovakia);
Fourth Committee: Mr. Rafik Asha (Syria);
Fifth Committee: Mr. Pote Sarasin (Thailand);
Sixth Committee: Mr. Francisco García Amador (Cuba);
Ad Hoc Political Committee: Mr. Thor Thors (Iceland).

22 September 1954.

ELECTION OF THREE NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The General Assembly elected three non-permanent members to the Security Council to replace COLOMBIA, DENMARK and LEBANON, retiring members.

The States elected were the following:

BELGIUM, IRAN and PERU.

*492nd plenary meeting,
6 October 1954.*

¹ See also: "Resolutions adopted on the reports of the Credentials Committee", page 1 below.

ELECTION OF SIX MEMBERS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The General Assembly elected six members to the Economic and Social Council to fill the vacancies which will occur on the expiration of the terms of office of ARGENTINA, BELGIUM, CHINA, CUBA, EGYPT and FRANCE.

The States elected were the following:

ARGENTINA, CHINA, the DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, EGYPT, FRANCE and the NETHERLANDS.

*492nd plenary meeting,
6 October 1954.*

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

(a) Election of a member to the Court to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sir Benegal Rau

The General Assembly and the Security Council, voting independently, elected Mr. Mohammad Zafrulla Khan (Pakistan) to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sir Benegal Rau.

In accordance with Article 15 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, the term of office of Mr. Mohammad Zafrulla Khan will expire on 5 February 1961.

(b) Election of five members to the Court in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 1, of the Statute

The General Assembly and the Security Council, voting independently, elected five members to the International Court of Justice to fill the vacancies which will occur on the expiration on 5 February 1955 of the terms of office of the following judges:

Mr. Alejandro Alvarez (Chile);
Mr. Jules Basdevant (France);
Mr. Levi Fernandes Carneiro (Brazil);
Mr. José Gustavo Guerrero (El Salvador);
Sir Arnold Duncan McNair (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

The following members were elected:

Mr. Jules Basdevant (France);
Mr. Roberto Córdova (Mexico);
Mr. José Gustavo Guerrero (El Salvador);
Mr. Hersch Lauterpacht (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);
Mr. Lucio M. Moreno Quintana (Argentina).

*493rd plenary meeting,
7 October 1954.*

ALLOCATION OF AGENDA ITEMS¹

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1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of India (item 1).
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (item 2).
3. Appointment of a Credentials Committee (item 3).
4. Election of the President (item 4).
5. Constitution of the Main Committees and election of officers (item 5).
6. Election of Vice-Presidents (item 6).
7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter (item 7).
8. Adoption of the agenda (item 8).
9. Opening of the general debate (item 9).
10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (item 10).
11. Report of the Security Council (item 11).
12. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters I, VI, VII and VIII) (item 12).
13. Election of three non-permanent members of the Security Council (item 14).
14. Election of six members of the Economic and Social Council (item 15).
15. Election of members of the International Court of Justice (item 16):
 - (a) Election of a member of the Court to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sir Benegal Rau;
 - (b) Election of five members of the Court.
16. Appointment of members of the Peace Observation Commission (item 24).
17. Complaint of detention and imprisonment of United Nations military personnel in violation of the Korean Armistice Agreement (item 72).²

First Committee

POLITICAL AND SECURITY (INCLUDING THE REGULATION OF ARMAMENTS)

1. The Korean question (item 17):
 - (a) Report of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea.³

¹ Unless otherwise indicated, all the items formed part of the agenda approved by the General Assembly at its 476th, 477th and 478th plenary meetings on 24 and 25 September 1954. At the 478th plenary meeting the General Assembly adopted the recommendations of the General Committee on the allocation of agenda items, as set out in its report (A/2733), with one amendment, submitted by Peru, to refer item 65 of the agenda to the Sixth Committee rather than to the Second Committee. For the agenda as adopted, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Plenary Meetings*.

² Included in the agenda and allocated to plenary meeting at the 505th plenary meeting on 8 December 1954. On the basis of a recommendation (A/2838) by the General Committee that the debate on the item should begin not later than 8 December, the General Assembly decided to take up the item immediately.

³ For sub-item 17 (b), see Second Committee below.

2. Methods which might be used to maintain and strengthen international peace and security in accordance with the Purposes and Principles of the Charter: report of the Collective Measures Committee (item 19).
3. Regulation, limitation and balanced reduction of all armed forces and all armaments: report of the Disarmament Commission (item 20).
4. The Tunisia question (item 57).
5. The Morocco question (item 56).
6. The question of West Irian (West New Guinea) (item 61).⁴
7. Application, under the auspices of the United Nations, of the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples in the case of the population of the Island of Cyprus (item 62).
8. International co-operation in developing the peaceful uses of atomic energy: report of the United States of America (item 67).
9. Conclusion of an international convention (treaty) on the reduction of armaments and the prohibition of atomic, hydrogen and other weapons of mass destruction (item 68).⁵
10. Complaint of acts of aggression against the People's Republic of China and responsibility of the United States Navy for those acts (item 70).⁶
11. Complaint of violation of the freedom of navigation in the area of the China seas (item 71).⁷

Ad Hoc Political Committee

(Note. Established by the General Assembly at its 473rd plenary meeting on 21 September 1954)

1. Report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (item 18).
2. Admission of new Members to the United Nations (item 21):
 - (a) Report of the Committee of Good Offices;
 - (b) Admission of Laos and Cambodia.

⁴ The draft resolution submitted by the First Committee in its report (A/2831) on this item was not adopted by the General Assembly, having failed to obtain the required two-thirds majority (509th plenary meeting on 10 December 1954).

⁵ Included in the agenda and allocated to the First Committee at the 492nd plenary meeting on 6 October 1954.

⁶ Included in the agenda and allocated to the First Committee at the 497th plenary meeting on 4 November 1954. Re-allocated to the *Ad Hoc* Political Committee at the 504th plenary meeting on 4 December 1954. Owing to the decision of the *Ad Hoc* Political Committee not to propose a draft resolution under this item (A/2871) and to the rejection by the General Assembly at its 514th plenary meeting, on 17 December 1954, of draft resolution A/L.190 submitted by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, no resolution was adopted under this item.

⁷ Included in the agenda and allocated to the First Committee at the 497th plenary meeting on 4 November 1954. Re-allocated to the *Ad Hoc* Political Committee at the 504th plenary meeting on 4 December 1954.

3. Treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa: report of the United Nations Good Offices Commission (item 22).
4. The question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of *apartheid* of the Government of the Union of South Africa: report of the United Nations Commission on the Racial Situation in the Union of South Africa (item 23).
5. Complaint by the Union of Burma regarding aggression against it by the Government of the Republic of China (item 63).
6. Prohibition of propaganda in favour of a new war (item 69).⁸

Second Committee

ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL

1. Establishment of a world food reserve (item 66).
2. The Korean question (item 17):
(b) Report of the United Nations Agent General for Korean Reconstruction.
3. Economic development of under-developed countries (item 25):
(a) Question of the establishment of a special United Nations fund for economic development: summary by the Secretary-General of comments of Governments on the report of the Committee of Nine, report of Mr. Raymond Scheyven and report of the Economic and Social Council;
(b) Question of the establishment of an international finance corporation: report of the Economic and Social Council;
(c) International flow of private capital for the economic development of under-developed countries;
(d) Land reform.
4. Programmes of technical assistance: report of the Economic and Social Council (item 26).⁹
5. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters II and III) (item 12).

Third Committee

SOCIAL, HUMANITARIAN AND CULTURAL

1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (item 27).
2. Forced labour: report of the Economic and Social Council (item 30).
3. Freedom of information: report of the Economic and Social Council (item 28).
4. Question of organizing an international professional conference to prepare the final text of an

⁸ Included in the agenda and allocated to the *Ad Hoc* Political Committee at the 495th plenary meeting on 21 October 1954.

⁹ The Second Committee, through the President of the General Assembly, transmitted the draft resolution approved by it under item 26 to the Fifth Committee for such comments as that Committee might like to formulate. The Fifth Committee discussed the matter at its 468th meeting; it recommended to the Assembly a draft resolution (A/2804) which was adopted, after amendment, by the Assembly and incorporated into the draft resolution proposed by the Second Committee (A/2803) (see resolution 831 (IX) adopted at the 502nd plenary meeting on 26 November 1954).

- International Code of Ethics for the use of information personnel: report of the Secretary-General (item 29).
5. Draft International Covenants on Human Rights (item 58).
6. Status of women in private law: customs, ancient laws and practices affecting the human dignity of women (item 59).
7. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters IV and V) (item 12).

Fourth Committee

TRUSTEESHIP (INCLUDING NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES)

1. Question of South West Africa: report of the Committee on South West Africa (item 34).
2. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter: reports of the Secretary-General and of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories (item 31):
(a) Information on economic conditions;
(b) Information on other conditions;
(c) Transmission of information;
(d) Participation of Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories.
3. Cessation of the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter: report of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories (item 32):
(a) Communication from the Government of Denmark concerning Greenland;
(b) Other communications.
4. Election to fill vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories (item 33).
5. Report of the Trusteeship Council (item 13).
6. The Togoland unification problem: special report of the Trusteeship Council (item 35).
7. The future of the Trust Territory of Togoland under United Kingdom Trusteeship (item 52).

Fifth Committee

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY

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(a) United Nations, for the financial year ended 31 December 1953;
(b) United Nations Children's Fund, for the financial year ended 31 December 1953;
(c) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, for the financial year ended 30 June 1954;
(d) United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency, for the financial year ended 30 June 1954;
(e) United Nations Refugee Emergency Fund, for the period 1 March 1952 to 31 December 1953.
2. Review of audit procedures of the United Nations and the specialized agencies: reports of the Secre-

- tary-General and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (item 44).
3. Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds (item 42).
 4. System of allowances to members of commissions, committees and other subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly or other organs of the United Nations: reports of the Secretary-General and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (item 47).
 5. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions (item 41).
 6. Organization of the Secretariat (item 53).
 7. Budget estimates for the financial year 1955 (item 38).
 8. Translation of some official documents of the General Assembly into the Arabic language in accordance with rule 59 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (item 55).
 9. Administrative and budgetary co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies: reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (item 43).
 10. Audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account (item 45).
 11. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (item 46):
 - (a) Annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board;
 - (b) Acceptance by the specialized agencies of the jurisdiction of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal in matters involving applications alleging non-observance of the regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (c) Admission of staff members of the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board;
 - (d) Revision of the administrative rules of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund:

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**RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

**807 (IX). Credentials of representatives to the ninth session of the
General Assembly**

A

The General Assembly

Approves the first report¹ of the Credentials Committee.

*495th plenary meeting,
21 October 1972*

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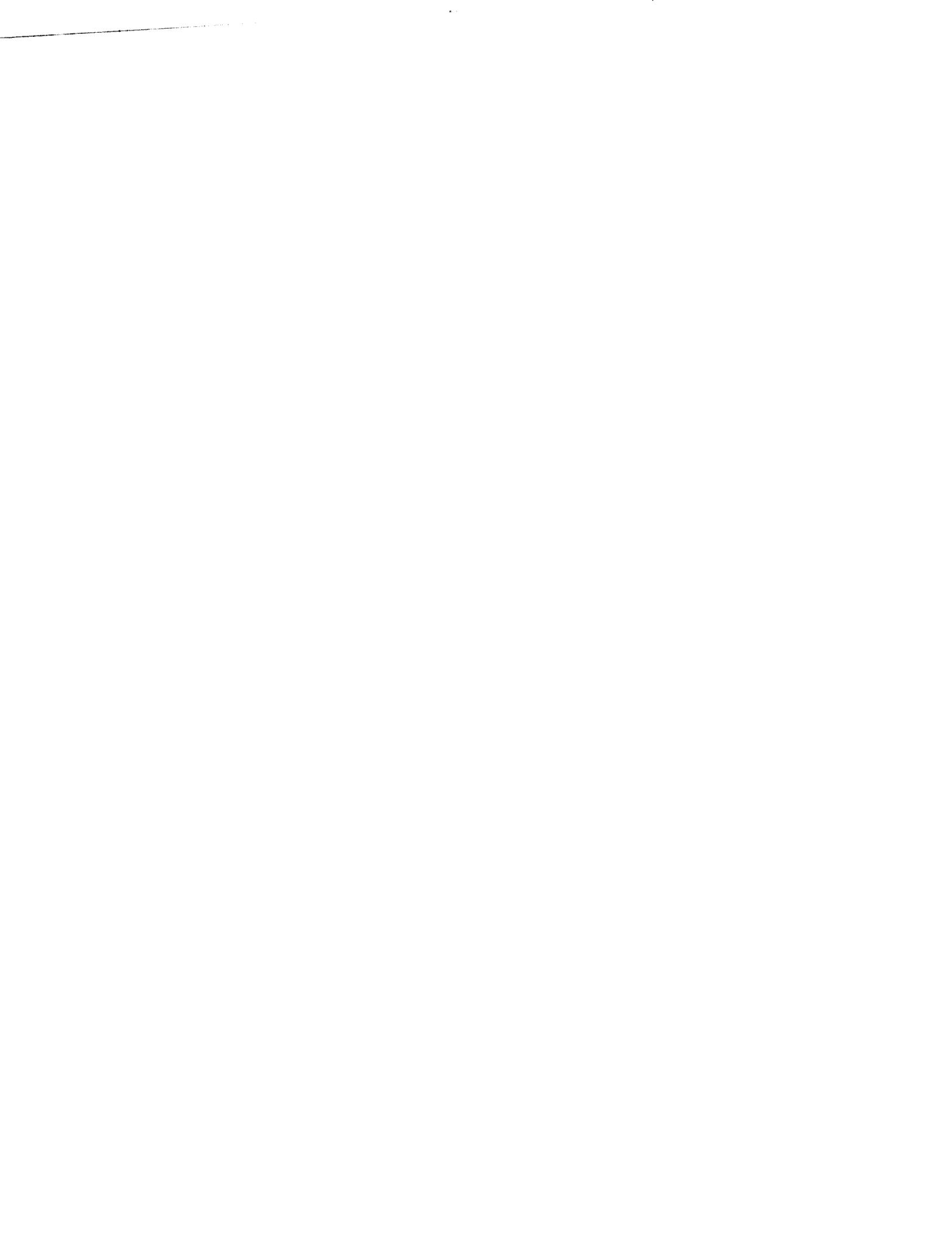
The General Assembly

Approves the second report² of the Credentials Committee.

*514th plenary meeting,
17 December 1973*

¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Annexes*, volume II, part 3, document A/2752.

² *Ibid.*, document A/2880.



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A	
<i>The General Assembly,</i>	
Reaffirming the responsibility of the United Nations for seeking a solution of the disarmament problem,	
Conscious that the continuing development of armaments increases the urgency of the need for such a solution,	
Having considered the fourth report ¹ of the Disarmament Commission of 29 July 1954 and the documents annexed thereto, and the draft resolution ² of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics concerning the conclusion of an international convention (treaty) on the reduction of armaments and the prohibition of atomic, hydrogen and other weapons of mass destruction,	proposals to be embodied in a draft international disarmament convention providing for:
1. Concludes that a further effort should be made to reach agreement on comprehensive and co-ordinated	(a) The regulation, limitation and major reduction of all armed forces and all conventional armaments;
	(b) The total prohibition of the use and manufacture of nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction of every type, together with the conversion of existing stocks of nuclear weapons for peaceful purposes;
	(c) The establishment of effective international control, through a control organ with rights, powers and functions adequate to guarantee the effective observance of the agreed reductions of all armaments and armed forces and the prohibition of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction, and to ensure the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes only;
	The whole programme to be such that no State would have cause to fear that its security was endangered;
	2. Requests the Disarmament Commission to seek an acceptable solution of the disarmament problem, taking into account the various proposals referred to in the preamble of the present resolution and any other proposals within the Commission's terms of reference;
	3. Suggests that the Disarmament Commission reconvene the Sub-Committee established in accordance with paragraphs 6 and 7 of General Assembly resolution 715 (VIII) of 28 November 1953;
	4. Requests the Disarmament Commission to report to the Security Council and to the General Assembly as soon as sufficient progress has been made.
	<i>497th plenary meeting, 4 November 1954.</i>

¹ See *Official Records of the Disarmament Commission, Supplement for July, August and September 1954*, document DC/55, and *ibid.*, *Supplement for April, May and June 1954*, documents DC/53 and DC/44 and Corr.1.

² See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Annexes*, agenda items 20 and 68, document A/C.1/750.

B

The General Assembly,

1. *Refers* to the Disarmament Commission for appropriate consideration the draft resolution of India contained in document A/C.1/L.100/Rev.1;³

2. *Decides* also to transmit to the Disarmament Commission for its information the records of the meetings of the First Committee at which this draft resolution was discussed.

497th plenary meeting,
4 November 1954.

C

The General Assembly

1. *Refers* to the Disarmament Commission for its consideration the draft resolution submitted by Australia and the Philippines contained in document A/C.1/L.101/Rev.1;⁴

2. *Decides* to transmit to the Disarmament Commission for its information the records of the meetings of the First Committee at which items 20 and 68 of the agenda of the ninth session of the General Assembly were considered.

497th plenary meeting,
4 November 1954.

809 (IX). Methods which might be used to maintain and strengthen international peace and security in accordance with the Purposes and Principles of the Charter: report of the Collective Measures Committee

The General Assembly,

Having received the third report⁵ of the Collective Measures Committee submitted in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 703 (VII),

Bearing in mind that the reports of the Collective Measures Committee represent a useful examination of ways and means of strengthening the collective security system of the United Nations,

1. *Notes with approval* the third report of the Collective Measures Committee, and in particular the principles of collective security contained in that report;

2. *Directs* the Collective Measures Committee to remain in a position to pursue such further studies as it may deem desirable, taking into account the "Uniting for peace" resolution (377 A (V)), resolution 503 (VI), resolution 703 (VII) and the present resolution;

3. *Requests* the Collective Measures Committee to report to the Security Council and to the General Assembly as appropriate.

497th plenary meeting,
4 November 1954.

810 (IX). International co-operation in developing the peaceful uses of atomic energy

The General Assembly,

Believing that the benefits arising from the momentous discovery of atomic energy should be placed at the service of mankind,

³ *Ibid.*, document A/C.1/L.100/Rev.1.

⁴ *Ibid.*, document A/C.1/L.101/Rev.1.

⁵ *Ibid.*, agenda item 19, document A/2713.

Desiring to promote energetically the use of atomic energy to the end that it will serve only the peaceful pursuits of mankind and ameliorate their living conditions,

Recognizing the importance and the urgency of international co-operation in developing and expanding the peaceful uses of atomic energy to assist in lifting the burdens of hunger, poverty and disease,

Believing also that all nations should co-operate in promoting the dissemination of knowledge in the realm of nuclear technology for peaceful ends,

A

CONCERNING AN INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC AGENCY

Recalling the initiative of the President of the United States of America, embodied in his address⁶ of 8 December 1953,

Noting that negotiations are in progress, and the intention that they should continue, for the establishment as quickly as possible of an International Atomic Energy Agency to facilitate the use by the entire world of atomic energy for peaceful purposes, and to encourage international co-operation in the further development and practical application of atomic energy for the benefit of mankind,

1. *Expresses the hope* that the International Atomic Energy Agency will be established without delay;

2. *Suggests* that, once the Agency is established, it negotiate an appropriate form of agreement with the United Nations;

3. *Transmits* to the States participating in the creation of the Agency, for their careful consideration, the record of the discussion of this item at the present session of the General Assembly;

4. *Suggests* that Members of the United Nations be informed as progress is achieved in the establishment of the Agency and that the views of Members which have manifested their interest be fully considered;

B

CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY

1. *Declares* the interest and concern of the General Assembly in helping in every feasible way to promote the peaceful applications of atomic energy;

2. *Decides* that an international technical conference of Governments should be held, under the auspices of the United Nations, to explore means of developing the peaceful uses of atomic energy through international co-operation and, in particular, to study the development of atomic power and to consider other technical areas—such as biology, medicine, radiation protection, and fundamental science—in which international co-operation might most effectively be accomplished;

3. *Invites* all States Members of the United Nations or of the specialized agencies to participate in the conference and to include among their representatives individual experts competent in the atomic energy field;

⁶ *Ibid.*, Eighth Session, 470th plenary meeting.

4. *Suggests* that the international conference should be held no later than August 1955 at a place to be determined by the Secretary-General and by the Advisory Committee provided for in paragraph 5 below;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, acting upon the advice of a small committee composed of representatives of Brazil, Canada, France, India, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, to issue invitations to this conference, to prepare and circulate to all invitees a detailed agenda, and to provide the necessary staff and services;

6. *Suggests* to the Secretary-General and the above-mentioned Advisory Committee that, in making plans for the international conference, they consult with competent specialized agencies, in particular the Food and Agriculture Organization, the World Health Organization, and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

7. *Invites* the interested specialized agencies to designate persons to represent them at the conference;

8. *Requests* that the Secretary-General circulate for information a report on the conference to all Members of the United Nations, and to other Governments and specialized agencies participating in the conference.

*503rd plenary meeting,
4 December 1954.*

811 (IX). The Korean question

The General Assembly,

Having noted the report⁷ of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea signed at Seoul, Korea, on 17 August 1954,

Having received the report⁸ on the Korean Political Conference held in Geneva from 26 April to 15 June 1954, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 711 (VII) of 28 August 1953,

Noting that the negotiations in Geneva have not resulted in agreement on a final settlement of the Korean question in accordance with the United Nations objectives in Korea,

Recognizing that these objectives should be achieved by peaceful methods and by constructive efforts on the part of the Governments concerned,

Noting that paragraph 62 of the Armistice Agreement⁹ of 27 July 1953 provides that the Agreement "shall remain in effect until expressly superseded either by mutually acceptable amendments and additions or by provision in an appropriate agreement for a peaceful settlement at a political level between both sides",

1. *Approves* the report on the Korean Political Conference;¹⁰

⁷ *Ibid.*, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 15.

⁸ *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 17, document A/2786.

⁹ See *Official Records of the Security Council, Eighth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1953*, document S/3079.

¹⁰ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 17, document A/2786.

2. *Reaffirms* that the objectives of the United Nations remain the achievement by peaceful means of a unified, independent and democratic Korea under a representative form of government and the full restoration of international peace and security in the area;

3. *Expresses the hope* that it will soon prove possible to make progress towards these objectives;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to place the item on the provisional agenda of its tenth session.

*510th plenary meeting,
11 December 1954.*

812 (IX). The Morocco question

The General Assembly,

Having examined the Moroccan question,

Noting that some delegations declared that negotiations between France and Morocco would be initiated regarding this question,

Expressing confidence that a satisfactory solution will be achieved,

Decides to postpone for the time being further consideration of this item.

*514th plenary meeting,
17 December 1954.*

813 (IX). The Tunisia question

The General Assembly,

Having considered the Tunisian question,

Noting with satisfaction that the parties concerned have entered into negotiations and that these negotiations are still in progress,

Expressing confidence that the said negotiations will bring about a satisfactory solution,

Decides to postpone for the time being further consideration of this item.

*514th plenary meeting,
17 December 1954.*

814 (IX). Application, under the auspices of the United Nations, of the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples in the case of the population of the Island of Cyprus

The General Assembly,

Considering that, for the time being, it does not appear appropriate to adopt a resolution on the question of Cyprus,

Decides not to consider further the item entitled "Application, under the auspices of the United Nations, of the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples in the case of the population of the Island of Cyprus".

*514th plenary meeting,
17 December 1954.*



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815 (IX). Complaint by the Union of Burma regarding aggression against it by the Government of the Republic of China

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report¹ dated 27 September 1954 of the Government of the Union of Burma on the situation relating to the presence of foreign forces in its territory,

Having taken note of the report² of the Joint Military Committee for the Evacuation of Foreign Forces from Burma the efforts of which were directed to securing the removal of these foreign forces,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* that nearly 7,000 persons, both foreign forces and their dependants, have been evacuated from Burma and that this constitutes a substantial contribution to the solution of the problem pursuant to the recommendations of the General Assembly;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* of the efforts of the Governments of the United States of America and of Thailand in helping to bring about this evacuation;

3. *Deplores* the fact that considerable foreign forces with a significant quantity of arms still remain in the territory of the Union of Burma and have failed to respond to the declarations of the General Assembly that they should either leave the territory of the Union of Burma or submit to internment;

4. *Declares* once more that these forces should submit to disarmament and internment;

5. *Assures* the Government of the Union of Burma of its continuing sympathy with and support of the efforts of that Government to bring about a complete solution of this serious problem;

6. *Urges* all States to take all necessary steps to prevent the furnishing of any assistance which may enable foreign forces to remain in the territory of the Union of Burma or to continue their hostile acts against that country;

7. *Invites* the Government of the Union of Burma to report on the situation to the General Assembly as appropriate.

*496th plenary meeting,
29 October 1954.*

816 (IX). Treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling that at several sessions it has considered the question of the treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa and has adopted resolutions on that subject,

Having noted the report³ of the United Nations Good Offices Commission,

1. *Expresses appreciation* of the work and efforts of the Good Offices Commission;

¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 63, document A/2739.

² *Ibid.*, document A/2740.

³ *Ibid.*, agenda item 22, document A/2723.

2. *Suggests* to the Governments of India, Pakistan and the Union of South Africa that they should seek a solution of the question by direct negotiations;

3. *Suggests, moreover*, that the parties concerned should designate a Government, agency or person to facilitate contacts between them and assist them in settling the dispute;

4. *Decides* that, if within the next six months following the date of the present resolution the parties have not reached agreement on the suggestions made in the foregoing paragraphs, the Secretary-General shall designate a person for the purposes specified above;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its next regular session on the results obtained.

*497th plenary meeting,
4 November 1954.*

817 (IX). Admission of new Members to the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Noting the growing general feeling in favour of the universality of the United Nations, membership in which is open to all peace-loving States which accept the obligations contained in the Charter and, in the judgment of the Organization, are able and willing to carry out those obligations,

Having considered the report⁴ of the Committee of Good Offices established by General Assembly resolution 718 (VIII) of 23 October 1953,

Noting that, notwithstanding the best endeavours of the Committee of Good Offices, the problem remains unresolved,

Further noting the views recorded by the Committee of Good Offices that possibilities of reaching an understanding remain and that "different views may eventually be harmonized within the spirit of the Charter",

1. *Expresses appreciation* of the work and efforts of the Committee of Good Offices;

2. *Decides* to send back to the Security Council the pending applications for membership, together with a full record of the discussions at the present session of the General Assembly, for further consideration and positive recommendations;

3. *Suggests* that the Security Council consider the desirability of invoking the provisions of paragraph 2 of Article 28 of the Charter to help resolve the problem;

4. *Requests* the Committee of Good Offices to continue its efforts;

5. *Requests* the Security Council and the Committee of Good Offices to report to the General Assembly during the present session if possible and in any event during the tenth session.

*501st plenary meeting,
23 November 1954.*

⁴ *Ibid.*, agenda item 21, document A/2720.

818 (IX). Report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 194 (III) of 11 December 1948, 302 (IV) of 8 December 1949, 393 (V) of 2 December 1950, 513 (VI) of 26 January 1952, 614 (VII) of 6 November 1952 and 720 (VIII) of 27 November 1953,

Noting the annual report⁵ of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, and the special report⁶ of the Director and the Advisory Commission of UNRWA,

Noting that repatriation or compensation of the refugees, as provided for in paragraph 11 of resolution 194 (III), has not been effected and that the situation of the refugees continues to be a matter of grave concern,

1. *Decides*, without prejudice to the rights of the refugees to repatriation or compensation, to extend the mandate of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for five years ending 30 June 1960;

2. *Requests* the Agency to continue its consultation with the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine in the best interest of their respective tasks, with particular reference to paragraph 11 of resolution 194 (III);

3. *Requests* the Governments of the area to continue to co-operate with the Director of the Agency in seeking and carrying out projects capable of supporting substantial numbers of refugees;

4. *Decides* to maintain the rehabilitation fund of \$200 million, subject to reductions for expenditures already made;

5. *Approves* a relief budget of \$25,100,000 and a rehabilitation budget of \$36,200,000 for the fiscal year ending 30 June 1955;

6. *Requests* the Director, in consultation with the Advisory Commission of UNRWA, to study and report upon the problem of assistance which should be given to other claimants for relief, particularly children and needy inhabitants of villages along the demarcation lines;

7. *Authorizes* the Director to prepare, in consultation with the Advisory Commission, the budgets for relief and rehabilitation in advance of each fiscal year, which budgets he shall transmit to the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds, without prejudice to review each year by the General Assembly;

8. *Requests* the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds, after receipt of such budgets from the Director of UNRWA, to seek such funds as may be required by the Agency;

9. *Appeals* to the Governments of Member and non-member States to make voluntary contributions to the extent necessary to carry through to fulfilment the Agency's programmes, and thanks the numerous religious, charitable and humanitarian organizations for

⁵ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 17.

⁶ *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 18, document A/2717/Add.1.

their valuable and continuing work in assisting the refugees;

10. *Requests* the Director to continue to submit the reports referred to in paragraph 21 of resolution 302 (IV), as well as the annual budgets.

503rd plenary meeting,
4 December 1954.

819 (IX). Strengthening of peace through the removal of barriers to free exchange of information and ideas

The General Assembly,

Considering that the cessation of hostilities in Korea and the restoration of peace in Indo-China have contributed to a relaxation of tension in international relations and that more favourable conditions have consequently been created for the settlement of unsolved international problems and the strengthening of peace,

Recalling its resolutions 110 (II) of 3 November 1947 and 381 (V) of 17 November 1950 concerning the condemnation of propaganda against peace, and resolution 290 (IV) of 1 December 1949 on the essentials of peace which calls upon Member States to act in accordance with the principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations and, in particular, calls upon every nation to remove the barriers which deny to peoples the free exchange of information and ideas essential to international understanding and peace,

Recognizing that the maintenance of such barriers constitutes a major obstacle to the strengthening of peace and genuine international co-operation and fosters the continuation of false and hostile propaganda against other States and peoples,

1. *Calls upon* all Governments to give effect faithfully to resolution 290 (IV) of 1 December 1949 on essentials of peace as a guide to the achievement of a genuine peace with freedom and justice;

2. *Reaffirms* resolutions 381 (V) of 17 November 1950 and 110 (II) of 3 November 1947 condemning all forms of propaganda, in whatsoever country conducted, which is either designed or likely to provoke or encourage any threat to the peace, breach of the peace or act of aggression.

510th plenary meeting,
11 December 1954.

820 (IX). The question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of *apartheid* of the Government of the Union of South Africa

The General Assembly,

Having considered the second report⁷ of the United Nations Commission on the Racial Situation in the Union of South Africa,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 103 (I), which states that it is in the higher interests of humanity to put an end to racial persecution and discrimination, and resolutions 395 (V) and 511 (VI),

Further recalling that the Commission, in its first report,⁸ had concluded that the racial policies of the

⁷ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 16.

⁸ *Ibid.*, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 16.

Government of the Union of South Africa are contrary to the United Nations Charter and to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Noting with apprehension the adoption of new laws and regulations by the Union Government which in the Commission's view are also incompatible with the obligations of that Government under the Charter,

Noting further the profound conviction of the Commission that the policy of *apartheid* constitutes a grave threat to the peaceful relations between ethnic groups in the world,

1. *Commends* the United Nations Commission on the Racial Situation in the Union of South Africa for its constructive work;

2. *Notes with regret* that the Government of the Union of South Africa again refused to co-operate with the Commission;

3. *Notes* the Commission's suggestions for facilitating a peaceful settlement of the problem contained in paragraphs 368 to 384 of its report;⁹

4. *Invites* the Government of the Union of South Africa to reconsider its position in the light of the high principles expressed in the United Nations Charter, taking into account the pledge of all Member States to respect human rights and fundamental freedoms without distinction as to race; and further taking into account the valuable experience of other multi-racial societies as set forth in chapter VII of the Commission's report;

5. *Further invites* the Government of the Union of South Africa to take into consideration the suggestions of the Commission for a peaceful settlement of the racial problem, namely, those detailed in paragraphs 370 to 383 of its report;

6. *Requests* the Commission to keep under review the problem of race conflict in the Union of South Africa;

7. *Requests* the Commission to report to the General Assembly at its tenth session;

8. *Decides* that, should any of the members of the Commission be unable to continue their membership, the member or members concerned shall, if the General Assembly is not sitting, be replaced by a person or persons appointed by the present President of the General Assembly in consultation with the Secretary-General.

511th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.

821 (IX). Complaint of violation of the freedom of navigation in the area of the China seas

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 899 (IX) of 14 December 1954 which, *inter alia*, requested the International Law Commission to complete its final report concerning the régime of the high seas, the régime of territorial waters and related problems in time for the General Assembly to consider these matters at its eleventh session,

⁹ *Ibid.*, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 16.

1. *Decides* to transmit to the International Law Commission the records¹⁰ and documents,¹¹ including the draft resolution of Syria contained in document A/AC.76/L.25, of the meetings of the *Ad Hoc* Political Committee at which item 71 of the agenda of

the ninth session of the General Assembly was considered;

2. *Invites* the Governments of Member States to transmit to the International Law Commission their views concerning the principle of freedom of navigation on the high seas.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, *Ad Hoc Political Committee*, 51st to 55th meetings, inclusive.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, *Annexes*, agenda item 71.

*514th plenary meeting,
17 December 1954.*

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822 (IX). Question of the establishment of a special United Nations fund for economic development

The General Assembly,

Mindful of the determination expressed in the Preamble of the Charter "to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples", and of the obligations of the United Nations and its Members under Articles 55 and 56 of the Charter,

Recalling its previous resolutions and those of the Economic and Social Council on the need to provide financial assistance through international co-operation for the economic development of the under-developed countries and, in particular, on the proposal to establish a special United Nations fund for economic development,

Taking account of all relevant documents prepared in pursuance of the above-mentioned resolutions,

Bearing in mind the increasing progress made in obtaining the support of Governments for such a fund,

Having examined the final report¹ of Mr. Raymond Scheyven prepared in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 724 B (VIII) of 7 December 1953, and the statement² made by him in the Second Committee of the General Assembly,

1. *Expresses* the hope that a special United Nations fund for economic development be established as soon as practicable;

2. *Expresses* its great appreciation of the work done by Mr. Scheyven;

¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 19* and Corrigendum.

² *Ibid.*, Second Committee, 295th meeting.

3. *Extends* the appointment of Mr. Scheyven for another year in order that he may continue his consultations with Governments, and elicit in the course of his consultations the views of those Governments which have not so far indicated them, on the recommendations contained in the report³ of the Committee of Nine and on the support which may be expected from them for such a fund, and in order that he may undertake such work as is specified in paragraph 5 below;

4. *Urges* Governments to review their respective positions as regards extending their material support to a special United Nations fund for economic development, in accordance with changes in the international situation and other relevant factors, both national and international;

5. *Requests* Mr. Scheyven to prepare, with the assistance of the Secretary-General and of an *ad hoc* group of experts selected by him in consultation with Mr. Scheyven, and on the basis of consultation with the Technical Assistance Board and the specialized agencies concerned as well as of the report of the Committee of Nine and the comments of Governments, a further report giving a full and precise picture of the form or forms, functions and responsibilities which such a special United Nations fund for economic development might have, and especially the methods by which its operations might be integrated with the development plans of the countries receiving assistance from it. Such a report should also consider the working relationship of such a fund with the Technical Assistance Board, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and other specialized agencies concerned, the United Nations regional economic commissions and existing programmes in the field of economic development;

³ See United Nations Publications, Sales No.: 1953.II.B.1.

6. *Requests* Mr. Scheyven to make to the Economic and Social Council, and the Council specially to consider at its twentieth session, such report as may then be possible on the results of his missions and to present his final report to the General Assembly at its tenth session, so that the General Assembly may consider the report together with such comments as may be forwarded by the Economic and Social Council on the report made to it earlier;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the above-mentioned *ad hoc* group and Mr. Scheyven with all necessary assistance and facilities.

510th plenary meeting,
11 December 1954.

823 (IX). Question of the establishment of an international finance corporation

The General Assembly,

Being convinced of the need for international co-operation to facilitate the setting up and expansion of productive private enterprise in under-developed countries by the investment of capital without the necessity for governmental guarantees,

Recalling resolution 532 B (XVIII) of the Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind the reports⁴ submitted by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development on the establishment of an international finance corporation and the views of the Bank management regarding the useful contribution which an international finance corporation could make to the stimulation of private investment,

Believing that an international finance corporation, in appropriate form, could contribute materially to the economic development of under-developed areas and to the general stability of the world economy,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the studies carried out by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development;

2. *Takes note* of the statement of the United States Administration of 11 November 1954 and declarations of other countries in support of an international finance corporation, and looks forward to its establishment as soon as practicable;

3. *Requests* the International Bank:

(a) To prepare draft statutes to govern the corporation, taking into account the views expressed in the United Nations and the responsibilities of existing financial organizations;

(b) To present the draft to the Governments of members of the Bank for discussion and invite them to indicate the degree of support that may be expected from them in providing the capital for the establishment of the corporation;

(c) To take steps to bring about agreement among its members on the draft statutes;

(d) To report on the results of its work to the Economic and Social Council at its twentieth session;

4. *Requests* the Council to report on this matter to the General Assembly at its tenth session.

510th plenary meeting,
11 December 1954.

⁴ See document E/2215; *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 3, document E/2441; and *ibid.*, *Eighteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 3, document E/2616.

824 (IX). International flow of private capital for the economic development of under-developed countries

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the reports⁵ on the international flow of private capital prepared by the Secretary-General pursuant to its resolution 622 C (VII) of 21 December 1952,

Recognizing that the international flow of private investment for productive activities contributes to the raising of living standards by assisting in the development of natural resources, the expansion and diversification of agricultural and industrial production, and the growth of technical skills,

Recognizing that the flow of private investment has not been commensurate with the needs in those areas where rapid development is essential for economic progress,

Recognizing that voluntary reinvestment in under-developed countries of profits and earnings of foreign capital not only reduces demand for foreign exchange, but also contributes directly to the expansion of economic activity and the increase in the national income of the country in which it takes place,

Recognizing that expanding international trade and continued progress towards wider convertibility of currencies will be conducive to a greater flow of such investment,

Recognizing the necessity for measures designed to remove the impediments to such a flow and to attract private investment,

1. *Recommends* continuing efforts by countries seeking to attract private foreign capital to:

(a) Re-examine, wherever necessary, domestic policies, legislation and administrative practices with a view to improving the investment climate; avoid unduly burdensome taxation; avoid discrimination against foreign investments; facilitate the import by investors of capital goods, machinery and component materials needed for new investment; make adequate provision for the remission of earnings and repatriation of capital;

(b) Develop domestic and foreign information services and other means for informing potential foreign investors of business opportunities in their countries and of the relevant laws and regulations governing foreign enterprise;

(c) Consider supplementing their efforts to attract foreign private investment by including in their requests for technical advice and assistance from the United Nations and its specialized agencies as well as from the countries well advanced technically, such matters as:

(i) Economic surveys to determine the sectors most likely to be of interest to private investors and to identify specific opportunities within those sectors;

(ii) The preparation of material regarding specific projects in a manner which will command the attention of private investors;

⁵ See United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1954.II.D.1, and document E/2546.

(iii) The establishment of channels for the presentation of specific projects to potential investors in capital-exporting countries;

2. *Recommends* continuing efforts by countries able to export capital to:

(a) Re-examine, wherever necessary, domestic policies, legislation and administrative practices with a view to encouraging the flow of private capital to capital-importing countries;

(b) Ensure to potential investors the availability of the fullest possible information on foreign investment opportunities and on the conditions and outlook for investment in individual foreign countries;

(c) Ensure to capital-importing countries (including firms and individuals therein) the availability of information on the investment desires of firms and individuals in the capital-exporting countries;

(d) Impress on investors the importance of endeavouring to secure local capital participation in their foreign enterprises whenever feasible and appropriate;

(e) Adopt, within the framework of their institutions, measures on taxation that will progressively reduce international double taxation with a view to its final elimination;

3. *Recommends* continuing efforts by the capital-exporting and capital-importing countries, where appropriate, to take such other steps as may be feasible and mutually acceptable to stimulate the flow of capital to under-developed countries and more especially to:

(a) Negotiate appropriate treaties, agreements, or other arrangements;

(b) Negotiate treaties on double taxation;

(c) Negotiate agreements, if consistent with national laws, providing for the insurability of certain non-business risks;

4. *Recommends* further that capital-importing and capital-exporting countries consider the desirability and feasibility of establishing investment corporations in individual countries designed to encourage the participation of private investors;

5. *Declares* that, in order for new foreign investments to be an effective contribution to the economic development of the under-developed countries, it is advisable to take into account, among other things, the situation with regard to previously established enterprises so as not to affect their normal development, provided that this is in harmony with the national interest;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare annually a report on the international flow of private capital and its contribution to an expanding international economy, and on the measures taken by Governments affecting such flow, or announced by them to be under consideration. In preparing the report account should be taken of the discussions on this subject in the Economic and Social Council and in the General Assembly and of the proposals made therein, and of suggestions which may be communicated by Governments, by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and by the International Monetary Fund for promoting the international flow of private capital.

*510th plenary meeting,
11 December 1954.*

825 (IX). International tax problems

The General Assembly,

Noting that in resolution 486 (XVI) the Economic and Social Council, in addition to establishing the future lines of work of the Secretariat in the fiscal field, stated that it expected a report by the Fiscal Commission on the results of its future studies on the problem of the imposition by capital-exporting countries of any further taxes on the income from investments in under-developed countries beyond those applied by these latter countries,

Considering that, as one of the results of its review of the organization and operation of its commissions, the Economic and Social Council, by resolution 557 C (XVIII), section II, decided to discontinue the activity of the Fiscal Commission before it could complete the studies envisaged under resolution 486 (XVI) mentioned above,

Noting with satisfaction that the Secretary-General intends to continue his studies on the fiscal aspects of economic problems referred to in Economic and Social Council resolutions 486 (XVI) and 557 C (XVIII), section II,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) With a view to accelerating the rate of economic development of under-developed countries, to continue his studies of the taxation by capital-exporting and capital-importing countries on the income from foreign investments, particularly those made in the under-developed countries, making use in such studies of an analysis of replies of Governments to his questionnaire⁶ concerning the taxation of foreign nationals, assets and transactions;

(b) To submit his studies to the Economic and Social Council;

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to consider the reports of the Secretary-General mentioned in paragraph 1 above and to transmit the results of its deliberations to the General Assembly.

*510th plenary meeting,
11 December 1954.*

826 (IX). Land reform

The General Assembly,

Considering the Secretary-General's reports "Progress in Land Reform"⁷ and "Rural Progress through Co-operatives"⁸ and Economic and Social Council resolution 512 C (XVII), section I, on land reform, in which the General Assembly is requested to continue its interest in land reform in all its aspects, giving particular attention to the problem of financing,

Bearing in mind that improvement of agrarian structure which in some under-developed countries constitutes an obstacle to economic development, together with other reforms referred to in General Assembly resolutions 401 (V), 524 (VI) and 625 (VII) and Economic and Social Council resolutions 370 (XIII) and 512 C (XVII), would not only help promote social progress and raise the standard of living, but would

⁶ See document E/CN.8/W.19.

⁷ See United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1954.II.B.3.

⁸ *Ibid.*, Sales No.: 1954.II.B.2.

also tend to stimulate agricultural production and general economic development by an integrated approach to the task of development,

Considering the important part played by programmes of land reform designed to improve progressively the condition of the rural population and conditions of tenure, and, as appropriate, to facilitate the ownership of land by the largest practicable number of the rural population in under-developed countries and territories,

Bearing in mind that the effective development of land reform programmes in those countries is dependent in large measure upon the enjoyment of economic, social and political equality, including the right to share equitably the benefits of public facilities,

1. *Recommends* that Member States, where appropriate, institute land reform measures to encourage, among other things, the ownership of land by the largest practicable number of the rural population and pursue fiscal and investment policies with a view to the expansion of the area under cultivation and the improvement of the methods of agricultural production;

2. *Recommends* that Member States, in implementing land reform programmes in the process of their economic development, observe the principle of equitable treatment in the economic, political and social fields with a view to improving the condition of the rural population; respect the free establishment of agricultural associations; promote the general welfare, including measures designed to provide agricultural workers with the possibility of earning adequate remuneration; and respect such institutions of the indigenous population as may be compatible with economic and social progress and modern techniques;

3. *Endorses* the recommendations of Economic and Social Council resolution 512 C (XVII), section II, concerning the formation and development of co-operatives;

4. *Endorses also* the recommendation of the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 512 C (XVII), section I, that the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development give sympathetic consideration to loan applications from under-developed countries for development projects which are designed to implement their programmes of agrarian reform, including projects designed to bring new lands under agricultural cultivation, and invites the Bank, consistent with its maintenance as a self-supporting entity, to consider making any such loans on terms of interest and amortization designed to place the smallest feasible burden on the borrowing countries;

5. *Expresses its support* for Member States which are carrying out land reforms in conformity with General Assembly resolutions and expresses the hope that, in accordance with the recommendations of the Economic and Social Council, high priority will be given to requests for United Nations technical assistance for the purpose of studying or carrying out land reform programmes;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the other specialized agencies concerned, in consultation with the Secretary-General, to consider the best methods for the further implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 512 C (XVII).

*510th plenary meeting,
11 December 1954.*

827 (IX). Establishment of a world food reserve

The General Assembly,

Being convinced of the need for continued national action and international co-operation:

(a) To raise the levels of production and standards of consumption of food in many areas of the world where famine or chronic malnutrition is a major problem,

(b) To prevent unduly large short-term fluctuations in agricultural prices and to this end to promote the rational disposal of intermittent agricultural surpluses,

Considering that in some countries a food reserve has been established for various purposes and has operated efficiently,

Recalling the various resolutions adopted by international institutions on this subject in the past,

Considering that no factual report has been made dealing comprehensively with the following:

(a) The feasibility of establishing a world food reserve within the framework of the United Nations,

(b) The feasibility of such a reserve acting as an institution which would contribute to relieve emergency situations and to counteract excessive price fluctuations,

1. *Expresses* its appreciation of the valuable work being done in these fields by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the Food and Agriculture Organization, taking into account the discussions at the ninth session of the General Assembly and the proposals previously made on this subject, to prepare a factual and comprehensive report of what has been and is being done in this connexion, for submission to the Economic and Social Council;

3. *Further requests* the Economic and Social Council to report upon this matter, with its conclusions, to the General Assembly.

*511th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

828 (IX). Report of the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency

The General Assembly,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 410 (V) of 1 December 1950, 701 (VII) of 11 March 1953 and 725 (VIII) of 7 December 1953,

Taking note of the report⁹ of the Agent General on the work of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency for the period 1 October 1953 to 1 September 1954, and of the comments¹⁰ thereon by the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea,

Recognizing the particular importance of the continuation of the Agency's programme for the relief and rehabilitation of the Republic of Korea and the urgent need of additional contributions from Governments to enable the Agency to continue the implementation of that programme,

⁹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 20.*

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 17, document A/2810.

1. *Commends* the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency for the excellent progress made by the Agency in pursuing its mission of assisting the Korean people to relieve the sufferings and to repair the devastation caused by aggression;

2. *Stresses* the desire that implementation of the programmes of the Agency as approved by the General Assembly in resolution 725 (VIII) of 7 December 1953 be achieved to the maximum extent possible;

3. *Urges* all Governments to give the financial support necessary for the continuation of the Agency's programme, whether by the prompt payment of existing pledges or by the pledging of new contributions to the programme;

4. *Expresses appreciation* for the valuable and continuing assistance given to the Agency by United Nations specialized agencies and by voluntary non-governmental organizations;

5. *Requests* the Negotiating Committee for Extra Budgetary Funds, appointed pursuant to General Assembly resolution 861 (IX) of 29 October 1954, to undertake steps designed to secure new pledges and the prompt payment of existing pledges to the Agency.

*511th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

829 (IX). Full employment

The General Assembly,

Noting that the Economic and Social Council is keeping under review the problem of promoting full employment,

Endorses resolution 531 B (XVIII) adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 4 August 1954, and particularly the invitation to the International Labour Organization to continue its important work in the field of employment problems.

*511th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

830 (IX). Removal of obstacles to international trade and means of developing international economic relations

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the Economic and Social Council is giving active consideration to the question of the expansion of international trade and the development of international economic relations,

1. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the Economic and Social Council's decision to continue to study this question at its twentieth session;

2. *Endorses* resolution 531 C (XVIII) adopted unanimously by the Council on 4 August 1954.

*511th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE SECOND AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

831 (IX). Programmes of technical assistance

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report¹ of the Economic and Social Council regarding the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance,

Mindful that this Programme constitutes one of the most fruitful achievements of the United Nations,

Convinced that a further expansion of this Programme would contribute substantially to the promotion of economic development and social progress in the underdeveloped countries,

Noting with satisfaction the wide moral and material support given so far to the Expanded Programme and the readiness of Governments to contribute to this enterprise of international co-operation,

Considering that the Economic and Social Council has taken steps to ensure that the Expanded Programme is operated with increased efficiency,

Recognizing the need for adequate programme planning at the country level and the important role of the participating organizations whose technical skills and competence make possible the achievements of the Programme, and also being desirous of promoting more effective co-ordination of the work of the participating organizations in order that the whole Programme might be more effective,

Considering, in particular, resolutions 521 A (XVII) and 542 B (XVIII) of the Economic and Social Council,

Having noted the first report² of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the ninth session of the General Assembly relating to the Expanded Programme, and having welcomed the statement³ of the Secretary-General that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination would, in its forthcoming study of the organizational relationships in the Expanded Programme, take full account of this report,

A

1. *Invites* Governments to give the fullest support to the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and to announce their pledges for the year 1955 at the forthcoming Fifth United Nations Technical Assistance Conference, in order to ensure the continued growth of the Programme;

2. *Recommends* that Governments and participating organizations continue to pay due regard to making the

¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 3*, chapter III.

² See document A/2661.

³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Second Committee*, 315th meeting, paras. 3 and 4.

aims and operations of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance more widely known;

B

1. *Approves* the arrangements recommended by the Economic and Social Council and reproduced in annex I to the present resolution regarding the reconstitution of the Special Reserve Fund of the Expanded Programme as a Working Capital and Reserve Fund;

2. *Approves* the recommendation⁴ of the Council that the financial arrangements for the year 1954 as laid down in Council resolution 492 C (XVI), section II, and reproduced in annex II to the present resolution, be continued for the year 1955;

3. *Approves* the recommendations of the Council regarding the future system of allocation of funds under the Expanded Programme, outlined in annex III to the present resolution and included in Council resolution 542 B (XVIII), section II, amending resolutions 222 (IX) and 433 (XIV);

4. *Requests* the Council to study the means of securing, where possible, contributions to the Expanded Programme on a continuing basis;

C

Refers to the Economic and Social Council the comments and recommendations contained in the first report⁵ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the ninth session of the General Assembly;

D

Requests the Economic and Social Council to furnish to the General Assembly at its tenth session a report on the progress made in the consideration of the questions raised in the first report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the ninth session, together with the comments of the Advisory Committee on the report of the Council.

*502nd plenary meeting,
26 November 1954.*

ANNEX I

Working Capital and Reserve Fund of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance

(Recommended by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 521 A (XVII))

(a) The Special Reserve Fund shall be reconstituted as a Working Capital and Reserve Fund, which will serve as a con-

⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Eighteenth Session, Supplement No. 1*, resolution 542 B (XVIII), sect. III, para. 4.

⁵ See document A/2661.

tinuing operating reserve and which may be used for the following purposes:

(i) To make advances to participating organizations pending the receipt of contributions from Governments, for the purpose of initiating or continuing approved programmes within an organization's approved earmarkings;

(ii) To improve and facilitate currency management, by making currencies available for exchange with organizations' allocated currencies, for the purchase of needed currencies pending collection of particular contribution, and for advances of currencies which would otherwise have to be purchased by organizations with dollars;

(iii) For such other purposes as may be approved by the Technical Assistance Committee from time to time;

(b) The size of the Working Capital and Reserve Fund shall be determined from time to time by the Technical Assistance Committee;

(c) Withdrawals from the Working Capital and Reserve Fund shall be replaced before the end of the financial period in which they are made.

ANNEX II

Financial arrangements for 1955

(From paragraph 5 of section II of resolution 492 C (XVI) of the Economic and Social Council)

(a) Seventy-five per cent of total funds available, excluding carry-over, shall be available for allocation to the participating organizations after approval of country programmes by the Technical Assistance Board, in accordance with the percentages set forth in paragraph 8 (c)* of Council resolution 222 (IX) as amended and modified pursuant to paragraph 19 of the report of the Technical Assistance Committee to the thirteenth session of the Council;

(b) The balance of funds available, including carry-over, shall be retained in the Special Account (i) to cover the necessary minimum expenses of TAB and the resident representatives; and (ii) for further allocation to the participating organizations, as provided in Council resolution 433 (XIV);

(c) In establishing the level of the necessary administrative expense in the whole Programme, the need for economy, in view of the present level of operational expenditure, shall be fully taken into account.

ANNEX III

System of allocation of funds under the Expanded Programme

(Approved by the Economic and Social Council in paragraph 1 of section II of resolution 542 B (XVIII))

(a) As from 1 January 1955 and in relation to the programme for 1956 and subsequent years, the funds of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance shall no longer be allocated to the organizations participating in the Programme on the basis of percentages fixed in advance. The funds shall be distributed on the basis of the requests submitted by Governments and the priorities established by them, subject to the provisions of paragraph (b) below;

(b) The planning and approval of the programmes, and the allocation of funds for their implementation, shall be subject to the following procedure and principles:

(i) TAB shall formulate early in the year, as a guide in planning country and regional programmes, target figures showing the amount of expenditure on technical assistance which it may be possible to undertake during the ensuing year on the basis of an assumed financial availability. In order to ensure stable programming, sharp reductions in country target figures in any single year should normally be avoided, subject to the availability of financial resources. Country target figures, including agency sub-totals for each of the participating organizations, derived from their activities during the preceding year,

Formerly paragraph 9 (c).

shall be communicated to the respective Governments. Governments shall, however, be at liberty to present their requests without being bound by these sub-totals;

(ii) Programmes shall be drawn up at the country level by the requesting Governments, in consultation with the resident representatives or such representatives of TAB as may be specially assigned for the purpose, due regard being paid to continuing commitments. Participating organizations shall continue to be responsible for advising and assisting the appropriate Government authorities in the technical planning of individual projects. The responsibility for co-ordinating consultations between Governments and participating organizations shall rest with the resident representatives or such representatives of TAB as may be specially assigned for the purpose;

(iii) The country programmes shall be forwarded by requesting Governments, with an indication of the priorities established by them, to TAB through the resident representatives. TAB shall consider the programmes, draw up the over-all Programme for the following year, including estimates of administrative and indirect operational costs, and submit it, with its recommendations, to TAC. In drawing up the Programme, TAB shall ensure that the ratio between the programmes to be implemented by the different participating organizations will make possible the authorization of allocations in accordance with sub-paragraph (vi) below;

(iv) TAC shall review the over-all Programme in the light of its importance for economic development; this review should not deal with country allocations or with the technical aspects of the Programme or the national development plans of the respective Governments, but should be concerned with over-all priorities, evaluation of the projects and the Programme inter-relationships. On the basis of this review, TAC shall approve the Programme, and its approval shall be a prerequisite for any commitment in regard to the implementation of the Programme. The preparation and review of the Programme and all other necessary steps shall be carried out in such a way that TAC will be in a position to approve the over-all Programme and authorize allocations to the participating organizations by 30 November, at the latest;

(v) Subject to the confirmation of the General Assembly, TAC shall authorize the allocation of funds to each of the participating organizations in proportion to their share in the approved over-all Programme, subject to paragraph (vi) below. These funds shall be drawn from the net financial resources, after setting aside the expenses of the TAB secretariat, the Reserve and Working Capital Fund, and a sum amounting to 5 per cent of the estimated resources for the financial year, which shall be allocated by the Executive Chairman of TAB to meet any urgent needs which may arise during the implementation of the annual Programme;

(vi) In order to avoid substantial fluctuations in the total amounts entrusted to each participating organization from year to year, the amount allocated to each of them for the coming year shall not be less than 85 per cent of the amount allocated to them under the current year's Programme, except that, if the estimated net financial resources for the ensuing year fall below the total allocations made during the current year, the amount allocated to each participating organization shall not be less than 85 per cent of its proportion of the allocations for the current year;

(vii) Any extraordinary requests submitted by a Government for modification of the Programme, received subsequent to TAC approval of the annual Programme, may be approved by TAB and reported to TAC at its next meeting. Should it not be possible to effect necessary increases and decreases within the programme of the country concerned, the funds available for allocation by the Executive Chairman under paragraph (v) may be used for this purpose;

(c) TAC shall continue to be under the authority of the Economic and Social Council, and its decisions subject to general policy review by the Council;

(d) The appropriate organs of the participating organizations are requested to continue to review the technical aspects of the programmes for which they assume responsibility, in the same way, in so far as possible, as they examine their regular programmes.

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832 (IX). International assistance to refugees within the mandate of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Having considered the problems of refugees within the mandate of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the light of his report¹ to the General Assembly at its ninth session,

Having noted with satisfaction the work accomplished for refugees,

Noting that, in spite of the efforts made, there is little hope that—at the present rate of repatriation, resettlement, or integration—a satisfactory solution to these problems will be reached within a reasonable period of time,

Considering that, while the ultimate responsibility for the refugees within the mandate of the High Commissioner falls in fact upon the countries of residence, certain of these countries have to face particularly heavy burdens as a result of their geographical situation, and some complementary aid has been shown to be necessary to accelerate the implementation of a programme for permanent solutions.

Recalling resolution 728 (VIII) of the General Assembly and resolution 549 (XVIII) of the Economic and Social Council,

¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Supplements Nos. 13 and 13 B.*

Considering that the programme outlined in the report of the High Commissioner contains a number of constructive elements for an effective attempt at achieving a permanent solution to the problems of certain groups of the refugees who are the concern of the High Commissioner, having special regard to family groups,

1. *Authorizes* the High Commissioner, in accordance with his Statute, to undertake a programme designed to achieve permanent solutions within the period of his current mandate for the refugees included within the proposals² in his report to the General Assembly at its ninth session;

2. *Requests* the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds, in co-operation with the High Commissioner, to negotiate with the Governments of Member and non-member States for voluntary contributions towards a fund based on the proposals of the High Commissioner (the amount to be determined by the High Commissioner's Advisory Committee at its next session), to be devoted principally to the promotion of permanent solutions, and also to permit emergency assistance to the most needy cases, such fund to incorporate the fund authorized by the General Assembly in resolution 538 B (VI);

3. *Authorizes* the High Commissioner to make appeals for funds for the purposes set forth in paragraph 2 above;

² *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 13*, chapter IV, section 4, and *Supplement No. 13 B*, paras. 1 to 11 inclusive.

4. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, not later than its nineteenth session and in the light of proposals to be submitted to it by the High Commissioner upon the advice of his Advisory Committee, either to establish an Executive Committee responsible for giving directives to the High Commissioner in carrying out his programme and for exercising the necessary controls in the use of funds allotted to the Office of the High Commissioner or to revise the terms of reference and composition of the Advisory Committee in order to enable it to carry out the same duties;

5. *Requests* the High Commissioner to prepare, for presentation to the inter-governmental body mentioned in paragraph 4 above, detailed proposals for projects designed to achieve permanent solutions, including plans for adequate financial or other contributions from sources within the countries of residence;

6. *Requests* the Governments concerned, in the negotiation of agreements with the High Commissioner for the projects for permanent solutions under this programme, to give assurances that they will assume full financial responsibility should any of the refugees within the scope of the programme still require assistance at the end of the stipulated period;

7. *Urges* Member and non-member States to cooperate with the High Commissioner to the fullest extent in this programme;

8. *Requests* the High Commissioner to include in his annual report a statement on the measures which he has taken under the terms of the present resolution.

*495th plenary meeting,
21 October 1954.*

833 (IX). Draft international covenants on human rights

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the draft international covenants on human rights³ prepared by the Commission on Human Rights and transmitted⁴ by the Economic and Social Council and expressing its gratitude to that Commission for the work accomplished,

Having considered these draft international covenants on human rights at its ninth session,

Reaffirming that it is important that these draft international covenants should be adopted in their final form as soon as possible,

Considering that it is desirable to give Governments of States Members and non-members of the United Nations and the specialized agencies time to make a full study of these draft international covenants and to submit, if they so desire, amendments or additions thereto, or further observations thereon,

Considering that it is desirable for each Government to be informed in good time of the views of other Governments and of the specialized agencies concerning the provisions to be included in the draft international covenants on human rights so that it may take due account of these views in determining its own attitude,

Considering that it is desirable that public opinion should continue to express itself freely on the draft international covenants on human rights,

³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Eighteenth Session, Supplement No. 7*, annexes I, II and III.

⁴ See Economic and Social Council, resolution 545 B (XVIII).

1. Invites:

(a) Governments of States Members and non-members of the United Nations to communicate to the Secretary-General, within six months after the end of the present session of the General Assembly, any amendments or additions to the draft international covenants on human rights or any observations thereon;

(b) The specialized agencies to communicate to the Secretary-General, within six months after the end of the present session, any observations they may wish to make with regard to the draft international covenants on human rights;

(c) The non-governmental organizations concerned with the promotion of human rights, including those in the Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories, to stimulate public interest in the draft international covenants on human rights by all possible means in their respective countries;

2. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To prepare and distribute to Governments, as early as possible, a concise annotation of the text of the draft international covenants on human rights, taking account of the observations made before and during the ninth session of the General Assembly, including those made in the Economic and Social Council and in the Commission on Human Rights;

(b) To distribute to Governments, as soon as they are received, the communications which may be made by Governments and by the specialized agencies during the next six months;

(c) To prepare as a working paper a compilation of all the amendments and proposed new articles which may be submitted by Governments during that period;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give the draft international covenants on human rights the widest possible publicity through all the media of information available to him, and within the limits of his budget;

4. *Recommends* that, during the tenth session of the General Assembly, the Third Committee give priority and devote itself mainly to the discussion, article by article, in an agreed order, of the draft international covenants on human rights with a view to their adoption at the earliest possible date. The discussion shall also cover any new articles which may be proposed.

*504th plenary meeting,
4 December 1954.*

834 (IX). United Nations Narcotics Laboratory

The General Assembly,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 548 D (XVIII) of 12 July 1954 on the subject of the establishment of a United Nations Narcotics Laboratory,

Having considered the Secretary-General's note⁵ of 15 October 1954 which sets out the comparative cost of setting up such a laboratory at Headquarters and at Geneva,

Noting the statement by the Secretary-General in the above note that he "would regard it as important that the laboratory should be situated in the same place, and preferably in the same building, as the Division of Narcotic Drugs as a whole",

⁵ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 12, document A/C.3/573.

Taking into account that, under the Secretary-General's proposals⁶ for the reorganization of the Secretariat, the Division of Narcotic Drugs is to be transferred to Geneva,

Decides to establish a United Nations Narcotics Laboratory in Geneva.

512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.

835 (IX). United Nations Children's Fund

The General Assembly,

Recalling that by its resolution 802 (VIII) of 6 October 1953 it decided to continue the activities of the United Nations Children's Fund without time limits,

Taking note of resolution 543 (XVIII) adopted by the Economic and Social Council after consideration of the reports made by the Executive Board of UNICEF on the work of the Fund,

Being of the opinion that the work of UNICEF is developing with success in the various parts of the world, especially in under-developed areas,

1. *Congratulates* the United Nations Children's Fund on its work;

2. *Considers* that further efforts are desirable to familiarize the public with the needs of children and with the work of UNICEF;

3. *Invites* all States Members and non-members of the United Nations to continue their efforts to expand the resources of UNICEF.

512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.

836 (IX). Universal Children's Day

The General Assembly,

Considering that the obligations of the United Nations to succeeding generations can only be fulfilled by increased efforts on behalf of the children of the world, who are the citizens of tomorrow, and that the world-wide observance of a children's day would contribute to human solidarity and co-operation between nations,

Believing that the objectives of the Charter can best be realized if they inspire and are shared by the children of the world,

Recalling the increased interest in the work of and the support given to the United Nations Children's Fund and its acceptance as an integral part of the United Nations, and that various resolutions relating to children adopted by the General Assembly have shown the Organization's concern for children in all parts of the world,

Considering the increasing attention given by States and peoples to a better observance of the rights of mothers and children, as well as the action of civic, social, professional and cultural institutions, national, international and regional, on behalf of children,

Expressing its appreciation of the work done by governmental and voluntary organizations for the children of the world, including the observance in a certain number of countries of a Universal Children's Day,

⁶ *Ibid.*, agenda item 53, document A/2731.

Considering that the observance of Universal Children's Day should be used for a concrete and effective expression of the support of Governments for the purposes of UNICEF,

1. *Recommends* that, with effect from 1956, a Universal Children's Day shall be instituted by all countries, to be observed as a day of world-wide fraternity and understanding between children and of activity devoted to the promotion of the ideals and objectives of the Charter and the welfare of the children of the world, and to the strengthening and broadening of the efforts made by the United Nations in favour and on behalf of all the children of the world;

2. *Suggests* to the Governments of all States that Universal Children's Day be observed on the date and in the way which each considers appropriate;

3. *Also invites* the cultural, professional, trade union, workers' and social welfare organizations, for men and women, to support and co-operate actively in the observance of Universal Children's Day;

4. *Requests* the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund, in co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to take steps in accordance with the present resolution and to include in its annual reports a report on progress achieved in accordance with the above recommendations.

512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.

837 (IX). Recommendations concerning international respect for the right of peoples and nations to self-determination

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 637 (VII), 648 (VII) and 738 (VIII),

Noting the recommendations⁷ of the Commission on Human Rights to the Economic and Social Council,

Noting, further, resolution 545 G (XVIII) adopted by the Economic and Social Council,

Considering that the preparation of recommendations on measures for promoting the right of self-determination is a matter of immediate concern,

1. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to complete its recommendations concerning international respect for the right of peoples and nations to self-determination, including recommendations concerning their permanent sovereignty over their natural wealth and resources, having due regard to the rights and duties of States under international law and to the importance of encouraging international co-operation in the economic development of under-developed countries, in order that the General Assembly may give those recommendations full and due consideration at its next regular session;

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to transmit these recommendations to the General Assembly for consideration at its next regular session.

512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.

⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Eighteenth Session, Supplement No. 7*, annex IV, draft resolution F.

838 (IX). Draft International Code of Ethics for the use of information personnel

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous decisions, in its resolutions 635 (VII) of 16 December 1952 and 736 B (VIII) of 28 November 1953, concerning the draft International Code⁸ of Ethics for the use of information personnel,

Noting the Secretary-General's report⁹ on the question of organizing an international professional conference to prepare the final text of such a Code,

Noting further that the information enterprises and national and international associations which favour the organization of a conference do not appear to constitute a sufficiently representative group,

Reaffirming its interest in the improvement of standards of conduct and performance for information personnel, through measures adopted by professional action,

Decides:

(a) To take no further action at the present time in regard to the organization of such a conference;

(b) To request the Secretary-General to transmit the text of the draft International Code of Ethics for the use of information personnel, together with his report¹⁰ to the enterprises and associations with which he has been in communication regarding this matter, for their information and for such action as they may deem proper.

*514th plenary meeting,
17 December 1954.*

839 (IX). Technical assistance in freedom of information

The General Assembly,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 522 J (XVII) of 29 April 1954 concerning technical assistance in freedom of information,

Authorizes the Secretary-General to render, at the request of Member States, services which do not fall within the scope and objectives of existing technical assistance programmes, in order to assist these States in promoting freedom of information.

*514th plenary meeting,
17 December 1954.*

840 (IX). Draft Convention on Freedom of Information

The General Assembly,

Considering that it has not studied the draft Convention¹¹ on Freedom of Information during its sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth sessions,

Recalling its decision, in resolution 631 (VII) of 16 December 1952, that it would consider, *inter alia*, the draft Convention on Freedom of Information in the

⁸ *Ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 4 A.

⁹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 29, documents A/2691 and Add. 1 and 2.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*

¹¹ *Ibid.*, Seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 29, document A/AC.42/7 and Corr.1, annex.

light of the report¹² of the Rapporteur on Freedom of Information to the Economic and Social Council and after the Council had had an opportunity to examine that report,

Noting that the Rapporteur on Freedom of Information has made recommendations for further consideration of the draft Convention,

Considering the reasons why the Convention has been delayed, as pointed out by the Rapporteur,

Noting that the Economic and Social Council has not made any recommendations for further action on the draft Convention,

Considering the importance of freedom of information as a fundamental human right and the necessity for giving the conclusion of a convention on this right high priority in the work of the United Nations,

Noting that the draft International Covenants on Human Rights are to be discussed during the tenth session of the General Assembly,

1. Requests the Economic and Social Council to continue its efforts on the technical level to promote freedom of information;

2. Further requests the Economic and Social Council to discuss, at its nineteenth session, the draft Convention on Freedom of Information and to formulate recommendations for the consideration of the General Assembly, taking into account the views expressed and the proposals made on this subject at the ninth and previous sessions of the General Assembly;

3. Decides to discuss the draft Convention on Freedom of Information not later than at its eleventh session, including such recommendations as the Economic and Social Council may make.

*514th plenary meeting,
17 December 1954.*

841 (IX). International Convention concerning the Use of Broadcasting in the Cause of Peace (Geneva, 1936)

The General Assembly,

Considering that the International Convention concerning the Use of Broadcasting in the Cause of Peace (Geneva, 1936)¹³ constitutes an important element in the field of freedom of information,

Considering that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 24 (I) of 12 February 1946, the custodial functions mentioned in the Convention have already been assumed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and that the Convention is still in force,

Considering further that by taking over, by agreement between the Parties to the Convention, the powers and functions established by certain provisions of the Convention, the United Nations can give full effect to all the provisions of the Convention in question,

Decides:

1. To request States which are Parties to the International Convention concerning the Use of Broadcasting in the Cause of Peace (Geneva, 1936) to state whether they wish to transfer to the United Nations

¹² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 12.*

¹³ See League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. CLXXXVI, 1938, p. 301.

the functions which were performed, under the terms of that Convention, by the League of Nations;

2. To instruct the Secretary-General:

(a) To prepare for this purpose a draft protocol concerning the transfer to the United Nations of the functions assigned to the League of Nations under the International Convention concerning the Use of Broadcasting in the Cause of Peace;

(b) To provide in the draft protocol for the accession of Members and non-members of the United Nations which are not Parties or signatories to the Convention, and also for such legal or other adjustments as may be necessitated by current conditions; including new articles, based on General Assembly resolution 424 (V) of 14 December 1950, to provide that each High Contracting Party shall refrain from radio broadcasts that would mean unfair attacks or slanders against other peoples anywhere and in so doing conform strictly to an ethical conduct in the interest of world peace by reporting facts truly and objectively, and to provide that each High Contracting Party shall not interfere with the reception, within its territory, of foreign radio broadcasts;

(c) To circulate the draft protocol to the International Convention concerning the Use of Broadcasting in the Cause of Peace to the States Parties to that Convention.

*514th plenary meeting,
17 December 1954.*

842 (IX). Forced labour

The General Assembly,

Having noted Economic and Social Council resolution 524 (XVII) of 27 April 1954 concerning the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Forced Labour,

1. *Endorses* the condemnation by the Economic and Social Council of the existence of systems of forced labour which are employed as a means of political coercion or punishment for holding or expressing political views, and which are on such a scale as to constitute an important element in the economy of a given country;

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council and the International Labour Organisation to continue their efforts towards the abolition of such systems of forced labour;

3. *Supports* the Council's appeal to all Governments to re-examine their laws and administrative practices in the light of present conditions and the increasing desire of the peoples of the world to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights and in the dignity and worth of the human person;

4. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the action taken by the Economic and Social Council in requesting the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the International Labour Office to prepare a further report on this subject for consideration by the Council at its nineteenth session, setting out:

(a) Whatever replies are received from Governments in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 740 (VIII) of 7 December 1953;

(b) Any new information on systems of forced labour which might be submitted by Member States, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations in consultative status, together with any comments submitted by the Governments concerned.

*514th plenary meeting,
17 December 1954.*

843 (IX). Status of women in private law: customs, ancient laws and practices affecting the human dignity of women

The General Assembly,

Recalling the principles set forth in the United Nations Charter and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Considering that, in certain areas of the world, women are subject to customs, ancient laws and practices relating to marriage and the family which are inconsistent with these principles,

Believing that the elimination of such customs, ancient laws and practices would tend to the recognition of the human dignity of women and contribute to the benefit of the family as an institution,

Having considered Economic and Social Council resolution 547 H (XVIII) of 12 July 1954,

1. *Urges* all States, including States which have or assume responsibility for the administration of Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories, to take all appropriate measures in the countries and Territories under their jurisdiction with a view to abolishing such customs, ancient laws and practices by ensuring complete freedom in the choice of a spouse; abolishing the practice of the bride-price; guaranteeing the right of widows to the custody of their children and their freedom as to remarriage; eliminating completely child marriages and the betrothal of young girls before the age of puberty and establishing appropriate penalties where necessary; establishing a civil or other register in which all marriages and divorces will be recorded; ensuring that all cases involving personal rights be tried before a competent judicial body; ensuring also that family allowances, where these are provided, be administered in such a way as to benefit directly the mother and child;

2. *Recommends* that special efforts be made through fundamental education, in both private and public schools, and through various media of communication, to inform public opinion in all areas mentioned in the second paragraph of the preamble above concerning the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and existing decrees and legislation which affect the status of women.

*514th plenary meeting,
17 December 1954.*



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844 (IX). Procedure for the examination of reports and petitions relating to the Territory of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having received a report¹ of the Committee on South West Africa concerning the procedure for the examination by the Assembly of reports and petitions relating to the Territory of South West Africa,

¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 14* and documents A/2666/Corr.1 and A/2666/Add.1.

Having in mind the advisory opinion² of the International Court of Justice on South West Africa,

Desiring to apply, as far as possible, and pending the conclusion of an agreement between the United Nations and the Union of South Africa, the procedure followed in that respect by the Council of the League of Nations,

Adopts the following special rules:

PROCEDURE WITH REGARD TO REPORTS

Special rule A: The General Assembly shall receive annually from the Committee on South West Africa

² See *International Status of South West Africa, Advisory Opinion*: I.C.J. Reports 1950.

the report on South West Africa submitted to the Committee by the Union of South Africa (or a report on conditions in the Territory of South West Africa prepared by the Committee in accordance with paragraph 12 (c) of General Assembly resolution 749 A (VIII)) together with the observations of the Committee on the report as well as the comments of the duly authorized representative of the Union of South Africa, should that Government decide to follow the General Assembly's recommendation and appoint such a representative.

Special rule B: The General Assembly shall, as a rule, be guided by the observations of the Committee on South West Africa and shall base its conclusions, as far as possible, on the Committee's observations.

PROCEDURE WITH REGARD TO PETITIONS

Special rule C: The General Assembly shall receive annually from the Committee on South West Africa a report with regard to petitions submitted to it. The summary records of the meetings at which the petitions were discussed shall be attached.

Special rule D: The General Assembly shall, as a rule, be guided by the conclusions of the Committee on South West Africa and shall base its own conclusions, as far as possible, on the conclusions of the Committee.

PRIVATE MEETINGS

Special rule E: Having regard to rule 62 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, meetings at which decisions concerning persons are considered shall be held in private.

VOTING PROCEDURE

Special rule F: Decisions of the General Assembly on questions relating to reports and petitions concerning the Territory of South West Africa shall be regarded as important questions within the meaning of Article 18, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations.

*494th plenary meeting,
11 October 1954.*

845 (IX). Educational advancement in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Noting resolution 743 (VIII) of 27 November 1953, by which the Administering Members were recommended to make the greatest possible use of offers that might be made to them by other Member States through the Secretary-General or through the specialized agencies concerned or in other appropriate ways, for the purpose of facilitating the educational advancement of the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories by such means as making available fellowships, scholarships and internships to qualified students from these Territories,

Noting the view³ expressed by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories in 1953 that the attainment of self-government by Non-

³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 15*, part two, para. 10.

Self-Governing Territories is, *inter alia*, hindered by inadequacies in the education of their peoples,

Considering that facilities for study and training at all levels of education, despite all the efforts made by the Administering Members in the direction of their improvement, are not yet adequate in most of the Non-Self-Governing Territories,

1. *Invites* Member States to extend generously their offers of facilities not only for study and training of university standard but, in the first place, for study at the post-primary level as well as technical and vocational training of immediate practical value;

2. *Invites* Member States offering facilities, in cases where the languages of instruction differ from the languages of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, to consider the possibility of extending the duration of the facilities offered by a preliminary period of language training and other adjustment to the country of study or training;

3. *Invites* Member States to transmit the details of such offers to the Administering Members, to the Secretary-General and to the appropriate specialized agencies;

4. *Recommends* that the Administering Members make the greatest possible use of facilities at all levels of education and training, including the field of fundamental education, that may be offered by States Members of the United Nations;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Administering Members and the specialized agencies concerned, to establish a simple procedure which would enable offers and applications made through the United Nations or the specialized agencies to be brought to the attention of the Administering Members, and thereafter, in the case of applications, to the attention of the offering States concerned together with any observations the Administering Members may have submitted;

6. *Invites* the Administering Members to give appropriate publicity in Territories under their administration to offers of study and training facilities and to take such other measures as will ensure that the greatest possible advantage is taken of the offers;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in the United Nations information material details of all such offers and of the procedures to be followed in submitting applications, and further requests him to transmit such details to the specialized agencies with a view to securing similar publicity in their appropriate publications;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, after consultation with the Administering Members, to prepare a report for the information of the General Assembly giving details of the offers made and the extent to which they have been taken up.

*498th plenary meeting,
22 November 1954.*

846 (IX). Work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the report⁴ of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories on the work of its 1954 session;

⁴ *Ibid.*, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 18.

2. *Approves* the special report⁵ on economic conditions in the Non-Self-Governing Territories as a supplement to the report⁶ approved in 1951;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to communicate the special report to the Members of the United Nations responsible for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories, to the Economic and Social Council, to the Trusteeship Council and to the specialized agencies concerned for their consideration;

4. *Expresses its agreement* with the suggestion in the report that the Secretary-General should convene the sixth session of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories for the spring of 1955;

5. *Invites* the Committee to submit a report to the General Assembly at its tenth session, paying particular regard to social conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories as indicated, in particular, in the information transmitted to the Secretary-General in 1954;

6. *Decides* that, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 4 (a) of General Assembly resolution 218 (III) of 3 November 1948, the full summaries and analyses of the information transmitted during 1955 should be submitted to the General Assembly in 1956.

*498th plenary meeting,
22 November 1954.*

847 (IX). Information on problems common to regional groups of Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Having since 1950 approved annually special reports on economic, social and educational conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Considering that these reports express general views and recommendations applicable to Non-Self-Governing Territories as a whole,

Recognizing that conditions in the various regions and in particular Territories may present special problems,

Believing that the consideration of these special problems by the General Assembly should provide an opportunity for the expression of views and recommendations of concrete value to certain regional groups of Territories,

1. *Requests* the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories at its 1955 session to study the manner in which the future reports prepared for the General Assembly may most appropriately be directed to the consideration of information or recommendations concerning the particular problems common to certain regional groups of Territories;

2. *Further requests* the Committee to examine whether any amplification or amendment of the Standard Form is necessary so as to assist the Administering Members in providing concrete information on the particular problems common to certain regional groups of Territories;

3. *Suggests* that the Committee give full consideration to the views expressed on these subjects during

the discussions in the Fourth Committee at the ninth session of the General Assembly.

*498th plenary meeting,
22 November 1954.*

848 (IX). Voluntary transmission of information on political development in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Conscious of the functions it bears over peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories under the principles and objectives set forth in Article 73 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Considering that these principles and objectives relate to the political as well as the economic, social and educational advancement of the peoples concerned,

Recalling that by resolutions 144 (II), 327 (IV) and 637 B (VII) it has sought to secure the transmission by Members administering Non-Self-Governing Territories of voluntary information on the manner and extent to which the peoples of Territories under their administration are being developed for self-government,

Noting with satisfaction that some Members responsible for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories already have voluntarily transmitted some information on the development of self-governing institutions in the Non-Self-Governing Territories,

But noting further that other Members have not yet transmitted such information,

1. *Reiterates* the view that voluntary submission of information on the political development of peoples in Non-Self-Governing Territories is fully in accord with the spirit of Article 73 of the Charter;

2. *Invites* the Administering Members concerned to give the United Nations their utmost co-operation in this regard.

*498th plenary meeting,
22 November 1954.*

849 (IX). Cessation of the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter in respect of Greenland

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, by resolution 222 (III) of 3 November 1948, the General Assembly, while welcoming any development of self-government in Non-Self-Governing Territories, considers it essential that the United Nations be informed of any change in the constitutional status of any such Territory as a result of which the responsible Government concerned thinks it unnecessary to transmit further information in respect of that Territory under Article 73 e of the Charter,

Having received from the Government of Denmark a communication⁷ dated 3 September 1953 informing the Secretary-General that, as a result of the constitutional amendment adopted on 5 June 1953, Greenland has become an integral part of the Danish Realm with a constitutional status equal to that of other parts of Denmark and that, as a consequence of this constitutional change, the Danish Government regarded its responsibilities under Chapter XI of the Charter in

⁵ *Ibid.*, part two.

⁶ *Ibid.*, Sixth Session, Supplement No. 14, part three.

⁷ See documents A/AC.35/L.155 and Corr.1

respect of Greenland as terminated and had, therefore, decided to bring to an end the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter,

Considering that resolution 742 (VIII) adopted by the General Assembly on 27 November 1953 instructs the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to study any documentation transmitted under resolution 222 (III) in the light of the list of factors approved by resolution 742 (VIII) and other relevant considerations that may arise from each concrete case,

Having studied the report⁸ prepared by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories during its session of 1954 on the question of the cessation of the transmission of information on Greenland and presented to the General Assembly in conformity with paragraph 2 of resolution 448 (V) of 12 December 1950,

Having examined the communication of the Government of Denmark in the light of the basic principles and objectives embodied in Chapter XI of the Charter, the criteria established by the list of factors, and of all the other elements of judgment pertinent to the issue,

Bearing in mind the competence of the General Assembly to decide whether a Non-Self-Governing Territory has or has not attained a full measure of self-government as referred to in Chapter XI of the Charter,

1. *Takes note* of the conclusions set forth by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories in its resolution;⁹

2. *Takes note* of the opinion of the Government of Denmark that due to the new constitutional status of Greenland the Government of Denmark regards its "responsibilities according to Chapter XI of the Charter as terminated" and that consequently the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter in respect of Greenland should be brought to an end;

3. *Commends* the action of the Member State concerned in including in its delegation to the General Assembly representatives elected by the National Council of Greenland for the purpose of furnishing information on constitutional changes in Greenland;

4. *Takes note* that when deciding on their new constitutional status, through their duly elected representatives, the people of Greenland have freely exercised their right to self-determination;

5. *Expresses the opinion* that, from the documentation and the explanations provided, Greenland freely decided on its integration within the Kingdom of Denmark on an equal constitutional and administrative basis with the other parts of Denmark;

6. *Notes with satisfaction* the achievement of self-government by the people of Greenland;

7. *Considers* that due to these circumstances the Declaration regarding Non-Self-Governing Territories with the provisions established under it in Chapter XI of the Charter can no longer be applied to Greenland;

8. *Considers* it appropriate that the transmission of information in respect of Greenland under Article 73 e of the Charter should now cease.

499th plenary meeting,
22 November 1954.

⁸ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 18*, part one section IX.

⁹ *Ibid.*, para. 61.

850 (IX). Consideration of communications relating to the cessation of the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter

The General Assembly,

Considering that, by resolutions 222 (III), 448 (V) and 742 (VIII), it has approved principles which should be followed in evaluating situations indicative of the attainment of a full measure of self-government by the peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories and the consequent cessation of the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter,

Having approved in 1953 and 1954 resolutions¹⁰ relating to the cessation of the transmission of information concerning Puerto Rico and Greenland respectively.

Considering that the experience gained should be used by the General Assembly to perfect the methods and procedures to be followed in such cases,

Considering further the necessity of laying down procedures enabling the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to discharge its functions under General Assembly resolution 742 (VIII),

1. *Expresses the opinion* that communications received from the Members concerned relating to the cessation of the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter in respect of any Non-Self-Governing Territory should be examined, as indicated in resolution 742 (VIII), with particular emphasis on the manner in which the right of self-determination has been attained and freely exercised;

2. *Considers* that, in order to evaluate as fully as possible the opinion of the population as to the status or change in status which they desire, a mission, if the General Assembly deems it desirable, should, in agreement with the Administering Member, visit the Non-Self-Governing Territory before or during the time when the population is called upon to decide on its future status or change in status;

3. *Considers* that the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories might study means by which it could, at the appropriate time, draw the attention of the General Assembly to the forthcoming changes in the status of the Territory concerned;

4. *Invites* the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to include in its report to the General Assembly at its tenth session any proposals that it considers desirable concerning the implementation of the present resolution.

499th plenary meeting,
22 November 1954.

851 (IX). Report of the Committee on South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having established by resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953, "until such time as an agreement is reached between the United Nations and the Union of South Africa, a Committee on South West Africa",

¹⁰ See resolutions 748 (VIII) and 849 (IX).

Having requested that Committee to "examine, within the scope of the Questionnaire adopted by the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations in 1926, such information and documentation as may be available in respect of the Territory of South West Africa" and to "transmit to the General Assembly a report concerning conditions in the Territory taking into account, as far as possible, the scope of the reports of the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations",

Having considered the report¹¹ of the Committee on South West Africa,

1. Expresses its appreciation of the work of the Committee;

2. Notes the report and observations regarding conditions in the Territory of South West Africa, contained in annex V of the report of the Committee;

3. Notes with concern that, in the opinion of the Committee, the administration of South West Africa is in several aspects not in conformity with the obligations of the Government of the Union of South Africa under the Mandate;

4. Notes with satisfaction that the representative of the Union of South Africa participated in the substantive discussion in the Fourth Committee of the report on conditions in the Territory of South West Africa;

5. Invites therefore the Government of the Union of South Africa to co-operate with the Committee on South West Africa and, in particular, to submit to the Committee reports on its administration of the Territory of South West Africa and to assist the Committee on South West Africa in the examination of such reports or such information and documentation as may be available to that Committee;

6. Requests the Committee on South West Africa to analyse and summarize the substantive discussion of the South West African question in the Fourth Committee of the General Assembly and to transmit this analysis and summary to the Government of the Union of South Africa for its information;

7. Requests further the Committee on South West Africa to examine the extent to which and the manner in which the specialized agencies and extra-budgetary organs of the United Nations might contribute to the social, economic and educational advancement of the inhabitants of the Territory.

501st plenary meeting,
23 November 1954.

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At its 512th plenary meeting on 14 December 1954, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fourth Committee to the President, approved the nomination of THAILAND and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA to fill the vacancies occurring in the Committee on South West Africa.

852 (IX). Status of the Territory of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having recommended, by its resolutions 65 (I) of 14 December 1946, 141 (II) of 1 November 1947, 227

¹¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 14*, and documents A/2666/Corr.1 and A/2666/Add.1.

(III) of 26 November 1948, 337 (IV) of 6 December 1949, 449 B (V) of 13 December 1950, 570 B (VI) of 19 January 1952 and 749 B (VIII) of 28 November 1953, that the Mandated Territory of South West Africa be placed under the International Trusteeship System, and having repeatedly invited the Government of the Union of South Africa to propose, for the consideration of the General Assembly, a Trusteeship Agreement for South West Africa,

Having accepted, by its resolution 449 A (V) of 13 December 1950, the advisory opinion of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice concerning South West Africa, *inter alia*, to the effect that:

(a) While "the provisions of Chapter XII of the Charter do not impose on the Union of South West Africa a legal obligation to place the Territory under the Trusteeship System", they "are applicable to the Territory of South West Africa in the sense that they provide a means by which the Territory may be brought under the Trusteeship System",

(b) "... the Union of South Africa acting alone has not the competence to modify the international status of the Territory of South West Africa", and "... the competence to determine and modify the international status of the Territory rests with the Union of South Africa acting with the consent of the United Nations",

Considering that, in accordance with Chapter XII of the Charter, all Mandated Territories which have not achieved independence have been brought under the Trusteeship System with the sole exception of the Territory of South West Africa,

1. Reiterates its resolutions 65 (I) of 14 December 1946, 141 (II) of 1 November 1947, 227 (III) of 26 November 1948, 337 (IV) of 6 December 1949, 449 B (V) of 13 December 1950, 570 B (VI) of 19 January 1952 and 749 B (VIII) of 28 November 1953, to the effect that the Territory of South West Africa be placed under the International Trusteeship System;

2. Reasserts that the normal way of modifying the international status of the Territory would be to place it under the Trusteeship System by means of a Trusteeship Agreement in accordance with the provisions of Chapter XII of the Charter.

501st plenary meeting,
23 November 1954.

853 (IX). Participation of the indigenous inhabitants of the Trust Territories in the work of the Trusteeship Council

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 554 (VI) of 18 January 1952 and 653 (VII) of 21 December 1952 in so far as they concern the participation of the indigenous inhabitants of the Trust Territories in the work of the Trusteeship Council,

Concerned to ensure that the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the inhabitants of the Trust Territories and their progressive development towards self-government or independence shall be attained in accordance with the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned,

Considering that it is essential to employ to their fullest extent the means which are already enumerated in the Charter to ensure that, as free public opinion

evolves in each Trust Territory, it will be brought effectively to bear on the examination by the Council of conditions in that Territory,

1. *Recommends* to the Trusteeship Council that, in order to develop further the participation of the indigenous inhabitants in its work through the medium of visiting missions, it instruct each mission:

(a) Not only to consider such expressions of public opinion as may be spontaneously brought before it by all sections of the population, but also to take the initiative in seeking out public opinion on all important problems and to undertake popular consultations in whatever forms it may deem appropriate;

(b) To report fully on the development of the free expression of the wishes of the people and on the main trends of their opinions and to make recommendations concerning the further development of a free public opinion;

2. *Recommends* to the Council that, in order to develop further the participation of the indigenous inhabitants in its work through the medium of their right of petition, it should:

(a) Examine and propose concrete action upon, as part of its examination of conditions in each Trust Territory, petitions which may reflect public opinion on questions of general concern to the development of the Territory;

(b) Request the Administration Authorities to make copies of their annual reports promptly available to the peoples of the Territories;

(c) Instruct each visiting mission to encourage in the Trust Territories public discussion of and expression of views on the annual reports, and to report on the extent to which facilities have been made available to the population for the purpose;

3. *Recommends* to the Council that, as a means of ensuring, in cases which it deems urgent, that a given situation in a Trust Territory meets with the freely expressed wishes of the people, it should immediately grant a hearing to those qualified representatives of public opinion who apply for one, or in the case of representatives who are unable to travel, the Council should examine all communications, letters or telegrams expressing their points of view;

4. *Reiterates* the views and recommendations put forward in its resolutions 554 (VI) of 18 January 1952 and 653 (VII) of 21 December 1952.

*512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

854 (IX). Question of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, in its resolution 392 (V) of 15 December 1950, it recommended that the boundary between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia should be delimited by bilateral negotiations between the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory and the Government of Ethiopia and that, in order to resolve any and all differences arising in the course of such negotiations, the parties to such bilateral negotiations should agree, on the request of either party, to a procedure of me-

diation by a United Nations Mediator to be appointed by the Secretary-General and, further, in the event of the inability of the parties to accept the recommendations of the Mediator, to a procedure of arbitration,

Recalling further that, in its resolution 755 (VIII) of 9 December 1953, it recommended to the two Governments that they should intensify their efforts to achieve a final, just, equitable and friendly settlement of the question,

Having taken note of the conclusion of the Trusteeship Council, contained in its resolution 1000 (XIV) of 6 July 1954, that the delimitation of the frontier is a matter of the utmost urgency in view both of the approach of the date of the attainment of independence by the Trust Territory and of the continuing political, economic and social difficulties in the area of the present provisional frontier,

Having taken note of the information¹² submitted by the Governments of Ethiopia and Italy concerning the progress of the direct negotiations between them on the delimitation of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia,

Having further taken note of the information¹³ submitted by the United Nations Advisory Council for the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration concerning the situation in the frontier area,

1. *Notes with concern* that no progress has been made to date in the direct negotiations between the Governments of Ethiopia and Italy on the delimitation of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia;

2. *Urges* the Governments of Ethiopia and Italy to exert their utmost efforts to achieve a final settlement of the frontier question by direct negotiations;

3. *Recommends* that, should direct negotiations fail to achieve any results by July 1955, the two Governments agree to the procedure outlined in General Assembly resolution 392 (V) of 15 December 1950.

*512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

855 (IX). Financing of the economic development plans of the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration

The General Assembly,

Having considered Trusteeship Council resolution 1001 (XIV) of 7 July 1954 on the financing of the economic development plans of the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration,

Bearing in mind the fact that a United Nations Visiting Mission has just travelled through the Territory and will have to submit to the Trusteeship Council a full report on the general situation there, including reference to the economic development plans prepared by the Administering Authority,

1. *Takes sympathetic note* of Trusteeship Council resolution 1001 (XIV) of 7 July 1954;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider in agreement with the Italian Government the advisability

¹² See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 13, document A/C.4/277.

¹³ *Ibid.*

of asking the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to send a mission of experts to study the situation and the possibilities of economic development in the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration;

3. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to continue its study of the question and on the basis of the conclusions of the 1954 Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in East Africa and the report of the Bank, if the plan for the mission referred to in the preceding paragraph is carried out, to endeavour to decide on practical measures for financing the economic development plans for Somaliland and to report to the General Assembly at its next session;

4. *Expresses the hope* that, in the meantime, the Administering Authority will continue unremittingly in its efforts to further the economic development of the Trust Territory.

*512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

856 (IX). Form of the annual report of the Trusteeship Council to the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 433 (V) of 2 December 1950 on the annual reports of the Trusteeship Council,

Recalling its resolution 789 (VIII) of 9 December 1953 on the control and limitation of documentation,

Having taken note of the conclusions of the Council on this question as contained in its report¹⁴ covering the period from 22 July 1953 to 16 July 1954,

1. *Approves*, on a trial basis, the proposals of the Trusteeship Council concerning the form of its report to the General Assembly to the effect that a comprehensive report on a given Trust Territory should be presented by the Council only every third year coinciding with the Council's examination of the report on the Territory by a visiting mission, and that the Council should submit a shorter report in the intervening years, giving only an account of the developments and progress made during the year under review but including such background materials as would enable the Assembly to appreciate the significance of important developments, the comments and observations of Member States and the conclusions and recommendations of the Council;

2. *Requests, however*, that in view of the time-limit set for the attainment by 1960 of independence by the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration, the Council annually submit a comprehensive report on that Trust Territory.

*512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

857 (IX). Report of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 22 July 1953 to 16 July 1954

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the report¹⁵ of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 22 July 1953 to 16 July 1954;

2. *Recommends* that the Council, in its future deliberations, take into account the comments and suggestions made in the course of the discussions of its report at the ninth session of the General Assembly.

*512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

858 (IX). Attainment by the Trust Territories of the objective of self-government or independence

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 558 (VI) of 18 January 1952 by which it invited the Administering Authority of each Trust Territory, other than Somaliland under Italian administration, to include in each annual report information concerning measures taken or contemplated towards self-government or independence and, *inter alia*, the estimated period of time required for such measures and for the attainment of the ultimate objective,

Recalling further its resolution 752 (VIII) of 9 December 1953 by which it requested the Trusteeship Council to include in its next and succeeding reports to the General Assembly a separate section dealing with the implementation of resolutions 558 (VI) and 752 (VIII), specifying the various measures taken or contemplated towards self-government or independence and stating in each case its conclusions and recommendations in the light of these resolutions,

Considering that one of the most effective means of assisting the peoples of the Trust Territories to achieve the objectives set forth in Article 76 b of the Charter is to provide them with an opportunity to obtain experience in the work of government and administration by participation in representative bodies with adequate powers to carry out such work,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* that, in response to the request of the General Assembly, the Trusteeship Council has included in its report covering the period from 22 July 1953 to 16 July 1954 a separate section¹⁶ dealing with the attainment by the Trust Territories of the objective of self-government or independence;

2. *Notes, however*, that the Council has not formulated in this report any conclusions or recommendations on the measures taken or contemplated towards self-government or independence;

3. *Expresses the hope* that the Council will include its conclusions and recommendations on this question in its next and succeeding reports to the General Assembly;

4. *Recommends* that the Council instruct its visiting missions to give special attention in their reports to the Council to the question of attainment by the Trust Territories of self-government or independence in the light of resolutions 558 (VI) and 752 (VIII) and of the present resolution;

5. *Recommends* to the Administering Authorities that, as a means to facilitate an approximate determination of the date on which the populations of the Trust Territories would be prepared for self-government or independence, they should intensify their efforts to the utmost to bring about the establishment of new representative organs of government and administration

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 4.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, p. 279 et seqq.

in the Trust Territories, with increasing participation therein by indigenous elements of those Territories, or to develop on the same basis organs of that type already in existence; that they should ensure that the nature and powers of these organs reflect the special status conferred on the Trust Territories by Chapter XII of the Charter and by the Trusteeship Agreements; and that they should hasten the attainment of the objectives set forth in Article 76 of the Charter,

*512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

859 (IX). Hearings of petitioners from the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under French administration

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 655 (VII) of 21 December 1952 and 758 (VIII) of 9 December 1953,

Having granted oral hearings¹⁷ to petitioners, representatives of organizations in the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under French administration,

1. *Takes note* of the statements of the petitioners, representatives of organizations in the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under French administration;

2. *Decides* to transmit to the Trusteeship Council the statements of the petitioners for its study;

3. *Recommends* to the Council:

(a) To continue to give appropriate attention to the matters raised by the petitioners;

(b) To request its next visiting mission to study these matters;

(c) To report accordingly to the General Assembly at its tenth session.

*512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

860 (IX). The Togoland unification problem and the future of the Trust Territory of Togoland under British administration

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind its resolution 750 (VIII) of 8 December 1953,

Noting the special report of the Trusteeship Council in document A/2669¹⁸ of 23 July 1954,

Noting the new situation described in the statement¹⁹ of the United Kingdom Government to the effect that the Gold Coast will assume full responsibility for its own affairs within a measurable period, and that it will thereafter be no longer possible for the Administering Authority to administer the Trust Territory in accordance with articles 4 and 5 of the present Trusteeship Agreement,

Noting also the view²⁰ of the Administering Authority that the progress of the inhabitants of the Trust

Territory has been such that, at the same time as the Gold Coast assumes full responsibility for its own affairs, the people of Togoland under British administration will have reached a stage of development when the objectives of the International Trusteeship System will have been substantially achieved and that the Trusteeship Agreement should therefore be terminated,

Considering that, in accordance with Article 76 b of the Charter, the future status of the Territory should be determined in the light of its particular circumstances and of the freely expressed wishes of its peoples,

1. *Decides*, in view of the eventual revision or termination of the Trusteeship Agreement, that steps should be taken, in the light of the particular circumstances of the Trust Territory, to ascertain the wishes of the inhabitants as to their future, without prejudice to the eventual solution they may choose whether it be independence, unification of an independent Togoland under British administration with an independent Togoland under French administration, unification with an independent Gold Coast, or some other self-governing or independent status;

2. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to take into account the views expressed in the Fourth Committee at the ninth and previous sessions of the General Assembly, to consider what arrangements should be made in pursuance of the above decision and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its tenth session;

3. *Further requests* the Trusteeship Council to dispatch a special mission to the Trust Territories of Togoland under British administration and Togoland under French administration to make a special study of these problems and to submit its report thereon in time for the Council to report to the General Assembly at its tenth session;

4. *Urges in the meanwhile* that in the greater interests of the United Nations those directly concerned will lend their utmost co-operation in the full and early implementation of its recommendations contained in General Assembly resolution 750 B (VIII) of 8 December 1953.

*512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

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NOTE

ELECTION OF A MEMBER TO THE COMMITTEE OF INFORMATION FROM NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES

In accordance with the terms of resolutions 332 (IV) and 646 (VII) of the General Assembly, the Fourth Committee was called upon to fill the vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories created by the expiration of the terms of office of Ecuador and Indonesia.

In consequence of the reduction of one Administrative Member (Denmark) in the membership of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories resulting from the adoption of resolution 849 (IX) above, one vacancy only remained to be filled, and the Fourth Committee, on behalf of the General Assembly, at its 433rd meeting on 15 November 1954, elected PERU to fill that vacancy.

¹⁷ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Fourth Committee*, 442nd, 443rd and 446th meetings.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, *Annexes*, agenda items 35 and 52.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, document A/2660.

²⁰ *Ibid.*

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861 (IX). Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds

A

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report¹ of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds appointed at the eighth session of the General Assembly,

Believing that provision should be made for the continuation of the work of the Committee,

1. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to appoint a Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds consisting of not more than ten members with the same terms of reference as those laid down in General Assembly resolution 693 (VII) of 25 October 1952 to serve until the close of the tenth session of the Assembly;

2. *Requests* the Negotiating Committee to report to the General Assembly at its tenth session;

3. *Further requests* the Negotiating Committee to review, in the light of experience, its terms of reference with a view to determining if any changes would be desirable, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its tenth session;

¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 42, document A/2730.

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of the tenth session the item "Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds".

*496th plenary meeting,
29 October 1954.*

B

The General Assembly,

Having noted the concern expressed by the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds at the effect of the establishment, for activities and programmes supported by voluntary contributions, of financial targets unlikely to be realized in actual receipts of contributions.

Requests the organs of the United Nations concerned with the approval of activities and programmes to be financed by voluntary contributions to satisfy themselves that the budgetary levels of those programmes are established at amounts consistent with the probabilities of collection of contributions for such activities and programmes.

*496th plenary meeting,
29 October 1954.*

In accordance with the terms of the above resolution, the President of the General Assembly, at the 497th plenary meeting on 4 November 1954, announced that he had appointed a Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds, com-

posed of the following Member States, to serve until the close of the tenth session of the General Assembly:

AUSTRALIA, CANADA, COLOMBIA, FRANCE, LEBANON, PAKISTAN, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND URUGUAY.

862 (IX). United Nations: financial report and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1953, and report of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

1. *Accepts* the financial report and accounts of the United Nations for the financial year ended 31 December 1953, and the certificate of the Board of Auditors;²

2. *Concurs* in the observations³ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its third report to the ninth session of the General Assembly.

*496th plenary meeting,
29 October 1954.*

863 (IX). United Nations Children's Fund: financial report and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1953, and report of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

1. *Accepts* the financial report and accounts of the United Nations Children's Fund for the financial year ended 31 December 1953 and the certificate of the Board of Auditors;⁴

2. *Takes note* of the observations⁵ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its fourth report to the ninth session of the General Assembly.

*496th plenary meeting,
29 October 1954.*

864 (IX). United Nations Refugee Emergency Fund: financial report and accounts for the period 1 March 1952 to 31 December 1953, and report of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

1. *Accepts* the financial report and accounts of the United Nations Refugee Emergency Fund for the period 1 March 1952 to 31 December 1953, and the certificate of the Board of Auditors;⁶

2. *Takes note* of the recommendation⁷ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its fifth report to the ninth session of the General Assembly, and of the statement made on behalf of the Advisory Committee at the 440th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

*496th plenary meeting,
29 October 1954.*

865 (IX). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

The General Assembly

1. *Appoints* the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:

² *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 6.

³ *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 36, document A/2724.

⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 6A.

⁵ *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 36, document A/2725.

⁶ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 13A.

⁷ *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 36, document A/2726.

Mr. Thanassis Aghnides,
Mr. Eduardo Carrizosa,
Mr. I. V. Chechyotkin;

2. *Declares* Mr. Aghnides, Mr. Carrizosa and Mr. Chechyotkin to be appointed for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1955.

*496th plenary meeting,
29 October 1954.*

866 (IX). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Contributions

The General Assembly

1. *Appoints* the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions:

Mr. René Charron,
Mr. Arthur Samuel Lall,
Mr. Josué Saenz,
Mr. G. F. Saksin;

2. *Declares* Mr. Charron, Mr. Lall, Mr. Saenz and Mr. Saksin to be appointed for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1955.

*496th plenary meeting,
29 October 1954.*

867 (IX). Appointment to fill a vacancy in the membership of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

Appoints the Auditor-General of Norway as a member of the Board of Auditors for a three-year term to commence on 1 July 1955.

*496th plenary meeting,
29 October 1954.*

868 (IX). Confirmation of the appointment made by the Secretary-General to the membership of the Investments Committee

The General Assembly

Confirms the reappointment by the Secretary-General of Mr. Leslie R. Rounds as a member of the Investments Committee for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1955.

*496th plenary meeting,
29 October 1954.*

869 (IX). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The General Assembly

1. *Appoints* the following persons as members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal:

Mr. Victor Manuel Pérez Perozo,
Mr. Bror Arvid Sture Petrán;

2. *Declares* Mr. Pérez Perozo and Mr. Petrán to be appointed for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1955.

*496th plenary meeting,
29 October 1954.*

870 (IX). Appointment to fill a vacancy in the membership of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee

The General Assembly

Appoints Mr. T. W. Cutts as a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee to serve until 31 December 1955.

*496th plenary meeting,
29 October 1954.*

871 (IX). Review of audit procedures of the United Nations and the specialized agencies

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the report⁸ of the Secretary-General on the question of a review of the audit procedures of the United Nations and the specialized agencies;

2. *Decides* to postpone consideration of the item until the tenth session of the General Assembly.

*496th plenary meeting,
29 October 1954.*

872 (IX). Annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

The General Assembly

Takes note of the annual report⁹ of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board.

*504th plenary meeting,
4 December 1954.*

873 (IX). Acceptance by the specialized agencies of the jurisdiction of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal in matters involving applications alleging non-observance of the regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

The General Assembly

Takes note of the interim report¹⁰ presented by the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 771 (VIII) of 27 November 1953.

*504th plenary meeting,
4 December 1954.*

874 (IX). Admission of staff members of the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: amendment to the regulations of the Fund

The General Assembly

Approves the amendment of the regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund by the inclusion of a supplementary article as follows:

⁸ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 44, document A/2746.

⁹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 8.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 46, documents A/2749 and Add.1.

SUPPLEMENTARY ARTICLE A

The Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization

For the purpose of these Regulations, the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization shall be treated as if it were a specialized agency except that its representatives shall not have the right to vote in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board and its Standing Committee.

*504th plenary meeting,
4 December 1954.*

875 (IX). System of allowances to members of commissions, committees and other subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly or other organs of the United Nations

A

The General Assembly

1. *Reaffirms* the principles and conditions for payment of travel expenses and subsistence allowances as laid down in General Assembly resolution 231 (III) of 8 October 1948;

2. *Considers* that in principle a uniform rate of subsistence allowance should be paid to members of all commissions, committees and other subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly or other organs of the United Nations eligible under resolution 231 (III), subject only to a distinction being made in respect of the place of meetings;

3. *Decides* that the rates of subsistence allowance laid down in resolution 459 (V) of 1 December 1950, namely \$25 per diem in respect of meetings at Headquarters and \$20 per diem in respect of meetings away from Headquarters should be maintained;

4. *Decides* that the special allowance of \$35 authorized for members of the International Law Commission by resolution 485 (V) of 12 December 1950 should be continued until 31 December 1956, pending consideration by the General Assembly at its eleventh session of the application of a uniform system to all eligible bodies.

*504th plenary meeting,
4 December 1954.*

B

The General Assembly

1. *Reaffirms* the provisions of resolution 677 (VII) of 21 December 1952 under which the Assembly considered that no appointment of a rapporteur should carry remuneration;

2. *Decides*, however, that special circumstances exist in the case of the International Law Commission justifying the payment of honoraria for specific reports prepared by its Chairman or special rapporteurs between sessions of the Commission.

*504th plenary meeting,
4 December 1954.*

C

The General Assembly,

Noting that members of the Permanent Central Opium Board are precluded, under the terms of article

19 of the Convention of 19 February 1925 relating to narcotic drugs, from holding any office which puts them in a position of direct dependence on their Governments,

Considering that the payment of some compensation to members of the Permanent Central Opium Board and the Drug Supervisory Body is justified by the work performed between sessions of these bodies,

Decides that payment of compensation should be made to each member of these bodies on the following basis:

	<i>Dollars per annum</i>
President	1,000
Vice-President	500
Member	300

provided that only a single honorarium is to be paid in case of membership in both bodies.

*504th plenary meeting,
4 December 1954.*

876 (IX). Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

A

The General Assembly

1. Reaffirms the decision¹¹ of the General Assembly at its seventh session to defer further action on the *per capita* ceiling until new Members are admitted or substantial improvement in the economic capacity of existing Members permits the adjustments to be gradually absorbed in the scale of assessments;

2. Reaffirms resolution 582 (VI) of 21 December 1951, by which the Committee on Contributions was requested to give additional recognition to countries with low *per capita* income, and instructs the Committee to continue to do so in the future;

3. Instructs the Committee on Contributions to apply the decision referred to in paragraph 1 above to future scales of assessments, so that the percentage contributions of those Members subject to the *per capita* principle will be frozen against any increase over the level approved for the 1955 budget until they reach *per capita* parity with the highest contributor and that downward adjustments will occur when the conditions cited in resolution 665 (VII) of 5 December 1952 have been fulfilled or changes in relative national incomes warrant lower assessments.

*504th plenary meeting,
4 December 1954.*

B

The General Assembly

Resolves:

1. That the scale of assessments for the 1955 budget shall be as follows:

<i>Member State</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
Afghanistan	0.08
Argentina	1.32
Australia	1.80
Belgium	1.38
Bolivia	0.05
Brazil	1.32

¹¹ See resolution 665 (VII).

Burma	0.13
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	0.53
Canada	3.63
Chile	0.30
China	5.62
Colombia	0.41
Costa Rica	0.04
Cuba	0.30
Czechoslovakia	0.94
Denmark	0.74
Dominican Republic	0.05
Ecuador	0.04
Egypt	0.40
El Salvador	0.06
Ethiopia	0.12
France	5.90
Greece	0.21
Guatemala	0.07
Haiti	0.04
Honduras	0.04
Iceland	0.04
India	3.30
Indonesia	0.56
Iran	0.25
Iraq	0.11
Israel	0.17
Lebanon	0.05
Liberia	0.04
Luxembourg	0.06
Mexico	0.80
Netherlands	1.25
New Zealand	0.48
Nicaragua	0.04
Norway	0.50
Pakistan	0.67
Panama	0.05
Paraguay	0.04
Peru	0.18
Philippines	0.45
Poland	1.73
Saudi Arabia	0.07
Sweden	1.59
Syria	0.08
Thailand	0.18
Turkey	0.65
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	2.00
Union of South Africa	0.78
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	15.08
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	8.85
United States of America	33.33
Uruguay	0.18
Venezuela	0.44
Yemen	0.04
Yugoslavia	0.44

TOTAL 100.00

2. That, notwithstanding the provision of rule 161 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations shall be reviewed by the Committee on Contributions in 1955 and a report submitted for the consideration of the General Assembly at its next regular session;

3. That, notwithstanding the terms of financial regulation 5.5, the Secretary-General shall be empowered to accept, at his discretion and after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions, a

portion of the contributions of Member States for the financial year 1955 in currencies other than United States dollars;

4. That States which are not Members of the United Nations but which participate in certain of its organs or activities shall be called upon to contribute towards the expenses of such organs or activities on the basis of the following rates:

Country	Per cent
Albania	0.04
Austria	0.36
Bulgaria	0.17
Cambodia	0.04
Ceylon	0.13
Finland	0.42
Germany, Federal Republic of	4.35
Hashemite Kingdom of the Jordan	0.04
Hungary	0.50
Ireland	0.25
Italy	2.22
Japan	2.00
Korea, Republic of	0.12
Laos	0.04
Liechtenstein	0.04
Monaco	0.04
Nepal	0.04
Portugal	0.27
Romania	0.58
San Marino	0.04
Switzerland	1.26
Viet-Nam	0.17

5. That Japan, the Principality of Liechtenstein, San Marino and Switzerland, which are Parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice, shall be called upon to contribute towards the expenses of the Court for 1955 on the basis of the percentage rates given in paragraph 4 above;

6. That San Marino, which became a Party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice on 18 February 1954, shall be called upon to contribute 0.04 per cent applied to the expenses of the Court for 1954; and that Japan, which became a Party on 2 April 1954, shall be called upon to contribute three-quarters of the assessment of 2 per cent applied to the expenses of the Court for 1954;

7. That the following non-member States, which are signatories of international instruments relating to narcotic drugs, shall be called upon to contribute towards the annual expenses resulting from obligations placed on the United Nations by such instruments, commencing with the year 1954, on the basis of the percentage rates given in paragraph 4 above:

Albania	Ireland
Austria	Italy
Bulgaria	Japan
Cambodia	Laos
Ceylon	Liechtenstein
Finland	Monaco
Germany, Federal Republic of	Portugal
Hashemite Kingdom of the Jordan	Romania
Hungary	San Marino
	Switzerland
	Viet-Nam

8. That the following non-member States which under Economic and Social Council resolution 517 (XVII) have become members of the Economic Com-

mission for Asia and the Far East or the Economic Commission for Europe:

Japan, with respect to ECAFE, on 24 June 1954,
Cambodia, with respect to ECAFE, on 20 August 1954,

Viet-Nam, with respect to ECAFE, on 23 August 1954,

Italy, with respect to ECE, on 19 July 1954,

shall be called upon to contribute towards the 1955 expenses of the respective economic commission on the basis of the percentage rates given in paragraph 4 above, and that for the year 1954 they shall be called upon to contribute 50 per cent of that rate applied to the expenses for 1954;

9. That, if any of the other countries mentioned in Economic and Social Council resolution 517 (XVII) as eligible for membership in the regional economic commissions should become members in the course of the year, they should be called upon to contribute an amount calculated, as from the quarter in which membership becomes effective, on the basis of the rate given in paragraph 4 above;

10. That, if any non-member States should become Parties to the Convention on the Declaration of Death of Missing Persons during 1954, they should be assessed retroactively in respect of the 1954 expenses of the International Bureau for Declarations of Death in accordance with General Assembly resolution 493 (V) of 16 November 1950.

*504th plenary meeting,
4 December 1954.*

877 (IX). Headquarters of the United Nations

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the report¹² of the Secretary-General on the Headquarters of the United Nations;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its tenth session a further report on the construction of the Headquarters.

*504th plenary meeting,
4 December 1954.*

878 (IX). Translation of some official documents of the General Assembly into the Arabic language in accordance with rule 59 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of translation of some official documents of the General Assembly into the Arabic language in accordance with rule 59 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly,

1. *Decides* that, pursuant to rule 59 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, documents of the Assembly, its committees and sub-committees shall be published in the Arabic language, together with any other report of the other organs of the United Nations dealing with either specific or general problems of interest to the areas where Arabic is spoken, provided that the volume of publications issued within any twelve-month period shall not exceed a total of 4,000 pages of English text;

¹² See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 40, document A/2778.

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to include in the budget estimates of the United Nations the necessary provision to give effect to this decision and to ensure that the translation of the texts into Arabic shall conform with the established practices for United Nations documentation.

*504th plenary meeting,
4 December 1954.*

879 (IX). United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: accounts for the financial year ended 30 June 1954, and report of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

1. *Accepts* the accounts of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for the financial year ended 30 June 1954, and the certificate of the Board of Auditors;¹³

2. *Takes note* of the observations¹⁴ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Ques-

¹³ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 6.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 36, document A/2800.

tions as set forth in its twentieth report to the ninth session of the General Assembly.

*504th plenary meeting,
4 December 1954.*

880 (IX). United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency: financial report and accounts for the financial year ended 30 June 1954, and report of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

1. *Accepts* the financial report and accounts of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency for the financial year ended 30 June 1954, and the certificate of the Board of Auditors;¹⁵

2. *Takes note* of the observations¹⁶ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its twenty-first report to the ninth session of the General Assembly.

*504th plenary meeting,
4 December 1954.*

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 6C, and document A/2757/Add.1.

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 36, document A/2801.

See next page for Resolution 881 (IX)

881 (IX). Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1954

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the financial year 1954:

1. The amount of \$47,827,110 appropriated by resolution 786 (VIII), adopted on 9 December 1953, is increased by \$701,870 as follows:

	<i>Amount appro- priated under resolution 786 (VIII) as adjusted</i>	<i>Supplementary appropriation, increase or decrease</i>	<i>Revised amounts of appropriation</i>
A. UNITED NATIONS			
<i>(In US dollars)</i>			
<i>Part I. Sessions of the General Assembly, the Councils, Commissions and Committees</i>			
<i>Section</i>			
1.	556,750	—	556,750
2.	—	58,800	58,800
3.	164,180	—(35,000)	129,180
3a.	21,400	—	21,400
3b.	72,000	—(20,000)	52,000
4.	50,000	2,000	52,000
	TOTAL, PART I	5,800	870,130
<i>Part II. Investigations and inquiries</i>			
5.	2,061,000	—(93,350)	1,967,650
5a.	566,300	39,700	606,000
	TOTAL, PART II	—(53,650)	2,573,650
<i>Part III. Headquarters, New York</i>			
6.	394,000	—(25,000)	369,000
6a.	479,130	—(8,000)	471,130
7.	758,500	—(65,000)	693,500
8.	136,900	—(20,000)	116,900
9.	386,700	—	386,700
10.	2,263,700	—(100,000)	2,163,700
11.	1,704,000	—(20,000)	1,684,000
12.	938,400	—(55,000)	883,400
13.	2,713,400	—(139,600)	2,573,800
14.	460,300	—(14,000)	446,300
15.	9,399,700	—(264,700)	9,135,000
15a.	143,400	17,000	160,400
16.	1,590,000	—	1,590,000
17.	4,478,000	1,650,000	6,128,000
18.	3,786,800	—	3,786,800
19.	176,400	—	176,400
19a.	565,000	—	565,000
	TOTAL, PART III	955,700	31,330,030
<i>Part IV. European Office of the United Nations</i>			
20.	4,612,200	—(46,000)	4,566,200
	53,800	3,000	56,800
20a.	685,000	—(16,000)	669,000
	TOTAL, PART IV	—(59,000)	5,292,000

	<i>Amount appro- priated under resolution 786 (VIII) as adjusted</i>	<i>Supplementary appropriation, increase or decrease</i>	<i>Revised amounts of appropriation</i>
<i>(In US dollars)</i>			
<i>Part V. Information centres</i>			
<i>Section</i>			
21. Information centres (other than information services, European Office of the United Nations)	877,400	—	877,400
TOTAL, PART V	<u>877,400</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>877,400</u>
<i>Part VI. Regional Economic Commissions (other than the Economic Commission for Europe)</i>			
22. Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East	1,123,900	—(50,000)	1,073,900
23. Economic Commission for Latin America	958,700	—(15,000)	943,700
TOTAL, PART VI	<u>2,082,600</u>	<u>—(65,000)</u>	<u>2,017,600</u>
<i>Part VII. Hospitality</i>			
24. Hospitality	20,000	—	20,000
TOTAL, PART VII	<u>20,000</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>20,000</u>
<i>Part VIII. Contractual printing</i>			
25. Official Records (excluding chapter V, Permanent Cen- tral Opium Board and Drug Supervisory Body)	718,300	—(83,500)	634,800
Chapter V. Permanent Central Opium Board and Drug Supervisory Body	12,500	— (1,500)	11,000
26. Publications	734,970	65,000	799,970
TOTAL, PART VIII	<u>1,465,770</u>	<u>—(20,000)</u>	<u>1,445,770</u>
<i>Part IX. Technical programmes</i>			
27. Social activities	768,500	—	768,500
28. Economic development	479,400	—	479,400
29. Public administration	145,000	—	145,000
TOTAL, PART IX	<u>1,392,900</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,392,900</u>
<i>Part X. Special expenses</i>			
30. Transfer of the assets of the League of Nations to the United Nations	649,500	—	649,500
31. Amortization of the Headquarters construction loan ...	1,500,000	—	1,500,000
TOTAL, PART X	<u>2,149,500</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>2,149,500</u>
B. THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE			
<i>Part XI. The International Court of Justice</i>			
32. The International Court of Justice	621,980	—(61,980)	560,000
TOTAL, PART XI	<u>621,980</u>	<u>—(61,980)</u>	<u>560,000</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>47,827,110</u>	<u>701,870</u>	<u>48,528,980</u>

2. Notwithstanding the provision of financial regulation 4.3, the appropriation provided under section 19a in respect of improvement to premises shall remain available for twelve months following the end of the financial year 1954 to the extent that it is required to discharge obligations arising from any contract entered into prior to 31 December 1954.

512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.

882 (IX). Personnel policy of the United Nations: amendment to the staff regulations of the United Nations

The General Assembly

Adopts as an amendment to the staff regulations of the United Nations the text annexed to the present resolution. This amendment shall become effective on 1 January 1955.

ANNEX

Staff regulation 1.6 (amended text)

No staff member shall accept any honour, decoration, favour, gift or remuneration from any Government excepting for war service; nor shall a staff member accept any honour, decoration, favour, gift or remuneration from any source external to the Organization, without first obtaining the approval of the Secretary-General. Approval shall be granted only in exceptional cases and where such acceptance is not incompatible with the terms of regulation 1.2 of the staff regulations and with the individual's status as an international civil servant.

*512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

883 (IX). Personnel policy of the United Nations: question of educational facilities for the children of staff members

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report¹⁷ of the Secretary-General on personnel policy, paragraphs 22 to 26 of which deal with problems relating to the education grant established under the staff regulations, and the fifteenth report¹⁸ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the ninth session of the General Assembly,

Considering that the education grant was established with the purpose of enabling the children of staff members, despite the fact that their parents were expatriated, to benefit from the influence of their national characteristics in their education,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the Secretary-General's statement that the question of educational facilities is being studied by the International Civil Service Advisory Board;

2. *Requests* the International Civil Service Advisory Board to consider appropriate measures for providing children of staff members with special facilities for the study of their mother tongue in cases where they are obliged to attend local schools in which the instruction is given in a language other than the mother tongue;

3. *Recommends* the Secretary-General, in preparing his report on the staff regulations for submission to the General Assembly at its tenth session, to give special consideration to the question whether measures should be taken to make a larger number of staff members than at present eligible for the benefit of the education grant.

*512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

¹⁷ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 54, document A/2777.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, document A/2788.

884 (IX). Administrative and budgetary co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the report¹⁹ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions dealing with the administrative budgets of the specialized agencies for 1955;

2. *Invites* the attention of the specialized agencies to the recommendations and suggestions made in the Advisory Committee's report and to the views expressed in the Fifth Committee at the ninth session of the General Assembly.

*512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

885 (IX). Audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account

The General Assembly

Takes note of the audit reports²⁰ relating to expenditure by specialized agencies of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account, for the financial year ended 31 December 1953 and of the observations²¹ thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

*512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

886 (IX). Organization of the Secretariat

The General Assembly,

Considering its resolution 784 (VIII) of 9 December 1953 in which it recommended that the Secretary-General should proceed along the lines of his report to the eighth session on the organization of the Secretariat contained in document A/2554,²²

Having examined the report²³ of the Secretary-General to the ninth session on the organization of the Secretariat and the comments contained in the report²⁴ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,

Taking note of the Secretary-General's intention to bring under detailed review in 1955 those United Nations offices and activities external to Headquarters, as well as the secretariats of the subsidiary bodies of the United Nations,

Considering the Secretary-General's statements during the discussion of the item in the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the Secretary-General's report on the reorganization of the Secretariat and further notes his statements in the Fifth Committee

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, agenda item 43, document A/2835.

²⁰ See document A/2721.

²¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 45, document A/2852.

²² *Ibid.*, *Eighth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 48.

²³ *Ibid.*, *Ninth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 53, document A/2731.

²⁴ *Ibid.*, document A/2745.

and the general approval²⁵ by the Economic and Social Council of the proposals made by the Secretary-General in document E/2598;²⁶

2. *Approves* generally the measures adopted by the Secretary-General and invites him, in proceeding with the implementation of his proposals, to take into account the comments contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the observations and suggestions made in the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly with reference to the various aspects of reorganization;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report progress to the General Assembly at its tenth session.

*515th plenary meeting,
17 December 1954.*

887 (IX). Amendments to the staff regulations of the United Nations (regulations 1.10 and 4.5 (a), and annex I, paragraphs 1 and 2)

The General Assembly

Adopts, as amendments to the staff regulations of the United Nations, the texts annexed to the present resolution. These amendments shall become effective from 1 January 1955.

*515th plenary meeting,
17 December 1954.*

ANNEX

Staff regulation 1.10 (amended text)

The oath or declaration shall be made orally by the Secretary-General and by Under-Secretaries and officials of equivalent rank at a public meeting of the General Assembly and by all other members of the Secretariat before the Secretary-General or his authorized deputy.

Staff regulation 4.5 (a) (amended text)

Appointments of Under-Secretaries and officials of equivalent rank shall normally be for a period of five years, subject to prolongation or renewal. Other staff members shall be granted either permanent or temporary appointments under such terms and conditions consistent with these regulations as the Secretary-General may prescribe.

Annex I to the staff regulations, paragraph 1 (amended text)

An Under-Secretary or an official of equivalent rank shall receive as basic remuneration a salary of \$US18,000 (subject to the Staff Assessment Plan at the rates laid down in General Assembly resolution 239 (III) of 18 November 1948 and to such changes as may be directed from time to time by the General Assembly, and to salary differentials wherever applied), together with an allowance of \$US3,500.

Under-Secretaries or officials of equivalent rank shall not be entitled to education and children's allowances but shall, if otherwise eligible, receive other allowances and benefits which are available to staff members generally.

Annex I to the staff regulations, paragraph 2 (amended text)

The Secretary-General is authorized, on the basis of appropriate justification and/or reporting, to make additional payments to Under-Secretaries and officials of equivalent rank at Headquarters to compensate for such special costs as may be reasonably incurred, in the interest of the Organization, in the performance of duties assigned to them by the Secretary-

General. The maximum total amount of such payments is to be determined in the annual budget by the General Assembly.

888 (IX). Awards of compensation made by the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice

The General Assembly,

Having considered the advisory opinion²⁷ of the International Court of Justice of 13 July 1954 regarding the effect of awards of compensation made by the United Nations Administrative Tribunal, the report²⁸ by the Secretary-General on budgetary arrangements for payment of indemnities and the report²⁹ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,

Considering that under article 11 of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal, the General Assembly can amend that Statute,

Believing that the establishment of procedure for review of the judgments of the Administrative Tribunal requires careful examination,

A

1. *Decides* to take note of the advisory opinion of the Court;

B

2. *Accepts in principle* judicial review of judgments of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal;

3. *Requests* Member States to communicate to the Secretary-General, before 1 July 1955, their views on the establishment of procedure to provide for review of the judgments of the Administrative Tribunal and to submit any suggestions which they may consider useful;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General to consult on this matter with the specialized agencies concerned;

5. *Establishes* a Special Committee composed of Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Cuba, El Salvador, France, India, Iraq, Israel, Norway, Pakistan, Syria, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, to meet at a time to be fixed in consultation with the Secretary-General to study the question of the establishment of such a procedure in all its aspects and to report to the General Assembly at its tenth session;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to notify all Member States of the date on which the Special Committee shall meet;

C

7. *Decides* that:

(a) As from 1 January 1955 there shall be established a Special Indemnity Fund;

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of article 7 of General Assembly resolution 359 (IV) of 10 Decem-

²⁷ See *Effect of awards of compensation made by the United Nations Administrative Tribunal, Advisory Opinion of July 13th, 1954*: I.C.J. Reports 1954, p. 47.

²⁸ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 48, document A/C.5/607.

²⁹ *Ibid.*, document A/2837.

²⁵ See Economic and Social Council resolution 557A (XVIII).

²⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Eighteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 29.

ber 1949 and the provisions of financial regulations 6.1 and 7.1, the Secretary-General is authorized to transfer to the Special Indemnity Fund from the income from staff assessment, as a first charge against such income, on 1 January 1955, an amount of \$250,000 and, on 1 January 1956, such amount as will, when added to the balance remaining in the Fund on that date, bring the credit in the Fund up to an amount of \$250,000;

(c) The Secretary-General is authorized to charge against the Fund all payments to staff members of the United Nations arising out of awards of compensation made in accordance with its Statute by the Administrative Tribunal.

*515th plenary meeting,
17 December 1954.*

889 (IX). Commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the United Nations in 1955

A

The General Assembly,

Recalling that the Charter of the United Nations was signed on 26 June 1945 in the City of San Francisco and that it came into force on 24 October 1945,

Considering that both the tenth anniversary of the signing of the Charter and the tenth anniversary of its coming into force on the date which the General Assembly has designated as United Nations Day provide fitting occasions to promote greater understanding of the purposes and of the work of the United Nations,

1. *Calls upon* the Governments of all Member States and invites the Governments of non-member States to give all appropriate support to programmes in their own countries designed to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the United Nations in 1955;

2. *Invites* the specialized agencies to assist in the observance of the tenth anniversary of the United Nations in 1955.

*515th plenary meeting,
17 December 1954.*

890 (IX). Budget appropriations for the financial year 1955

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the financial year 1955:

1. Appropriations totalling \$US46,963,800 are hereby voted for the following purposes:

A. UNITED NATIONS

Part I. Sessions of the General Assembly, the Councils, Commissions and Committees

<i>Section</i>	<i>Amount in US dollars</i>
1. The General Assembly, Commissions and Committees...	502,700
2. The Security Council, Commissions and Committees....	—
3. The Economic and Social Council, Commissions and Committees	143,100

B

The General Assembly,

Noting the invitation⁸⁰ of the City of San Francisco of 7 December 1954,

1. *Recommends* the acceptance, by the Government of each Member State, of the invitation of the City of San Francisco to hold a commemorative meeting in that City in 1955, and thanks the officials and the people of the City for their hospitality;

2. *Decides* to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the signing of the Charter in the City of San Francisco by arranging a seven-day commemoration, including four days of unofficial meetings of the Members of the United Nations, to be held in San Francisco from 20 to 26 June 1955, the unofficial meetings to be presided over by Mr. Eelco van Kleffens, President of the ninth session of the General Assembly;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with a Committee consisting of the representatives of Belgium, Canada, China, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, France, India, Lebanon, Turkey, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America and in consultation with the civic authorities of the City of San Francisco, to arrange the programme for the commemoration;

4. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to conclude an agreement with the City of San Francisco on the allocation of costs of such a commemoration;

5. *Authorizes* the payment of the travel of one representative of each Member State from the capital of the country or from Headquarters, as the case may be, to San Francisco and return;

6. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to provide the necessary staff and services within the budget approved for the commemoration.

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On the basis of the decision taken by the General Assembly at the same meeting regarding the composition of the Committee appointed under paragraph 3 of resolution 889 B (IX), those Members having permanent seats on the Security Council were included in the membership of the Committee.

⁸⁰ *Ibid.*, agenda item 73, document A/2864, annex I.

<i>Section</i>	<i>Amount in US dollars</i>
3a. Permanent Central Opium Board and Drug Supervisory Body	27,200
3b. Regional Economic Commissions	101,700
4. The Trusteeship Council, Commissions and Committees	100,000
TOTAL, PART I	874,700
 <i>Part II. Special missions and related activities</i>	
5. Special missions and related activities	1,776,100
5a. United Nations Field Service	484,000
TOTAL, PART II	2,260,100
 <i>Part III. Headquarters, New York</i>	
6. Offices of the Secretary-General	2,117,050
6a. Office of Under-Secretaries without Department	76,650
7. Department of Political and Security Council Affairs	657,300
7a. Secretariat of the Military Staff Committee	109,200
8. Department of Economic and Social Affairs	3,687,000
9. Department of Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories	859,200
10. Department of Public Information	2,534,000
10a. Visitors' service	290,000
11. Department of Conference Services	6,236,800
11a. Library	489,000
12. Office of General Services	2,976,150
13. Temporary assistance and consultants	510,000
14. Travel of staff	987,500
15. Common staff costs	3,437,400
16. Common services	3,625,000
17. Permanent equipment	171,600
TOTAL, PART III	28,763,850
 <i>Part IV. European Office of the United Nations</i>	
18. European Office of the United Nations (excluding direct costs, chapter III, joint secretariat of the Permanent Central Opium Board and Drug Supervisory Body) ...	4,666,800
Chapter III, joint secretariat of the Permanent Central Opium Board and Drug Supervisory Body	54,500
	4,721,300
19. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	685,000
TOTAL, PART IV	5,406,300
 <i>Part V. Information centres</i>	
20. Information centres (other than the information services, European Office of the United Nations)	905,100
TOTAL, PART V	905,100
 <i>Part VI. Secretariats of the Regional Economic Commissions (other than the Economic Commission for Europe)</i>	
21. Secretariat of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East	1,152,800
22. Secretariat of the Economic Commission for Latin America	970,700
TOTAL, PART VI	2,123,500

		<i>Amount in US dollars</i>	
<i>Part VII. Hospitality</i>			
<i>Section</i>			
23.	Hospitality		20,000
23a.	Special payments under annex I, paragraph 2, of the staff regulations		50,000
	TOTAL, PART VII		70,000
 <i>Part VIII. Contractual printing</i>			
24.	Official Records (excluding chapter V, Permanent Central Opium Board and Drug Supervisory Body)	704,910	
	Chapter V, Permanent Central Opium Board and Drug Supervisory Body	11,190	
25.	Publications	716,100	
		700,000	
	TOTAL, PART VIII		1,416,100
 <i>Part IX. Technical programmes</i>			
26.	Technical Assistance Administration	386,700	
27.	Economic development	479,400	
28.	Social activities	768,500	
29.	Public administration	145,000	
	TOTAL, PART IX		1,779,600
 <i>Part X. Special expenses</i>			
30.	Transfer of the assets of the League of Nations to the United Nations	649,500	
31.	Amortization of the Headquarters construction loan ...	2,000,000	
	TOTAL, PART X		2,649,500
 <i>Part XI. Joint Staff Pension Board and United Nations Staff Pension Committee</i>			
32.	Joint Staff Pension Board and United Nations Staff Pension Committee	117,600	
	TOTAL, PART XI		117,600
 B. THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE			
<i>Part XII. The International Court of Justice</i>			
33.	The International Court of Justice	600,450	
	TOTAL, PART XII		600,450
34.	Global reductions in respect of upgradings of established posts	—(3,000)	
			—(3,000)
	GRAND TOTAL		46,963,800

2. The appropriations voted by paragraph 1 above shall be financed by contributions from Members after adjustment as provided by the Financial Regulations, subject to the provision of paragraph 1 of the resolution³¹ relating to the Working Capital Fund. For

³¹ See resolution 892 (IX), p. 47.

this purpose, miscellaneous income for the financial year 1955 is estimated at \$US6,832,600;

3. The Secretary-General is authorized:

(a) To administer as a unit the following appropriations:

(i) Provisions under section 3a; section 18, chapter III; and section 24, chapter V;

(ii) Provisions under section 10; section 18, chapter II; section 20; and in respect of section 25 for items relating to public information;

(iii) Provisions under sections 24 and 25;

(b) To apply the reduction under section 34 to various sections of the budget;

(c) With the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to transfer credits between sections of the budget;

4. In addition to the appropriations voted by paragraph 1 above, an amount of \$US13,000 is hereby appropriated for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment, from the income of the Library Endowment Fund, in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

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891 (IX). Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the financial year 1955

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the financial year 1955,

The Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, is authorized to enter into commitments to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses; provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(a) Such commitments not exceeding a total of \$US 2 million if the Secretary-General certifies that they relate to the maintenance of peace and security or to urgent economic rehabilitation;

(b) Such commitments as are required for the *Ad Hoc* Commission on Prisoners of War;

(c) Such commitments as may be required for the United Nations Good Offices Commission on the treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa;

(d) Such commitments as are required for the convening of an international conference on the peaceful uses of atomic energy;

(e) Such commitments not exceeding a total of \$US165,000 as are required for the purchase of Korean service medals;

(f) Such commitments not exceeding a total of \$US25,000 as are occasioned by the holding of an inter-governmental commodity conference;

(g) Such commitments, duly certified by the President of the International Court of Justice, relating to expenses occasioned:

(i) By the designation of *ad hoc* judges (Statute, Article 31),

(ii) By the appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30), or by the calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Article 50),

(iii) By the maintenance in office of judges who have not been re-elected (Statute, Article 13, paragraph 3),

(iv) By the holding of sessions of the Court away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22),

(v) By the payment of travel and removal expenses of judges not re-elected, and travel and removal expenses of new members of the Court,

(vi) By the payment, as necessary, to judges of pensions not awarded prior to 15 July 1954, and not exceeding \$24,000, \$25,000, \$40,000, \$75,000, \$4,000 and \$26,000 respectively under each of the above six headings;

(h) Such commitments not exceeding a total of \$18,000 as may be required in the event of the coming into force during 1955 of the Protocol³² for Limiting and Regulating the Cultivation of the Poppy Plant, the Production of, International and Wholesale Trade in, and Use of Opium;

(i) Such commitments not exceeding a total of \$15,000 as are occasioned by the convening of the international technical conference on the conservation of the living resources of the sea;

The Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee and to the General Assembly, at its next regular session, all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to General Assembly in respect of such commitments.

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17 December 1954.*

892 (IX). Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1955

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. The Working Capital Fund shall be maintained to 31 December 1955 at the amount of \$US21,500,000, to be derived:

(a) As to \$20,000,000 from cash advances by Members in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of the present resolution;

(b) As to \$1,500,000 by previous transfer from surplus account as follows:

(i) \$1,239,203, being the balance of surplus account as at 31 December 1950 not already applied against Members' assessments for 1951, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 585 A (VI) of 21 December 1951;

(ii) \$260,797, as part of the balance of surplus account as at 31 December 1951 not already applied against Members' assessments for 1952, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 676 (VII) of 21 December 1952;

2. Members shall make cash advances to the Working Capital Fund as required under paragraph 1 (a) above in accordance with the scale adopted³³ by the General Assembly for contributions of Members to the tenth annual budget;

3. There shall be set off against this new allocation of advances the amounts paid by Members to the Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1954,

³² See United Nations publications, Sales No.: 1953.XI.6.

³³ See resolution 876 (IX), p. 37.

under General Assembly resolution 788 (VIII) of 9 December 1953, provided that, should such advance paid by any Member to the Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1954 exceed the amount of that Member's advance under the provision of paragraph 2 hereof, the excess shall be set off against the amount of contributions payable by that Member in respect of the tenth annual budget, or any previous budget;

4. The Secretary-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund:

(a) Such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for the purpose;

(b) Such sums as may be necessary to finance commitments which may be duly authorized under the provisions of the resolution³⁴ relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses. The Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund;

(c) Such sums as, together with net sums outstanding for the same purposes, do not exceed \$125,000, to continue the revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities. Advances in excess of the total of \$125,000 may be made with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. The Secretary-General shall submit, with the annual accounts, an explanation of the outstanding balance of the revolving fund at the end of each year;

(d) Loans to specialized agencies and preparatory commissions of agencies to be established by inter-governmental agreement under the auspices of the United Nations to finance their work, pending receipt by the agencies concerned of sufficient contributions under their own budgets. In making such loans, which shall normally be repayable within two years, the Secretary-General shall have regard to the proposed financial resources of the agency concerned, and shall obtain the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for any cash issues which would increase the aggregate balance outstanding (including amounts previously advanced and outstanding) at any one time to an amount in excess of \$1,500,000 and for any issue which would increase the balance outstanding (including amounts previously advanced and outstanding) in respect of any one agency to an amount in excess of \$500,000;

(e) Such sums not exceeding \$35,000 as may be required to finance payments of advance insurance premiums where the period of insurance extends beyond the end of the financial year in which payment is made. This amount may be increased with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. The Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates of each year, during the life of the related policies, to cover the charges applicable to each such year.

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17 December 1954.*

³⁴ See resolution 891 (IX), p. 47.

893 (IX). Use of income derived from the Staff Assessment Plan

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report³⁵ of the Secretary-General entitled "Use of income derived from the Staff Assessment Plan" and the report³⁶ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon,

Having regard to the deliberations of the Fifth Committee on this subject during the ninth session of the General Assembly,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his negotiations with those Member States which have not yet become Parties to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations or adopted alternative measures under which appropriate relief would be granted to all United Nations officials in so far as national income taxation is concerned, and to submit a report thereon as soon as possible before the opening of the tenth session of the General Assembly, together with the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on that report;

2. *Decides* to postpone to the tenth session of the General Assembly further consideration of measures to be taken by the Assembly towards a solution of the problem.

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17 December 1954.*

894 (IX). Increase in the dependency credit under the Staff Assessment Plan for the staff at Headquarters

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that an inequity of treatment exists under the Staff Assessment Plan between staff members with dependants and those without dependants,

Resolves that, as a temporary measure, notwithstanding article 4 of General Assembly resolution 359 (IV) of 10 December 1949, the following dependency credits shall be given between 1 January 1955 and 31 December 1955 to staff members stationed at Headquarters or at Washington, D.C.:

(a) A credit at the rate of \$200 per annum shall be granted for a wife, or a dependent husband, or a dependent parent, brother or sister, or a dependent child, or a mentally or physically incapacitated child over 16 years of age;

(b) An additional credit at the rate of \$100 per annum shall be granted for each dependent child for whom credit has not been granted under paragraph (a) above.

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³⁵ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Annexes, agenda item 38, document A/C.5/584.*

³⁶ *Ibid.*, document A/2799.

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895 (IX). Question of defining aggression

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 599 (VI) of 31 January 1952 and 688 (VII) of 20 December 1952,

Considering that the discussions to which the question of defining aggression gave rise at the ninth session of the General Assembly have revealed the need to co-ordinate the views expressed by the States Members,

1. *Decides* to establish a Special Committee comprising one representative of each of the following States Members: China, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, France, Iraq, Israel, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Syria, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Yugoslavia, which will meet at United Nations Headquarters in 1956;

2. *Requests* the Special Committee to submit to the General Assembly at its eleventh session a detailed report followed by a draft definition of aggression, having regard to the ideas expressed at the ninth session of the General Assembly and to the draft resolutions and amendments submitted;

3. *Decides* to place the question on the provisional agenda of the eleventh session of the General Assembly.

*504th plenary meeting,
4 December 1954.*

896 (IX). Elimination or reduction of future statelessness

The General Assembly,

Considering that the International Law Commission included¹ the topic "Nationality, including statelessness" in its list of topics of international law provisionally selected for codification,

¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourth Session, Supplement No. 10*, para. 16.

Considering that, at the request² of the Economic and Social Council, the International Law Commission has given priority to this item,

Noting that the International Law Commission, at its fifth session in 1953, proposed³ a draft Convention on the Elimination of Future Statelessness and a draft Convention on the Reduction of Future Statelessness, and invited Governments to submit their comments thereon,

Considering that comments were received from fifteen Governments, which comments were published in an annex to the report⁴ of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixth session,

Considering that the Economic and Social Council has approved⁵ the principles of the two draft Conventions,

Considering that the International Law Commission revised, in the light of the comments received from Governments, the above-mentioned draft Conventions and submitted⁶ the revised drafts to the General Assembly,

Recognizing the importance of reducing and, if possible, eliminating future statelessness by international agreement,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* for the work of the International Law Commission in this field;

2. *Expresses its desire* that an international conference of plenipotentiaries be convened to conclude

² See Economic and Social Council, resolution 319 B (XI), section III.

³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 9*, chapter IV.

⁴ *Ibid.*, *Ninth Session, Supplement No. 9*.

⁵ See Economic and Social Council, resolution 526 B (XVII).

⁶ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 9*.

a convention for the reduction or elimination of future statelessness as soon as at least twenty States have communicated to the Secretary-General their willingness to co-operate in such a conference;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To communicate, together with the present resolution, the revised draft Conventions to Member States and to each non-member State which is or hereafter becomes a member of one or more of the specialized agencies of the United Nations or which is or hereafter becomes a Party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice;

(b) To fix the exact time and place for the conference, to issue invitations to those States to which the revised draft Conventions have been communicated and to take all other measures for the convening of the conference and for its operation in case the condition stated in paragraph 2 above is met;

(c) To report on the matter to the General Assembly at its eleventh session;

4. *Requests* Governments of States to which reference is made in paragraph 3, sub-paragraph (a) above, to give early consideration to the merits of a multilateral convention on the elimination or reduction of future statelessness.

*504th plenary meeting,
4 December 1954.*

897 (IX). Draft Code of Offences against the Peace and Security of Mankind

The General Assembly,

Considering that the draft Code of Offences against the Peace and Security of Mankind, as formulated in chapter III of the report⁷ of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixth session, raises problems closely related to that of the definition of aggression,

Considering that, by its resolution 895 (IX) of 4 December 1954, the General Assembly decided to entrust to a Special Committee of nineteen Member States the task of preparing and submitting to the General Assembly at its eleventh session a detailed report on the question of defining aggression and a draft definition of aggression,

Decides to postpone further consideration of the draft Code of Offences against the Peace and Security of Mankind until the Special Committee on the question of defining aggression has submitted its report.

*504th plenary meeting,
4 December 1954.*

898 (IX). International criminal jurisdiction

The General Assembly,

Having received the report⁸ of the 1953 Committee on International Criminal Jurisdiction to which a revised draft statute for an international criminal court is annexed,

Considering the connexion between the question of defining aggression, the draft Code of Offences against the Peace and Security of Mankind, and the question of an international criminal jurisdiction,

⁷ *Ibid.*

⁸ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12.

Considering that the General Assembly has established⁹ a new Special Committee on the question of defining aggression to submit to the General Assembly at its eleventh session a detailed report with a draft definition of aggression, and that it has also postponed¹⁰ consideration of the draft Code until the Special Committee has submitted its report, so that the question of the draft Code will also be included in the provisional agenda of the eleventh session,

Considering that, after the General Assembly has examined the Special Committee's report and the draft Code, an interval should be allowed before it resumes consideration of the question of an international criminal jurisdiction in order to give Governments sufficient time duly to consider the influence and effect of the first two questions in relation to the question of an international criminal jurisdiction,

1. *Thanks* the 1953 Committee on International Criminal Jurisdiction for the efforts it has made in carrying out its terms of reference;

2. *Decides* to postpone consideration of the question of an international criminal jurisdiction until the General Assembly has taken up the report of the Special Committee on the question of defining aggression and has taken up again the draft Code of Offences against the Peace and Security of Mankind.

*512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

899 (IX). Draft articles on the continental shelf

The General Assembly,

Considering that the International Law Commission in its report¹¹ on the work of its fifth session submitted for the consideration of the General Assembly draft articles on the continental shelf,

Believing that consideration by the General Assembly of the régime of the high seas, the régime of territorial waters and all related problems should be undertaken without undue delay,

Recalling that, in resolution 798 (VIII) of 7 December 1953, the General Assembly, having regard to the fact that the problems relating to the high seas, territorial waters, contiguous zones, the continental shelf and the superjacent waters were closely linked together juridically as well as physically, decided not to deal with any aspect of those matters until all the problems involved had been studied by the International Law Commission and reported upon by it to the General Assembly,

1. *Requests* the International Law Commission to devote the necessary time to the study of the régime of the high seas, the régime of territorial waters and all related problems in order to complete its work on these topics and submit its final report in time for the General Assembly to consider them as a whole, in accordance with resolution 798 (VIII), at its eleventh session;

2. *Decides* to include the final report of the International Law Commission on these topics in the provisional agenda for the eleventh session of the General Assembly.

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14 December 1954.*

⁹ See resolution 895 (IX), p. 49.

¹⁰ See resolution 897 (IX), above.

¹¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 9*, chapter III.

900 (IX). International technical conference on the conservation of the living resources of the sea

The General Assembly,

Considering that the International Law Commission has proposed for the consideration of the General Assembly draft articles ¹² covering certain basic aspects of the international regulation of fisheries, and considering also that that Commission has not yet concluded its study of related questions,

Having regard to the fact that the problem of the international conservation of fisheries involves matters of a technical character which require consideration on a wide international basis by qualified experts,

Being of the opinion that an international technical conference should be held in the near future to consider the problem of fishery conservation and make recommendations thereon,

Recalling that, by resolution 798 (VIII) of 7 December 1953, the General Assembly, having regard to the fact that the problems relating to the high seas, territorial waters, contiguous zones, the continental shelf and the superjacent waters are closely linked together juridically as well as physically, decided, consequently, not to deal with any aspect of those topics until all the problems involved had been studied by the International Law Commission and reported upon by it to the General Assembly,

Having regard to the fact that the technical studies relating to the conservation, protection and regulation of fisheries and other resources of the sea are also closely linked to the solution of the problems mentioned in the preceding paragraph,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene an international technical conference at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on 18 April 1955 to study the problem of the international conservation of the living resources of the sea and to make appropriate scientific and technical recommendations which shall take into account the principles of the present resolution and shall not prejudice the related problems awaiting consideration by the General Assembly;

2. *Invites* all States Members of the United Nations and States members of the specialized agencies to participate in the conference and to include among their representatives individual experts competent in the field of fishery conservation and regulation;

3. *Invites* the interested specialized agencies and inter-governmental organizations concerned with problems of the international conservation of the living

resources of the sea, to send observers to the conference;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to arrange for the necessary staff and facilities which would be required for the conference, it being understood that the technical services of Governments of Member States and the technical and secretarial services of the Food and Agriculture Organization shall be utilized as fully as practicable in the arrangements for such a conference;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to circulate the report of the conference for information to the Governments of all States invited to participate in the conference;

6. *Decides* to refer the report of the said scientific and technical conference to the International Law Commission as a further technical contribution to be taken into account in its study of the questions to be dealt with in the final report which it is to prepare pursuant to resolution 899 (IX) of 14 December 1954.

*512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

901 (IX). Question of the correction of votes in the General Assembly and its Committees

The General Assembly,

Considering that the rules of procedure of the General Assembly contain no rule on the announcement by the President of the results of votes or the circumstances in which representatives of States Members may be permitted to correct the positions taken by them during a ballot,

Believing that it is desirable that this question should be studied and settled,

Believing that for this purpose it would be useful to obtain information concerning the existing rules and the generally accepted practices of other inter-governmental organizations and of national legislative assemblies,

Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its tenth session a report:

(a) On the terms and application of the rules which in other inter-governmental organizations and in parliaments govern the announcement of the results of votes, on the conditions subject to which corrections are admitted and on the consequences of such corrections;

(b) On possible provisions designed to prevent and correct any mistakes which might occur during the voting procedure in the General Assembly and its Committees.

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14 December 1954.*

¹² *Ibid.*, paragraph 94.



RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON THE REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

902 (IX). Completion of the work of the ninth session of the General Assembly

Whereas the General Assembly, on 25 September 1954, fixed 10 December 1954 as the closing date for its ninth session,

Whereas the programme of work of the session and the progress achieved, to date require a reconsideration of that decision,

The General Assembly

1. *Requests* the Committees to do their utmost to expedite consideration of the items remaining on their agenda;
2. *Resolves* to amend its decision of 25 September in order that meetings may be continued beyond 10 December as necessary;
3. *Decides* to close the ninth session not later than 18 December 1954.

*506th plenary meeting,
9 December 1954.*



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903 (IX). Question of the representation of China in the General Assembly

The General Assembly

Decides not to consider, at its ninth regular session during the current year, any proposals to exclude the representatives of the Government of the Republic of China or to seat representatives of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China.

*473th plenary meeting,
21 September 1954.*

904 (IX). Voting procedure on questions relating to reports and petitions concerning the Territory of South West Africa: request for an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice

The General Assembly,

Having accepted, by resolution 449 A (V) of 13 December 1950, the advisory opinion¹ of the International Court of Justice of 11 July 1950 with respect to South West Africa,

Having regard, in particular, to the Court's opinion on the general question, namely, "that South-West Africa is a territory under the international Mandate assumed by the Union of South Africa on December 17th, 1920", and to the Court's opinion on question (a), namely, "that the Union of South Africa continues to have the international obligations stated in Article 22 of the Covenant of the League of Nations and in the Mandate for South-West Africa as well as the obligation to transmit petitions from the inhabitants of that Territory, the supervisory functions to be exercised by the United Nations, to which the annual reports and the petitions are to be submitted, and the reference to the Permanent Court of International

Justice to be replaced by a reference to the International Court of Justice, in accordance with Article 7 of the Mandate and Article 37 of the Statute of the Court;"

Having expressed, in resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953, its opinion "that without United Nations supervision the inhabitants of the Territory are deprived of the international supervision envisaged by the Covenant of the League of Nations" and its belief "that it would not fulfil its obligation towards the inhabitants of South West Africa if it were not to assume the supervisory responsibilities with regard to the Territory of South West Africa which were formerly exercised by the League of Nations",

Having regard to the opinion of the International Court of Justice that "The degree of supervision to be exercised by the General Assembly should not... exceed that which applied under the Mandates System, and should conform as far as possible to the procedure followed in this respect by the Council of the League of Nations" and that "These observations are particularly applicable to annual reports and petitions",

Having adopted, by resolution 844 (IX) of 11 October 1954, a special rule F on the voting procedure to be followed by the General Assembly in taking decisions on questions relating to reports and petitions concerning the Territory of South West Africa,

Having adopted this rule in a desire "to apply, as far as possible, and pending the conclusion of an agreement between the United Nations and the Union of South Africa, the procedure followed in that respect by the Council of the League of Nations",

Considering that some elucidation of the advisory opinion is desirable,

Requests the International Court of Justice to give an advisory opinion on the following questions:

"(a) Is the following rule on the voting procedure to be followed by the General Assembly a correct

¹ See *International Status of South West Africa, Advisory Opinion: I.C.J. Reports 1950*, p. 128.

interpretation of the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice of 11 July 1950:

“Decisions of the General Assembly on questions relating to reports and petitions concerning the Territory of South West Africa shall be regarded as important questions within the meaning of Article 18, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations.”

“(b) If this interpretation of the advisory opinion of the Court is not correct, what voting procedure should be followed by the General Assembly in taking decisions on questions relating to reports and petitions concerning the Territory of South West Africa?”

*501st plenary meeting,
23 November 1954.*

905 (IX). Report of the Security Council

The General Assembly

Takes note of the report² of the Security Council to the General Assembly covering the period from 16 July 1953 to 15 July 1954.

*503rd plenary meeting,
4 December 1954.*

906 (IX). Complaint of detention and imprisonment of United Nations military personnel in violation of the Korean Armistice Agreement

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item proposed by the United States of America as the Unified Command regarding eleven members of the United States armed forces under the United Nations Command captured by Chinese forces when undertaking a mission on 12 January 1953, at the direction of the United Nations Command,

² See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 2.*

Recalling the provisions of article III of the Korean Armistice Agreement³ regarding the repatriation of prisoners of war,

1. *Declares* that the detention and imprisonment of the eleven American airmen, members of the United Nations Command, referred to in document A/2830,⁴ and the detention of all other captured personnel of the United Nations Command desiring repatriation is a violation of the Korean Armistice Agreement;

2. *Condemns*, as contrary to the Korean Armistice Agreement, the trial and conviction of prisoners of war illegally detained after 25 September 1953;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the name of the United Nations, to seek the release, in accordance with the Korean Armistice Agreement, of these eleven United Nations Command personnel, and all other captured personnel of the United Nations Command still detained;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make, by the means most appropriate in his judgment, continuing and unremitting efforts to this end and to report progress to all Members on or before 31 December 1954.

*509th plenary meeting,
10 December 1954.*

907 (IX). Appointment of members of the Peace Observation Commission

The General Assembly

Appoints as members of the Peace Observation Commission, for the calendar years 1955 and 1956, the following fourteen States Members: China, Czechoslovakia, France, Honduras, India, Iraq, Israel, New Zealand, Pakistan, Sweden, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Uruguay.

*510th plenary meeting,
11 December 1954.*

³ See *Official Records of the Security Council, Eighth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1953, document S/3079.*

⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Annexes, agenda item 72.*