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APPOINTMENT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The General Assembly decided that the Credentials Committee appointed for the first emergency special session should also serve for the second emergency special session.¹

The Committee was constituted as follows: AFGHANISTAN, AUSTRALIA, COLOMBIA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, FRANCE, INDONESIA, IRAQ, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

*564th plenary meeting,
4 November 1956.*

PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS

In accordance with rule 65 of the rules of procedure, the President and Vice-Presidents were as follows:

(a) *President of the General Assembly:*

His Excellency Mr. Rudecindo Ortega (Chile).

(b) *Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly:*

The representatives of the following Member States: CHINA, ETHIOPIA, FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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AGENDA

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Chile.
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.
3. Appointment of a Credentials Committee.
4. Adoption of the agenda.
5. The situation in Hungary.²

¹ For the resolution adopted on the report of the Credentials Committee, see page 1.

² In accordance with rule 65 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly met in plenary session only and considered the item without reference to a Committee.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON THE REPORT OF
THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

**996 (ES-I and II). Credentials of representatives to the first and second
emergency special sessions of the General Assembly**

The General Assembly

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.⁸

*571st plenary meeting,
9 November 1956.*

⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, First Emergency Special Session, Annexes, agenda item 3, document A/3321.*

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED WITHOUT REFERENCE TO A COMMITTEE

The situation in Hungary

Resolution 1004 (ES-II)

The General Assembly,

Considering that the United Nations is based on the principle of the sovereign equality of all its Members,

Recalling that the enjoyment of human rights and of fundamental freedom in Hungary was specifically guaranteed by the Peace Treaty between Hungary and the Allied and Associated Powers signed at Paris on 10 February 1947, and that the general principle of these rights and this freedom is affirmed for all peoples in the Charter of the United Nations,

Convinced that recent events in Hungary manifest clearly the desire of the Hungarian people to exercise and to enjoy fully their fundamental rights, freedom and independence,

Condemning the use of Soviet military forces to suppress the efforts of the Hungarian people to reassert their rights,

Noting moreover the declaration of 30 October 1956 by the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics of its avowed policy of non-intervention in the internal affairs of other States,

Noting the communication of 1 November 1956⁴ of the Government of Hungary to the Secretary-General regarding demands made by that Government to the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics for the instant and immediate withdrawal of Soviet forces,

Noting further the communication of 2 November 1956⁵ from the Government of Hungary to the Secretary-General asking the Security Council to instruct the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Government of Hungary to start negotiations immediately on the withdrawal of Soviet forces,

Noting that the intervention of Soviet military forces in Hungary has resulted in grave loss of life and widespread bloodshed among the Hungarian people,

Taking note of the radio appeal of Prime Minister Imre Nagy of 4 November 1956,

1. *Calls upon* the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to desist forthwith from all armed attack on the people of Hungary and from any form of intervention, in particular armed intervention, in the internal affairs of Hungary;

2. *Calls upon* the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to cease the introduction of additional armed forces into Hungary and to withdraw all of its forces without delay from Hungarian territory;

⁴ *Ibid.*, Second Emergency Special Session, Annexes, agenda item 5, document A/3251.

⁵ *Official Records of the Security Council, Eleventh Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1956, document S/3726.*

3. *Affirms* the right of the Hungarian people to a government responsive to its national aspirations and dedicated to its independence and well-being;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to investigate the situation caused by foreign intervention in Hungary, to observe the situation directly through representatives named by him, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at the earliest moment, and as soon as possible to suggest methods to bring an end to the foreign intervention in Hungary in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

5. *Calls upon* the Government of Hungary and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to permit observers designated by the Secretary-General to enter the territory of Hungary, to travel freely therein, and to report their findings to the Secretary-General;

6. *Calls upon* all Members of the United Nations to co-operate with the Secretary-General and his representatives in the execution of his functions;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General in consultation with the heads of appropriate specialized agencies to inquire, on an urgent basis, into the needs of the Hungarian people for food, medicine and other similar supplies, and to report to the General Assembly as soon as possible;

8. *Requests* all Members of the United Nations, and invites national and international humanitarian organizations to co-operate in making available such supplies as may be required by the Hungarian people.

*564th plenary meeting,
4 November 1956.*

Resolution 1005 (ES-II)

The General Assembly,

Noting with deep concern that the provisions of its resolution 1004 (ES-II) of 4 November 1956 have not yet been carried out and that the violent repression by the Soviet forces of the efforts of the Hungarian people to achieve freedom and independence continues,

Convinced that the recent events in Hungary manifest clearly the desire of the Hungarian people to exercise and to enjoy fully their fundamental rights, freedom and independence,

Considering that foreign intervention in Hungary is an intolerable attempt to deny to the Hungarian people the exercise and the enjoyment of such rights, freedom and independence, and in particular to deny to the Hungarian people the right to a government freely elected and representing their national aspirations,

Considering that the repression undertaken by the Soviet forces in Hungary constitutes a violation of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Peace Treaty between Hungary and the Allied and Associated Powers,

Considering that the immediate withdrawal of the Soviet forces from Hungarian territory is necessary,

1. *Calls again upon* the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to withdraw its forces from Hungary without any further delay;

2. *Considers* that free elections should be held in Hungary under United Nations auspices, as soon as law and order have been restored, to enable the people of Hungary to determine for themselves the form of government they wish to establish in their country;

3. *Reaffirms* its request to the Secretary-General to continue to investigate, through representatives named by him, the situation caused by foreign intervention in Hungary and to report at the earliest possible moment to the General Assembly;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report in the shortest possible time to the General Assembly on compliance herewith.

571st plenary meeting,
9 November 1956.

Resolution 1006 (ES-II)

The General Assembly,

I

Considering that the military authorities of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics are interfering with the transportation and distribution of food and medical supplies urgently needed by the civilian population in Hungary,

1. *Calls upon* the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to cease immediately actions against the Hungarian population which are in violation of the accepted standards and principles of international law, justice and morality;

2. *Calls upon* the Hungarian authorities to facilitate, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics not to interfere with, the receipt and distribution of food and medical supplies to the Hungarian people and to co-operate fully with the United Nations and its specialized agencies, as well as with other international organizations such as the International Red Cross, to provide humanitarian assistance to the people of Hungary;

3. *Urges* the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Hungarian authorities to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General and his duly appointed representatives in the carrying out of the tasks referred to above.

II

Considering that, as a result of the harsh and repressive action of the Soviet armed forces, increasingly

large numbers of refugees are being obliged to leave Hungary and to seek asylum in neighbouring countries,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to call upon the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to consult with other appropriate international agencies and interested Governments with a view to making speedy and effective arrangements for emergency assistance to refugees from Hungary;

2. *Urges* Member States to make special contributions for this purpose.

571st plenary meeting,
9 November 1956.

Resolution 1007 (ES-II)

The General Assembly,

Considering the extreme suffering to which the Hungarian people are subjected,

Urgently wishing effectively to eliminate this suffering,

Convinced that humanitarian duties can be fulfilled most effectively through the international co-operation stipulated in Article 1, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Resolves* to undertake on a large scale immediate aid for the affected territories by furnishing medical supplies, foodstuffs and clothes;

2. *Calls upon* all Member States to participate to the greatest extent possible in this relief action;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake immediately the necessary measures;

4. *Urgently appeals* to all countries concerned to give full assistance to the Secretary-General in the implementation of this task.

571st plenary meeting,
9 November 1956.

Resolution 1008 (ES-II)

The General Assembly,

1. *Decides* to place on the provisional agenda of its eleventh regular session, as a matter of priority, the question on the agenda of its second emergency special session;

2. *Refers* to its eleventh regular session for consideration the records of the meetings and the documents of its second emergency special session;

3. *Decides* that, notwithstanding paragraph 1 above, the second emergency special session may continue to consider the question, if necessary, prior to the eleventh regular session of the Assembly.

573rd plenary meeting,
10 November 1956.