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APPOINTMENT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

(Item 3 (a))

In accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly appointed a Credentials Committee to examine the credentials of representatives.¹

The Committee was constituted as follows: BURMA, CANADA, ICELAND, LIBERIA, NICARAGUA, PANAMA, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

*678th plenary meeting,
17 September 1957.*

COMPOSITION OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

(Items 4, 5, 6 and 67)

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

President of the General Assembly:

Sir Leslie Munro (New Zealand).

*678th plenary meeting,
17 September 1957.*

*Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly:*²

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

*679th and 704th plenary meetings,
18 September and 8 October 1957.*

Chairman of the seven Main Committees of the General Assembly:

First Committee: Mr. Djalal Abdoh (Iran);

Special Political Committee: Mr. Emilio Arenales Catalán (Guatemala);

Second Committee: Mr. Jiří Nosek (Czechoslovakia);

Third Committee: Mrs. Aase Lionæs (Norway);

Fourth Committee: Mr. Thanat Khoman (Thailand);

Fifth Committee: Mr. W. H. J. van Asch van Wijck (Netherlands);

Sixth Committee: Mr. Santiago Pérez-Pérez (Venezuela).

*679th plenary meeting,
18 September 1957.*

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

² At its 702nd plenary meeting on 7 October 1957, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its third report (A/3689), to include in the agenda the item entitled "Question of the establishment on an *ad hoc* basis of a ninth vice-presidency for the twelfth session of the General Assembly". The Assembly further decided to elect the ninth Vice-President in plenary meeting, without reference to a Committee; at its 704th plenary meeting on 8 October 1957, it elected the representative of Spain as the ninth Vice-President for the twelfth session.

ELECTION OF THREE NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL

(Item 14)

The General Assembly elected three non-permanent members to the Security Council to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of AUSTRALIA, CUBA and PHILIPPINES.

The following States were elected: CANADA, JAPAN and PANAMA.

*695th plenary meeting,
1 October 1957.*

ELECTION OF SIX MEMBERS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

(Item 15)

The General Assembly elected six members to the Economic and Social Council to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of ARGENTINA, CHINA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, EGYPT, FRANCE and NETHERLANDS.

The following States were elected: CHILE, CHINA, COSTA RICA, FRANCE, NETHERLANDS and SUDAN.

*695th plenary meeting,
1 October 1957.*

ELECTION OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

(Item 16)

The General Assembly and the Security Council, voting independently, elected five members to the International Court of Justice to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of the following judges:

Mr. Abdel Hamid Badawi (Egypt);
Mr. V. K. Wellington Koo (China);
Mr. John E. Read (Canada);
Mr. Bohdan Winiarski (Poland);
Mr. Milovan Zoričić (Yugoslavia);

The following members were elected:

Mr. Abdel Hamid Badawi (Egypt);
Mr. V. K. Wellington Koo (China);
Sir Percy Spender (Australia);
Mr. Jean Spiropoulos (Greece);
Mr. Bohdan Winiarski (Poland).

*695th and 696th plenary meetings,
1 October 1957.*

NOMINATION OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

(Item 17)

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Security Council, appointed Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld as Secretary-General of the United Nations for a new five-year term of office.³

*690th plenary meeting,
26 September 1957.*

³ See resolution 1229 (XII).

ALLOCATION OF AGENDA ITEMS⁴

Plenary meetings

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Thailand (item 1).
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (item 2).
3. Credentials of representatives to the twelfth session of the General Assembly (item 3):
 - (a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee.
 - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Election of the President (item 4).
5. Constitution of the Main Committees and election of officers (item 5).
6. Election of Vice-President (item 6).
7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter (item 7).⁵
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, VIII and IX) (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 five members of the International Court of Justice (item 16).
16. Appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations (item 17).
17. Draft relationship agreement between the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency: report of the Advisory Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy (item 18).
18. Report of the Committee on arrangements for a conference for the purpose of reviewing the Charter (item 22).
19. The question of Hungary (item 63).⁶
20. Clearance of the Suez Canal: report of the Secretary-General (item 64).
21. United Nations Emergency Force: report of the Secretary-General (item 65).

⁴ Unless otherwise indicated, all the items formed part of the agenda recommended by the General Committee in its first report (A/3670) and adopted by the General Assembly at its 682nd, 684th and 686th plenary meetings on 20, 23 and 24 September 1957. At its 682nd plenary meeting and at its 696th plenary meeting on 1 October 1957, the General Assembly adopted the recommendations of the General Committee on the allocation of agenda items.

⁵ At its 682nd plenary meeting on 20 September 1957, the General Assembly took note of the communication dated 16 September 1957 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly (A/3667).

⁶ On 9 December 1957, the General Assembly's Special Representative on the Hungarian Problem, appointed by resolution 1133 (XI) of 14 September 1957, submitted a report (A/3774). Statements on the report were made at the 731st plenary meeting of the General Assembly on 14 December 1957.

22. Question of the establishment on an *ad hoc* basis of a ninth vice-presidency for the twelfth session of the General Assembly (item 67).⁷
23. Complaint about threats to the security of Syria and to international peace (item 69).⁸

First Committee

POLITICAL AND SECURITY (INCLUDING THE REGULATION OF ARMAMENTS)

1. The Korean question: report of the United Nations Commission on the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea (item 23).
2. Regulation, limitation and balanced reduction of all armed forces and all armaments; conclusion of an international convention (treaty) on the reduction of armaments and the prohibition of atomic, hydrogen and other weapons of mass destruction (item 24).⁹
 - (a) Report of the Disarmament Commission;
 - (b) Expansion of the membership of the Disarmament Commission and of its Sub-Committee;
 - (c) Collective action to inform and enlighten the peoples of the world as to the dangers of the armaments race, and particularly as to the destructive effects of modern weapons;
 - (d) Discontinuance under international control of tests of atomic and hydrogen weapons.
3. Effects of atomic radiation (item 57).
4. The Cyprus question (item 58).
5. The question of Algeria (item 59).
6. The question of West Irian (West New Guinea) (item 62).
7. Declaration concerning the peaceful coexistence of States (item 66).¹⁰

Special Political Committee

1. Admission of new Members to the United Nations (item 25).¹¹
2. The question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of *apartheid* of the Government of the Union of South Africa (item 60).

⁷ See footnote 2, p. viii.

⁸ At its 706th plenary meeting on 18 October 1957, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its fifth report (A/3702), to include the item in the agenda and to consider it without reference to a Committee.

⁹ At its 696th plenary meeting on 1 October 1957, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its second report (A/3683), to include in the agenda the question proposed by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and to allocate it to the First Committee as sub-item (d) of the present item.

¹⁰ At its 696th plenary meeting on 1 October 1957, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its second report (A/3683), to include the item in the agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee.

¹¹ At its 678th plenary meeting on 17 September 1957, the General Assembly adopted, without reference to a Committee, resolution 1134 (XII) concerning the admission of the Federation of Malaya to membership in the United Nations.

3. Treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa: reports of the Governments of India and of Pakistan (item 61).
4. Report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (item 26).
5. Question of amending the United Nations Charter, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 108 of the Charter, to increase the number of non-permanent members of the Security Council and the number of votes required for decisions of the Council (item 19).
6. Question of amending the United Nations Charter, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 108 of the Charter, to increase the membership of the Economic and Social Council (item 20).
7. Question of amending the Statute of the International Court of Justice, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 108 of the Charter of the United Nations and Article 69 of the Statute of the Court, with respect to an increase in the number of judges of the International Court of Justice (item 21).
8. Question of the composition of the General Committee of the General Assembly (item 68).¹²

Second Committee

ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL

1. Programmes of technical assistance (item 29):
 - (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council;
 - (b) Confirmation of the allocation of funds under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance.
2. Economic development of under-developed countries:

Question of the establishment of a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development: final and supplementary reports of the *Ad Hoc* Committee, and recommendations of the Economic and Social Council (item 28).
3. Report of the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency (item 27).
4. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters II, III, IV and V) (item 12).

Third Committee

SOCIAL, HUMANITARIAN AND CULTURAL

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters VI and VII) (item 12).
2. Draft International Covenants on Human Rights (item 33).
3. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (item 30).
4. Review of the arrangements for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (item 31).
5. Recommendations concerning international respect for the right of peoples and nations to self-determination (item 32).
6. Draft Convention on Freedom of Information: report of the Economic and Social Council (item 34).

¹² At its 705th plenary meeting on 14 October 1957, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its fourth report (A/3695), to include the item in the agenda and to allocate it to the Special Political Committee.

Fourth Committee

TRUSTEESHIP (INCLUDING NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES)

1. Question of South West Africa (item 38):
 - (a) Report of the Committee on South West Africa;
 - (b) Study of legal action to ensure the fulfillment of the obligations assumed by the Mandatory Power under the Mandate for South West Africa: special report of the Committee on South West Africa;
 - (c) Election of three members of the Committee on South West Africa.
2. The future of Togoland under French administration: report of the Trusteeship Council (item 37).
3. 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 35):
 - (a) Information on economic conditions;
 - (b) Information on other conditions;
 - (c) General questions relating to the transmission and examination of information;
 - (d) Offers of study and training facilities under resolutions 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954 and 931 (X) of 8 November 1955;
 - (e) Methods of reproducing summaries of information concerning Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Secretary-General.
4. Election to fill vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories (item 36).
5. Report of the Trusteeship Council (item 13).
6. Question of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia: reports of the Governments of Ethiopia and of Italy (item 39).

Fifth Committee

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY

1. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions (item 44).
2. Budget estimates for the financial year 1958 (item 41).
3. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapter X) (item 12).
4. Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1957 (item 40).
5. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (item 45):
 - (a) Annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board;
 - (b) Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the fourth actuarial valuation of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund as of 30 September 1956, and second review of the basic tables of the Fund.
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**RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON THE REPORT
OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

**1183 (XII). Credentials of representatives to the twelfth session of the
General Assembly**

The General Assembly

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.¹

*726th plenary meeting,
10 December 1957.*

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Annexes, agenda item 3, document A/3773.*

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1147 (XII). Effects of atomic radiation

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the importance of problems relating to the effects of ionizing radiation upon man and his environment,

Recalling its resolution 913 (X) of 3 December 1955 by which the General Assembly established a Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation and entrusted to it among others the task of collating in its report information on radiation effects on man and his environment,

1. *Calls upon* all concerned to continue their co-operation in making available information within the sphere of the terms of reference of the Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation;

2. *Requests* the Committee to complete its report at the earliest possible date and to make that report available to all Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and to the second conference on the peaceful uses of atomic energy;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Committee, to consider the question of the strengthening and widening of scientific activities in this field, taking into account in this connexion the discussion of this item at the twelfth session of the General Assembly, including the proposals submitted thereunder, and to report to the Assembly at its thirteenth session;

4. *Decides* to include in the agenda of its thirteenth session the report of the Committee;

5. *Transmits* to the Committee the records of the discussion in the First Committee of the item entitled "Effects of atomic radiation."

*715th plenary meeting,
14 November 1957.*

1148 (XII). Regulation, limitation and balanced reduction of all armed forces and all armaments; conclusion of an international convention (treaty) on the reduction of armaments and the prohibition of atomic, hydrogen and other weapons of mass destruction

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 808 (IX) of 4 November 1954,

Emphasizing the urgency of decreasing the danger of war and improving the prospects of a durable peace through achieving international agreement on reduction, limitation and open inspection of armaments and armed forces,

Welcoming the narrowing of differences which has resulted from the extensive negotiations in the Sub-Committee of the Disarmament Commission,

Believing that immediate, carefully measured steps can be taken for partial measures of disarmament and that such steps will facilitate further measures of disarmament,

1. *Urges* that the States concerned, and particularly those which are members of the Sub-Committee of the Disarmament Commission, give priority to reaching a disarmament agreement which, upon its entry into force, will provide for the following:

(a) The immediate suspension of testing of nuclear weapons with prompt installation of effective international control, including inspection posts equipped with appropriate scientific instruments located within the territories of the United States of America, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in Pacific Ocean areas, and at other points as required;

(b) The cessation of the production of fissionable materials for weapons purposes and the complete devotion of future production of fissionable materials to

non-weapons purposes under effective international control;

(c) The reduction of stocks of nuclear weapons through a programme of transfer, on an equitable and reciprocal basis and under international supervision, of stocks of fissionable material from weapons uses to non-weapons uses;

(d) The reduction of armed forces and armaments through adequate, safeguarded arrangements;

(e) The progressive establishment of open inspection with ground and aerial components to guard against the possibility of surprise attack;

(f) The joint study of an inspection system designed to ensure that the sending of objects through outer space shall be exclusively for peaceful and scientific purposes;

2. *Requests* the Disarmament Commission to reconvene its Sub-Committee as soon as feasible for this purpose;

3. *Requests* the Disarmament Commission to invite its Sub-Committee to establish, as one of its first tasks, a group or groups of technical experts to study inspection systems for disarmament measures on which the Sub-Committee may reach agreement in principle and to report to it within a fixed period;

4. *Recommends* that any such technical group or groups be composed of one expert from each of the States members of the Sub-Committee and one from each of three other States Members of the United Nations which shall be designated by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Sub-Committee;

5. *Invites* the States concerned, and particularly those which are members of the Sub-Committee, to consider the possibility of devoting, out of the funds made available as a result of disarmament, as and when sufficient progress is made, additional resources to the improvement of living conditions throughout the world and especially in the less developed countries;

6. *Requests* the Sub-Committee to report to the Disarmament Commission by 30 April 1958 on the progress achieved.

*716th plenary meeting,
14 November 1957.*

1149 (XII). Collective action to inform and enlighten the peoples of the world as to the dangers of the armaments race, and particularly as to the destructive effects of modern weapons

The General Assembly,

Considering that the armaments race, owing to advances of nuclear science and other modern forms of technology, creates means whereby unprecedented devastation might be inflicted upon the entire world, and that peoples of all countries should be made to realize this,

Considering that any agreement, whether partial or general, on the regulation of armaments necessarily implies adequate international control,

Considering consequently that public opinion must be made aware both of the effects of modern weapons of all kinds and of the necessity of reaching a disarmament agreement providing effective measures of control,

Considering that it is therefore desirable to seek ways and means of organizing an effective and continuing

publicity campaign on a world-wide scale, under the auspices of the United Nations and disregarding all ideological or political considerations,

1. *Requests* the Disarmament Commission to make recommendations on the nature of the information to be disseminated and requests the Secretary-General to report to the Commission on the means available for conducting such an international campaign;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to furnish the Disarmament Commission whatever assistance it may request for this purpose;

3. *Invites* Member States to communicate to the Disarmament Commission or to the Secretary-General in good time any views they may see fit to submit as to the scope and content of the proposed campaign.

*716th plenary meeting,
14 November 1957.*

1150 (XII). Enlargement of the membership of the Disarmament Commission¹

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 502 (VI) of 11 January 1952 establishing the Disarmament Commission,

1. *Decides* to enlarge the Disarmament Commission by the addition of fourteen Member States which, for the first year, from 1 January 1958 to 1 January 1959 shall be: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Burma, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, India, Italy, Mexico, Norway, Poland, Tunisia and Yugoslavia;

2. *Transmits* to the Disarmament Commission the records of the proceedings of the First Committee during the twelfth session of the General Assembly at which disarmament was discussed.

*719th plenary meeting,
19 November 1957.*

1180 (XII). The Korean question

The General Assembly,

Having received and noted the report of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea,²

Recalling its resolutions 195 (III) of 12 December 1948, 498 (V) of 1 February 1951, 811 (IX) of 11 December 1954, 910 (X) of 29 November 1955 and 1010 (XI) of 11 January 1957,

Noting that the Armistice Agreement of 27 July 1953³ remains in effect,

1. *Reaffirms* that the objectives of the United Nations are to bring about by peaceful means the establishment 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;

¹ This resolution was submitted directly in plenary meeting and adopted by the General Assembly after consideration of the report of the First Committee. For the text of the report, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 24, document A/3729.

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/3672).*

³ *Official Records of the Security Council, Eighth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1953, document S/3079, appendix A.*

2. *Urges* that continuing efforts be made to this end;

3. *Calls upon* the communist authorities concerned to accept the established United Nations objectives in order to achieve a settlement in Korea based on the fundamental principles for unification set forth by the nations participating on behalf of the United Nations in the Korean Political Conference held at Geneva in 1954, and reaffirmed by the General Assembly;

4. *Requests* the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea to continue its work in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to place the Korean question on the provisional agenda of the thirteenth session of the General Assembly.

*724th plenary meeting,
29 November 1957.*

1184 (XII). The question of Algeria⁴

The General Assembly,

Having discussed the question of Algeria,

Recalling its resolution 1012 (XI) of 15 February 1957,

1. *Expresses again its concern* over the situation in Algeria;

2. *Takes note* of the offer of good offices made by His Majesty the King of Morocco and His Excellency the President of the Republic of Tunisia;

3. *Expresses the wish* that, in a spirit of effective co-operation, *pourparlers* will be entered into, and

⁴This resolution was submitted directly in plenary meeting and adopted by the General Assembly after consideration of the report of the First Committee. For the text of the report, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 59, document A/3772.

other appropriate means utilized, with a view to a solution, in conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

*726th plenary meeting,
10 December 1957.*

1236 (XII). Peaceful and neighbourly relations among States

The General Assembly,

Considering the urgency and the importance of strengthening international peace and of developing peaceful and neighbourly relations among States irrespective of their divergences or the relative stages and nature of their political, economic and social development,

Recalling that among the fundamental objectives of the Charter of the United Nations are the maintenance of international peace and security and friendly co-operation among States,

Realizing the need to promote these objectives and to develop peaceful and tolerant relations among States, in conformity with the Charter, based on mutual respect and benefit, non-aggression, respect for each other's sovereignty, equality and territorial integrity and non-intervention in one another's internal affairs, and to fulfil the purposes and principles of the Charter,

Recognizing the need to broaden international co-operation, to reduce tensions and to settle differences and disputes among States by peaceful means,

Calls upon all States to make every effort to strengthen international peace, and to develop friendly and co-operative relations and settle disputes by peaceful means as enjoined in the Charter of the United Nations and as set forth in the present resolution.

*731st plenary meeting,
14 December 1957.*

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1144 (XII). Admission of new Members to the United Nations¹

A

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 296 G (IV) of 22 November 1949 and 1017 A (XI) of 28 February 1957 finding the Republic of Korea qualified for membership in the United Nations,

Noting with regret the continued inability of the Security Council to recommend the admission of the Republic of Korea to membership in the United Nations owing to the negative vote of a permanent member of the Council,

Reaffirms that the Republic of Korea is fully qualified for and should be admitted to membership in the United Nations.

*709th plenary meeting,
25 October 1957.*

B

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 620 C (VII) of 21 December 1952 and 1017 B (XI) of 28 February 1957 finding Viet-Nam qualified for membership in the United Nations,

Noting with regret the continued inability of the Security Council to recommend the admission of Viet-

Nam to membership in the United Nations owing to the negative vote of a permanent member of the Council,

Reaffirms that Viet-Nam is fully qualified for and should be admitted to membership in the United Nations.

*709th plenary meeting,
25 October 1957.*

1178 (XII). 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,

Recalling its previous resolutions, in particular resolutions 1016 (XI) of 30 January 1957, on the question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of *apartheid* of the Government of the Union of South Africa,

Recalling in particular paragraph 6 of its resolution 917 (X) of 6 December 1955, calling upon the Government of the Union of South Africa to observe its obligations under the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting that the General Assembly, in resolution 616 B (VII) of 5 December 1952, declared, *inter alia*, that governmental policies which are designed to perpetuate or increase discrimination are inconsistent with the Charter,

¹ See also resolution 1134 (XII).

Further noting that resolutions 395 (V) of 2 December 1950, 511 (VI) of 12 January 1952 and 616 A (VII) of 5 December 1952 have successively affirmed that a policy of "racial segregation" (*apartheid*) is necessarily based on doctrines of racial discrimination,

1. *Deploras* that the Government of the Union of South Africa has not yet responded to the call and invitation conveyed in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 1016 (XI) of 30 January 1957;

2. *Again draws the attention* of the Government of the Union of South Africa to that resolution and, in particular, to paragraphs 3 and 4 thereof;

3. *Appeals* to the Government of the Union of South Africa, in the interests of the common observance by Member States of the high purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, to which the Government of the Union of South Africa has also subscribed and is as much committed as any other Member, to revise its policy in the light of those purposes and principles and of world opinion and to inform the Secretary-General of its response.

*723rd plenary meeting,
26 November 1957.*

1179 (XII). Treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1015 (XI) of 30 January 1957,

Having considered the reports of the Governments of India² and of Pakistan,³

1. *Notes* that the Governments of both India and Pakistan have reiterated their readiness to pursue negotiations with the Government of the Union of South Africa in accordance with the expressed desires of the United Nations;

2. *Notes with regret* that the Government of the Union of South Africa has not agreed to carry forward the purposes of General Assembly resolution 1015 (XI) of 30 January 1957;

3. *Appeals* to the Government of the Union of South Africa to participate in negotiations with the Governments of India and of Pakistan with a view to solving this problem in accordance with the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

4. *Invites* the parties concerned to report to the General Assembly as appropriate, jointly or separately, regarding the progress of the negotiations.

*723rd plenary meeting,
26 November 1957.*

1190 (XII). Question of amending the United Nations Charter, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 108 of the Charter, to increase the number of non-permanent members of the Security Council and the number of votes required for decisions of the Council

Question of amending the United Nations Charter, in accordance with the procedure

laid down in Article 108 of the Charter, to increase the membership of the Economic and Social Council

Question of amending the Statute of the International Court of Justice, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 108 of the Charter of the United Nations and Article 69 of the Statute of the Court, with respect to an increase in the number of judges of the International Court of Justice

The General Assembly,

1. *Decides* to give further consideration at its thirteenth session to items 19, 20 and 21 of the agenda of the twelfth session;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include these items in the provisional agenda of the thirteenth session of the General Assembly.

*728th plenary meeting,
12 December 1957.*

1191 (XII). 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, 720 (VIII) of 27 November 1953, 818 (IX) of 4 December 1954, 916 (X) of 3 December 1955 and 1018 (XI) of 28 February 1957,

Noting the annual report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East⁴ and the report of the Advisory Commission of the Agency,⁵

Having reviewed the budget for relief and rehabilitation prepared by the Director of the Agency, and having noted the comment of the Advisory Commission to the effect that the budget is minimal,

Noting with grave concern that contributions to the budget are not yet sufficient, that the financial situation of the Agency is serious, and that cuts have already had to be made in the rehabilitation programme,

Noting that repatriation or compensation of the refugees, as provided for in paragraph 11 of resolution 194 (III), has not been effected, that no substantial progress has been made in the programme endorsed in paragraph 2 of resolution 513 (VI) for the reintegration of refugees and that, therefore, the situation of the refugees continues to be a matter of serious concern,

Noting that the host Governments have expressed the wish that the Agency continue to carry out its mandate in their respective countries or territories and have expressed their wish to co-operate fully with the Agency and to extend to it every appropriate assistance in carrying out its functions, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 104 and 105 of the Charter of the United Nations, the terms of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Annexes, agenda item 61, document A/3643.*

³ *Ibid.*, document A/3645.

⁴ *Ibid.*, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/3686 and Corr.1).

⁵ *Ibid.*, Twelfth Session, Annexes, agenda item 26, document A/3735.

Nations, the contents of paragraph 17 of resolution 302 (IV) and the terms of the agreements with the host Governments,

1. *Draws the attention* of Governments to the critical financial position of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, and urges them to consider to what extent they can contribute or increase their contributions in order that the Agency may carry out its budgeted relief and rehabilitation programmes and that cuts in services may be avoided;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in view of the critical financial position of the Agency, to make, as a matter of urgent concern, special efforts to secure the additional financial assistance needed to meet the Agency's budget and to provide adequate working capital;

3. *Directs* the Agency to pursue its programme for the relief and rehabilitation of refugees, bearing in mind the response to paragraphs 1 and 2 above;

4. *Requests* the host Governments to co-operate fully with the Agency and with its personnel and to extend to the Agency every appropriate assistance in carrying out its functions;

5. *Requests* the Governments of the area, without prejudice to paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III) of 11 December 1948, in co-operation with the Director of the Agency, to plan and carry out projects capable of supporting substantial numbers of refugees;

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

7. *Expresses its thanks* to the Director and the staff of the Agency for their continued faithful efforts to carry out the mandate of the Agency and to the specialized agencies and the many private organizations for their valuable and continuing work in assisting the refugees;

8. *Requests* the Director of the Agency to continue to submit the reports referred to in paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 1018 (XI) of 28 February 1957.

*728th plenary meeting,
12 December 1957.*

1192 (XII). Composition of the General Committee of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Taking into account the considerable increase in the membership of the United Nations,

Taking also into account that the General Committee should be so constituted as to ensure its representative character on the basis of a balanced geographical distribution among its members,

Believing that for these reasons it is desirable to enlarge the composition of the General Committee,

Noting that the General Committee is composed of the President, the Vice-Presidents and the Chairmen of the Main Committees,

1. *Confirms* the practice established with regard to the distribution of the chairmanships of the Main Committees, namely, two from Latin America States, two from Asian and African States, two from Western European and other States, and one from an Eastern European State;

2. *Decides* to amend as follows rules 31 and 38 of its rules of procedure:

"Rule 31

"The General Assembly shall elect a President and thirteen Vice-Presidents, who shall hold office until the close of the session at which they are elected. The Vice-Presidents shall be elected, after the election of the Chairmen of the seven Main Committees referred to in rule 101, on the basis of ensuring the representative character of the General Committee."

"Rule 38

"The General Committee shall comprise the President of the General Assembly, who shall preside, the thirteen Vice-Presidents and the Chairmen of the seven Main Committees. No two members of the General Committee shall be members of the same delegation, and it shall be so constituted as to ensure its representative character. Chairmen of other committees upon which all Members have the right to be represented and which are established by the General Assembly to meet during the session shall be entitled to attend meetings of the General Committee and may participate without vote in the discussions";

3. *Decides* that the thirteen Vice-Presidents shall be elected as provided in the annex to the present resolution.

*728th plenary meeting,
12 December 1957.*

ANNEX

1. The thirteen Vice-Presidents shall be elected according to the following pattern:

- (a) Four representatives from Asian and African States;
- (b) One representative from an Eastern European State;
- (c) Two representatives from Latin American States;
- (d) Two representatives from Western European and other States;
- (e) Five representatives from the permanent members of the Security Council.

2. The region from which the President is elected will, however, reduce by one the number of vice-presidencies allocated in paragraph 1 of the present annex.

3. At least one of the Vice-Presidents in categories (a) or (d) above, or the President or one of the Chairmen of the Main Committees, will be from a Commonwealth country, without altering the geographical distribution of seats in the General Committee, as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this annex and in paragraph 1 of the resolution.

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1155 (XII). Proposed Economic Commission for Africa

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the urgent need for international co-operation in the economic development of under-developed countries,

Reaffirming its responsibilities and obligations, under Articles 55 and 56 of the Charter of the United Nations, to foster the economic development of all under-developed areas,

Recognizing that the countries and territories of Africa are faced with serious economic problems affecting the welfare and progress of the peoples of that region,

Recognizing that co-operation among the African countries can be of assistance in raising both the level of economic activity and the standards of life in that continent, and that such measures would be facilitated by close co-operation with the United Nations and its subsidiary organs,

Considering that the regional economic commissions of the United Nations have performed valuable functions within their respective areas and that their work is vitally important from the point of view of the United Nations as expressed in General Assembly resolution 627 (VII) of 21 December 1952,

Noting that the work of the regional economic commissions has been extremely useful to the economies of under-developed countries in Asia and Latin America, and considering therefore that Africa should benefit from the advantages of such a system,

Noting further that the group of experts appointed by the Secretary-General, at the request of the Economic and Social Council, to study measures for the economic development of under-developed countries, recommended in 1951 that in order to assist the Governments and peoples of Africa to analyse and keep under continuous survey the development problems of that continent, the United Nations should establish an Economic Commission for Africa and provide for it an international secretariat,¹

Recommends that, for the purpose of giving effective aid to the countries and territories of Africa and in accordance with Article 68 of the Charter of the United Nations, the Economic and Social Council, at its next session, give prompt and favourable consideration to the establishment of an Economic Commission for Africa.

723rd plenary meeting,
26 November 1957.

¹ *Measures for the Economic Development of Under-Developed Countries*, United Nations publication, Sales No. 1951.II.B.2, p. 95.

1156 (XII). Expansion of international trade

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1027 (XI) of 20 February 1957 and Economic and Social Council resolution 654 A (XXIV) of 30 July 1957,

Recognizing that further expansion of international trade is necessary to full employment and the improvement of living standards of all countries, and especially to the economic development of the less developed countries,

Recognizing further that, for achieving the above-mentioned objectives, greater efforts should be made to promote free and fair international competition by eliminating or lowering unduly high tariffs and other unjustifiable barriers to international trade, having due regard to the special problems arising from the economic development needs of the less developed countries,

Taking into account its resolution 1028 (XI) of 20 February 1957 concerning the needs of land-locked countries in the matter of transit facilities,

Considering that, although existing organizations and agreements concerned with international trade have done valuable work in this field, establishment of the Organization for Trade Co-operation as a permanent international body in this field will further strengthen these organizations and agreements,

Recalling that the Agreement on the Organization for Trade Co-operation makes provision with respect to membership for all countries which are or shall become contracting parties to the General Agreement for Tariffs and Trade or with respect to the association of countries invited by the Organization for Trade Co-operation to take part in its work,

1. *Reaffirms* the requests contained in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 1027 (XI) of 20 February 1957, which urges the Governments of Member States to continue their efforts to reduce existing barriers to international trade in a mutually satisfactory manner for the purpose of expanding such trade at the fastest feasible rate;

2. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 654 A (XXIV) of 30 July 1957, and urges the Governments of Member States to take action with a view to approving the Agreement on the Organization for Trade Co-operation at as early a date as possible.

*723rd plenary meeting,
26 November 1957.*

1157 (XII). Bases for international economic co-operation

The General Assembly,

Considering that the strengthening and development of international economic co-operation is, under the Charter, one of the most important means available to the United Nations for the promotion of peaceful relations among peoples,

Recalling that the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council have on several occasions adopted resolutions embodying various principles relating to international economic co-operation,

Taking into account the fact that a large number of countries have recently been admitted to membership in the United Nations and, consequently, were not represented in the debates on those resolutions,

Considering also that, in view of the proposals and opinions submitted and expressed in the General Assembly at its twelfth session, it would be useful for all Member States to have at their disposal a compendium of those principles,

Requests the Secretary-General to prepare such a compendium of resolutions or extracts from them, with a subject index, in order to facilitate the study of the resolutions, to transmit the compendium to all Member States as soon as it is prepared, and to inform the Economic and Social Council during 1958 that he has done so.

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26 November 1957.*

1158 (XII). Activities of the regional economic commissions

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 579 A (XX) and 579 B (XX) of 4 August 1955 on the expansion of world trade and inter-regional trade consultations, and Council resolution 614 A (XXII) of 9 August 1956 on measures for the development of trade co-operation,

Recognizing the desirability for a more effective international exchange of views within the framework of the United Nations regarding means of improving international economic conditions, as expressed in Economic and Social Council resolutions 654 A (XXIV) and 654 E (XXIV) of 30 July 1957,

Considering that within the scope of their activities the regional economic commission are confronted with similar or related problems,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the valuable services of the regional economic commissions, and in particular those rendered in recent years in the realization of projects depending upon co-operation among countries participating in the work of the commissions and tending, on the one hand, to strengthen international economic co-operation and, on the other, to improve economic conditions, especially in the less developed countries;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the efforts being made by each of the regional economic commissions to further co-ordination of its activities and to streamline its work programme, especially in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 630 A I (XXII) of 9 August 1956, as referred to in paragraph 10 of the annex to Council resolution 664 (XXIV) of 1 August 1957, and expresses its belief that these efforts will result in a more effective exchange of information and experience in matters of common interest;

3. *Expresses the hope* that the regional economic commissions will continue, within their respective terms of reference and in conformity with the relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council, their valuable services and efforts.

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26 November 1957.*

1159 (XII). Report of the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 410 (V) of 1 December 1950, 701 (VII) of 11 March 1953, 725 (VIII) of 7 December 1953, 828 (IX) of 14 December 1954, 920 (X) of 25 October 1955 and 1020 (XI) of 7 December 1956,

Taking note of:

(a) The report of the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency on the work of the Agency for the period 1 July 1956 to 30 June 1957,² and of the comments thereon by the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea,³

(b) The addendum to the Agent General's report, dated 31 October 1957,⁴

(c) The memorandum of the Agent General to the Advisory Committee of the Agency, dated 13 November 1957,⁵

Recognizing the especial importance of the Agency's programme for the relief and rehabilitation of the Republic of Korea,

1. Commends the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency for the excellent work performed 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. Expresses its conviction that the work of the Agency will have long-lasting and significant effects upon the economy of Korea and upon the well-being of the Korean people;

3. Expresses its appreciation for the valuable assistance given to the Agency by specialized agencies of the United Nations and by voluntary non-governmental organizations;

4. Approves the recommendation of the Agent General that the Agency cease as an operational organization on 30 June 1958;

5. Further approves the arrangements and procedures proposed by the Agent General in his memorandum of 13 November 1957 for the completion, after 30 June 1958, of the residual responsibilities of the Agency and the subsequent liquidation of its accounts.

*723rd plenary meeting,
26 November 1957.*

1214 (XII). Financing of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance

The General Assembly,

Noting with concern that the resources available to the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance in

² Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/3651 and Corr.1).

³ Ibid., Twelfth Session, Annexes, agenda item 27, document A/3675.

⁴ Ibid., document A/3651/Add.1.

⁵ Ibid., document A/C.2/L.350.

1958 might prove to be less than those available in 1957, even though a substantial number of countries have increased their pledges,

Recognizing that the maintenance of the Expanded Programme even at its existing level would require greater resources than those pledged at the Eighth Technical Assistance Conference held on 10 October 1957,

1. Appeals to participating Governments to examine the consequences of the situation mentioned above and to consider, in the light of their economic and other circumstances, the possibility of increasing the financial resources of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to call the present resolution to the attention of the Governments participating in the Expanded Programme.

*730th plenary meeting,
14 December 1957.*

1215 (XII). United Nations technical assistance programmes

The General Assembly,

Noting the achievements of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and of the regular United Nations programme of technical assistance,

Noting further that, for 1958, seventy-five Governments have so far pledged contributions to the Expanded Programme and that, in 1957, the Expanded Programme provided assistance to more than one hundred countries and territories throughout the world,

Recognizing that the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance is a co-operative programme to the success of which all participating Governments contribute,

Further recognizing that continued efforts should be made to use all the available technical assistance resources as effectively as possible in assisting the less developed countries to further economic progress and achieve higher standards of living,

1. Takes note of chapter III B of the report of the Economic and Social Council,⁶

2. Requests the Economic and Social Council to study the desirability of promoting, with the co-operation of Governments, increased use of such regional and national training facilities as may be made available under the United Nations programme of technical assistance;

3. Suggests that, in the preparation of the report required under section III of Economic and Social Council resolution 659 B (XXIV) of 30 July 1957, account be taken of suggestions put forward by delegations during the twelfth session of the General Assembly for the purpose of assisting in the development of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance.

*730th plenary meeting,
14 December 1957.*

⁶ Ibid., Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/3613).

1216 (XII). Confirmation of the allocation of funds for the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance in 1958

The General Assembly,

Noting that the Technical Assistance Committee has reviewed and approved the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance for the year 1958,

1. *Confirms* the allocation of funds authorized by the Technical Assistance Committee to each of the organizations participating in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance as follows:

Participating organization	Allocation		Total
	From contributions and general resources	From local costs assessments	
	(Equivalent of US dollars)		
United Nations Technical Assistance Administration	6,530,000	657,000	7,187,000
International Labour Organisation	3,226,000	290,000	3,516,000
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	8,085,000	774,000	8,859,000
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	4,532,000	482,000	5,014,000
International Civil Aviation Organization	1,240,000	149,000	1,389,000
World Health Organization	5,462,000	707,000	6,169,000
International Telecommunication Union	323,000	27,000	350,000
World Meteorological Organization	345,000	32,000	377,000
TOTAL	29,743,000	3,118,000	32,861,000

2. *Concurs* in the Committee's authorization to the Technical Assistance Board to allocate to the participating organizations an undistributed amount of \$180,822 not included in the amounts shown above, and to make such changes in these allocations as may be necessary to provide as far as possible for the full utilization of contributions to the Expanded Programme, provided that such changes shall not in the aggregate exceed 3 per cent of the total amount allocated to the organizations participating in the Expanded Programme.

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14 December 1957.

1217 (XII). Demographic questions

The General Assembly,

Considering that there is a close relationship between economic problems and population problems, especially with regard to countries which are in the process of economic development,

Bearing in mind the resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Economic and Social Council which refer to the relations existing between economic development and social change,

Recalling that international co-operation towards economic development will be more effective when more is known about the population changes that accompany such development,

1. *Invites* States Members, particularly those which are in the process of economic development, to follow as closely as possible the interrelationships existing between economic and population changes;

2. *Invites the attention* of the Economic and Social Council and of the specialized agencies concerned to the growing importance of this question;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to ensure the co-ordination of the activities of the United Nations in the demographic and economic fields, particularly with reference to countries which are in the process of economic development;

4. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to include pertinent information concerning the demographic activities of the Council in the chapter on

economic development of its annual report to the General Assembly.

730th plenary meeting,
14 December 1957.

1218 (XII). Study of international commodity problems

The General Assembly,

Considering that it is essential to the economic development of under-developed countries that they should be able to derive appreciable resources from their own national savings,

Mindful that export revenues are basic for the economic development of many countries, and in particular of the under-developed countries,

Noting that the general level of primary commodity prices continues to be unstable and has been falling during 1957,

Considering that such conditions have harmful effects on the economy of countries exporting primary products, including their balance of payments, their programmes for economic development and their purchases from other countries,

Bearing in mind the serious economic and social effects which arise in both exporting and importing countries from excessive fluctuations in prices of primary products,

1. *Endorses* the decision of the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 656 (XXIV) of 30 July

1957, to discuss the subject of international commodity problems at its twenty-sixth session;

2. *Draws the attention* of the Governments of Member States to General Assembly resolution 1029 (XI) of 20 February 1957 and invites them, in terms of paragraph 1 of that resolution, to submit their commodity problems to the Commission on International Commodity Trade which, at its sixth session in May 1958, will prepare a report for consideration at the twenty-sixth session of the Economic and Social Council;

3. *Draws the attention* of the Economic and Social Council to the importance of the United Nations assisting in the promotion of international commodity agreements as an effective means of improving and stabilizing commodity prices;

4. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to communicate to the General Assembly, at its thirteenth session, the conclusions drawn from its action under this resolution.

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14 December 1957.

1219 (XII). Financing of economic development

The General Assembly,

In conformity with the determination of the United Nations, as expressed in its Charter, to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom, and for these ends, to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,

Conscious of the particular needs of the less developed countries for international aid in achieving accelerated development of their economic and social infrastructure,

Recalling its resolutions on the establishment of an international fund for economic development within the framework of the United Nations and, in particular, reaffirming its unanimously adopted resolutions 724 A (VIII) and 724 B (VIII) of 7 December 1953,

Noting the recommendation of the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 662 B (XXIV) of 31 July 1957,

Recognizing that the United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance is of proven effectiveness in promoting the economic development of the less developed countries,

Recognizing however that neither the Expanded Programme nor other existing programmes of the United Nations or the specialized agencies can now meet certain urgent needs which, if met, would advance the processes of technical, economic and social development of the less developed countries, and, in particular, would facilitate new capital investments of all types—private and public, national and international—by creating conditions which would make such investments either feasible or more effective,

Convinced that a rapidly achieved enlargement in the financial resources and scope of technical assistance rendered by the United Nations and the specialized agencies to the less developed countries would constitute a constructive advance in United Nations assistance and would be of immediate significance in accelerating their economic development,

Recognizing that, while long-term pledges are desirable, some Governments are unable to make financial commitments except with the approval of their legislatures and on an annual basis,

I

Commends the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Question of the Establishment of a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development for the work embodied in its final⁷ and supplementary⁸ reports prepared in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 923 (X) of 9 December 1955 and 1030 (XI) of 26 February 1957;

II

1. *Decides* that, subject to the conditions prescribed hereunder, there shall be established as an expansion of the existing technical assistance and development activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies a separate Special Fund which would provide systematic and sustained assistance in fields essential to the integrated technical, economic and social development of the less developed countries,

2. *Decides further* that, in view of the resources prospectively available at this time, which are not likely to exceed \$100 million annually, the operations of the Special Fund shall be directed towards enlarging the scope of the United Nations programmes of technical assistance so as to include special projects in certain basic fields to be defined by the Preparatory Committee provided for in paragraph 4 below, for example, intensive surveys of water, mineral and potential power resources, the establishment—including staffing and equipping—of training institutes in public administration, statistics and technology, and of agricultural and industrial research and productivity centres;

3. *Considers* that while, without impairing the separate identity of the Special Fund, the fullest possible use should be made of the existing machinery of the United Nations, the specialized agencies—including the existing international financial institutions—and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, the Special Fund will require some new administrative and operational machinery;

4. *Decides* to establish a Preparatory Committee composed of representatives of sixteen Governments to do the following, taking into account the principles set out in the annex to the present resolution and the views and suggestions forwarded by Governments pursuant to paragraph 7 below:

(a) Define the basic fields of assistance which the Special Fund should encompass and, within these fields, the types of projects which should be eligible for assistance;

(b) Define in the light of paragraph 3 above the administrative and operational machinery to be recommended for the Special Fund, including such changes as may be required in the present legislation and procedures of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance;

(c) Ascertain the extent to which Governments would be willing to contribute to the Special Fund;

5. *Invites* the President of the General Assembly to appoint the members of the Preparatory Committee;

⁷ *Ibid.*, Twelfth Session, Annexes, agenda item 28, documents A/3579 and Add.1.

⁸ *Ibid.*, document A/3580.

6. *Invites* the Secretary-General to provide the Preparatory Committee with all the necessary facilities, including the provision of such expert consultants as might be required;

7. *Requests* Governments to assist the Preparatory Committee in its work by forwarding their views and suggestions to the Committee through the Secretary-General and, in particular, by indicating the extent to which they would be willing to contribute to the Special Fund;

8. *Invites* the Secretary-General, the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board to forward their views and suggestions to the Preparatory Committee;

9. *Requests* the Preparatory Committee to submit the results of its work in the form of a report and recommendations to the Economic and Social Council, at its twenty-sixth session;

10. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to transmit the Preparatory Committee's report, together with its own comments, to the General Assembly, at its thirteenth session, for final action;

11. *Looks forward* to the establishment of the Special Fund as of 1 January 1959;

12. *Appeals* to all States Members of the United Nations, in a spirit of co-operation and solidarity, to give the greatest possible assistance to the Special Fund;

III

Decides that as and when the resources prospectively available are considered by the General Assembly to be sufficient to enter into the field of capital development, principally the development of the economic and social infrastructure of the less developed countries, the Assembly shall review the scope and future activ-

ities of the Special Fund and take such action as it may deem appropriate.

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ANNEX

1. The Special Fund shall be a multilateral fund of the United Nations, with financial resources principally derived from voluntary annual contributions of Governments and others in or transferable into currency usable by the Fund and, as much as possible, pledged or indicated for a number of years.

2. Assistance from the Special Fund shall be given only to projects which would make a contribution to the economic development of the requesting country or countries. The operations of the Fund shall be in conformity with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and shall not be influenced by political considerations.

3. The Special Fund shall be administered by a chief executive officer under policies established by an executive body in accordance with such rules and principles as may be laid down by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council. The membership of the executive body shall be equally distributed between two groups, one consisting mainly of major contributing countries and the other consisting mainly of less developed countries. Each member of the executive body shall have one vote. Decisions of the executive body on questions of policy, including the allocation of funds, shall require a qualified majority vote.

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At the 730th plenary meeting on 14 December 1957, after the adoption of the resolution, the President of the General Assembly appointed the following States Members to be represented on the Preparatory Committee, in accordance with paragraph 5 of section II of the resolution above: CANADA, CHILE, DENMARK, EGYPT, FRANCE, GHANA, INDIA, JAPAN, MEXICO, NETHERLANDS, PAKISTAN, PERU, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and YUGOSLAVIA.

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1160 (XII). United Nations Children's Fund

The General Assembly,

Having considered chapter VI, section III, of the report of the Economic and Social Council,¹ dealing with the United Nations Children's Fund,

Impressed with the practical effectiveness of the Fund in aiding over a hundred countries and territories, particularly in under-developed areas, to establish permanent children's services,

Appreciating also the essential role of the Fund in increasing the capacity of countries for economic and social progress,

Aware however of the many needs which the Fund is unable to meet,

1. Expresses the hope that Governments, organizations and individuals will give increased support to the United Nations Children's Fund;

2. Congratulates the Executive Board and the Executive Director of the Fund on their outstanding work.

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26 November 1957.

1161 (XII). Balanced and integrated economic and social progress

The General Assembly,

Having considered chapters VI and VII of the report of the Economic and Social Council¹ and Council reso-

¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/3613).

lution 663 H (XXIV) of 31 July 1957 on the world social situation,

Noting that in this report it was stated that the elements of economic and social progress were now known but that knowledge was lacking on how to combine them in such a way as to promote optimum development,²

Considering that problems of economic and social development interact upon each other,

Realizing that a balanced and integrated economic and social development would contribute towards the promotion and maintenance of peace and security, social progress and better standards of living, and the observance of, and respect for, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all,

1. Commends the Economic and Social Council for the work done during the period under review;

2. Notes the programmes of work approved by the Economic and Social Council for the ensuing two years, particularly the study of balanced economic and social development called for in paragraph 1 (b) of Council resolution 663 E (XXIV) of 31 July 1957;

3. Recommends that the Economic and Social Council, in co-operation with the specialized agencies, intensify its efforts in the study and recommendation of measures to effect a balanced and integrated economic and social progress.

723rd plenary meeting,
26 November 1957.

² Ibid., Supplement No. 3 (A/3613), para. 411.

1162 (XII). Participation of women in community development

The General Assembly,

Having noted with satisfaction that community development programmes are being carried out or are being planned on a long-term basis with international collaboration,

Recognizing that, in order to accelerate community development, which depends basically on the human element, women should be encouraged to play an even greater and more effective part in it, both in their own interest and in the interest of the community,

Noting that the reports on this question do not state to what extent women are participating in community development programmes,

1. *Recommends* to Member States in which community development programmes are being carried out that they should, by every means in their power, encourage the full participation of women in the development of their respective communities;

2. *Recommends* to the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies concerned that, in giving assistance to Governments, they should collaborate with those Governments in achieving this purpose;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include, in his future reports to the Economic and Social Council on the progress of community development, a brief description of the methods used to achieve this purpose, the results obtained and the progress made as regards the participation of women in community development.

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26 November 1957.*

1163 (XII). Seminars on the status of women

The General Assembly,

Taking note of chapter VII, section XI, of the report of the Economic and Social Council,³

Noting with appreciation the work of the Commission on the Status of Women and the progress achieved in the field of women's rights,

Noting also with satisfaction the success of the seminar held in August 1957 at Bangkok (Thailand) on the civic responsibilities and increased participation of Asian women in public life,

1. *Invites* the Commission on the Status of Women to pursue its efforts aimed at the improvement of the status of women throughout the world, in accordance with its terms of reference,

2. *Expresses the hope* that seminars on the status of women will be held as frequently as possible in the future under the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights.

*723rd plenary meeting,
26 November 1957.*

1164 (XII). Development of international co-operation in the fields of science, culture and education

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1043 (XI) of 21 February 1957 on international cultural and scientific co-operation,

Having regard to Economic and Social Council resolution 663 I (XXIV) of 31 July 1957 urging the extension of international co-operation in the social field through the development of personal contacts and the exchange of experience among experts,

Attaching great importance to a further development and expansion of relations in the fields of science, including applied science, culture and education, which will assist the promotion of economic and social welfare as well as better mutual understanding among nations and the maintenance of peace,

Noting with satisfaction the results already achieved in the development of such international co-operation and considering it desirable that there should be opportunities for further development in this respect,

Recognizing the positive contribution in this matter by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other specialized agencies and by other international bodies,

1. *Reiterates* the view expressed in its resolution 1043 (XI) of 21 February 1957 that wider international cultural and scientific co-operation should be promoted by mutual agreements or by other means, and that no effort should be spared in trying to achieve the implementation of these peaceful objectives;

2. *Urges* all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies to develop further all measures for the encouragement of exchanges and co-operation among peoples in the fields of science, culture and education, which is one of the basic purposes of the United Nations;

3. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the other specialized agencies concerned to include in their annual reports to the Economic and Social Council a statement of their views and activities and any information which they may have as to the views and activities of Governments in the field of international educational, scientific and cultural co-operation;

4. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to give special attention at its twenty-sixth session to the above-mentioned statements of the specialized agencies, and to include, in its report to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session, a section on this subject for consideration by the Assembly.

*723rd plenary meeting,
26 November 1957.*

1165 (XII). Prolongation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,⁴

Having regard to its resolution 727 (VIII) of 23 October 1953 in which it decided to review, not later than at its twelfth session, the arrangements for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees with a view to determining whether the Office should be continued beyond 31 December 1958,

Considering the continuing need for international action on behalf of refugees,

Considering the valuable work which has been performed by the Office of the High Commissioner both

³ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 3 (A/3613).

⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 11 (A/3585/Rev.1).

in providing international protection for refugees and in promoting permanent solutions for their problems,

Noting with appreciation the effective manner in which the Office of the High Commissioner has been dealing with special emergencies,

Noting the recommendation adopted by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 650 B (XXIV) of 24 July 1957,

1. *Decides* to continue the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a period of five years from 1 January 1959 on the basis of the Statute of the Office;⁵

2. *Decides* that the election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, for a period of five years from 1 January 1959, shall take place at the thirteenth session of the General Assembly;

3. *Decides* to review, not later than at its seventeenth session, the arrangements for the Office of the High Commissioner with a view to determining whether the Office should be further continued beyond 31 December 1936.

*723rd plenary meeting,
26 November 1957.*

1166 (XII). International assistance to refugees within the mandate of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Having considered the problem of those refugees within the mandate of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees who are the concern of the United Nations Refugee Fund (UNREF),

Noting with approval that the United Nations Refugee Fund programme, if it receives the necessary funds, will, by 31 December 1958, have reduced the number of non-settled refugees under the programme to the point where most countries of asylum should be able to support these refugees without international assistance,

Recognizing that, after 31 December 1958, there will be a residual need for international aid in certain countries, and particularly among certain groups and categories of these refugees,

Bearing in mind that new refugee situations requiring international assistance have arisen to augment the problem since the establishment of the Fund, and that other such situations may arise in the future wherein international assistance may be appropriate,

Bearing in mind that, under the Statute of his Office,⁵ the High Commissioner is charged with the duty of seeking solutions for the problems of refugees through voluntary repatriation, resettlement and integration,

Recalling its resolution 538 B (VI) of 2 February 1952, in which the General Assembly authorized the High Commissioner to issue an appeal for funds for the purpose of enabling emergency aid to be given to the most needy groups among refugees within his mandate,

Recalling its resolution 832 (IX) of 21 October 1954, in which it authorized the High Commissioner to undertake a programme to be devoted principally to the promotion of permanent solutions for certain refugees

⁵ *Ibid.*, Fifth Session, Supplement No. 20, resolution 428 (V), annex.

coming within his mandate and also to permit emergency assistance to the most needy cases among these refugees, and to appeal for voluntary contributions towards a fund set up for the purpose of this programme and incorporating the fund authorized by the General Assembly in resolution 538 B (VI),

Further recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 565 (XIX) of 31 March 1955, by which the Council reconstituted the High Commissioner's Advisory Committee on Refugees as an Executive Committee,

Having considered Economic and Social Council resolution 650 (XXIV) of 24 July 1957,

1. *Approves* the recommendations contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 650 (XXIV) of 24 July 1957, and accordingly:

(a) Requests the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to intensify the United Nations Refugee Fund programme to the fullest extent possible in order to achieve permanent solutions for the maximum number of refugees remaining in camps, without losing sight of the need to continue to seek solutions for the problems of refugees outside camps;

(b) Authorizes the High Commissioner to appeal to States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies for the purpose of raising the additional funds needed for closing the refugee camps;

2. *Reaffirms* the basic principle laid down in paragraph 1 of the Statute of the High Commissioner's Office regarding forms of permanent solution of the problems of refugees, by actions designed to "facilitate the voluntary repatriation of such refugees, or their assimilation within new national communities";

3. *Decides* that the operations under the United Nations Refugee Fund shall not be continued after 31 December 1958 except as provided for in paragraph 4 below;

4. *Requests* the High Commissioner to supervise the orderly completion of projects financed from the United Nations Refugee Fund which were started but not completed before 31 December 1958, and to carry out the liquidation of the Fund in accordance with paragraph 5 (a) below;

5. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to establish, not later than at its twenty-sixth session, an Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme to consist of representatives of from twenty to twenty-five States Members of the United Nations or members of any of the specialized agencies, to be elected by the Council on the widest possible geographical basis from those States with a demonstrated interest in, and devotion to, the solution of the refugee problem, this Committee to take the place of the UNREF Executive Committee and to be entrusted with the terms of reference set forth below:

(a) To give directives to the High Commissioner for the liquidation of the United Nations Refugee Fund;

(b) To advise the High Commissioner, at his request, in the exercise of his functions under the Statute of his Office;

(c) To advise the High Commissioner as to whether it is appropriate for international assistance to be provided through his Office in order to help solve specific refugee problems remaining unsolved after 31 December 1958 or arising after that date;

(d) To authorize the High Commissioner to make appeals for funds to enable him to solve the refugee problems referred to in sub-paragraph (c) above;

(e) To approve projects for assistance to refugees coming within the scope of sub-paragraph (c) above;

(f) To give directives to the High Commissioner for the use of the emergency fund to be established under the terms of paragraph 7 below;

6. *Authorizes* the High Commissioner, under conditions approved by the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, to make appeals for the funds needed to provide supplemental temporary care and maintenance to, and participate in the financing of permanent solutions for, refugees coming within his mandate and otherwise not provided for;

7. *Further authorizes* the High Commissioner to establish an emergency fund not to exceed \$500,000, to be utilized under general directives of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, and to maintain this fund from the repayments of the principal and interest of loans made by the United Nations Refugee Fund and from voluntary contributions made for this purpose;

8. *Decides* that appropriate financial rules for the use of all funds received by the High Commissioner under the terms of the present resolution shall be established, in consultation with the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, and in accordance with the Statute of the Office of the High Commissioner and the Financial Regulations of the United Nations;

9. *Requests* the UNREF Executive Committee to exercise in 1958 such functions incumbent upon the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme in conformity with paragraph 5 above as it deems necessary, with a view to assuring the continuity of international assistance to refugees falling within the scope of paragraph 5 (c) above;

10. *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.

*723rd plenary meeting,
26 November 1957.*

1167 (XII). Chinese refugees in Hong Kong

The General Assembly,

Having considered the problem of the Chinese refugees in Hong Kong, in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the United Nations Refugee Fund at its fourth session,⁶

Acknowledging the heavy burden placed upon the Government of Hong Kong in dealing with this problem, and the efforts made to alleviate it,

Recognizing however that the problem is such as to be of concern to the international community,

Taking into account the need for emergency and long-term assistance,

1. *Appeals* to States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and to non-governmental organizations to give all possible assistance with a view to alleviating the distress of the Chinese refugees in Hong Kong;

⁶ *Ibid.*, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/3585/Rev.1), annex I, para. 107.

2. *Authorizes* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to use his good offices to encourage arrangements for contributions.

*723rd plenary meeting,
26 November 1957.*

1188 (XII). Recommendations concerning international respect for the right of peoples and nations to self-determination

The General Assembly,

Recalling that one of the purposes and principles of the United Nations is to develop friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples,

Recalling further its resolution 545 (VI) of 5 February 1952 in which it decided to include in the International Covenants on Human Rights an article which should provide: "All peoples shall have the right of self-determination",

Reaffirming the principles embodied in the above-mentioned resolution that all States, including those having responsibility for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories, should promote the realization of that right, in conformity with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Considering that disregard for the right to self-determination not only undermines the basis of friendly relations among nations as defined in the Charter of the United Nations but also creates conditions which may prevent further realization of the right itself,

Believing that such a situation is contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

1. *Reaffirms* that it is of international importance that, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations:

(a) Member States shall, in their relations with one another, give due respect to the right of self-determination;

(b) Member States having responsibility for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories shall promote the realization and facilitate the exercise of this right by the peoples of such Territories;

2. *Decides* to consider further at its thirteenth session the item "Recommendations concerning international respect for the right of peoples and nations to self-determination", including the proposals contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 586 D (XX) of 29 July 1955.

*727th plenary meeting,
11 December 1957.*

1189 (XII). Freedom of information

A

The General Assembly,

Considering the need to bring the text of the draft Convention on Freedom of Information⁷ to the attention of the increased membership of the United Nations,

Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To circulate to Member States the text of the preamble and nineteen articles of the draft Convention

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

on Freedom of Information prepared in 1951 by the General Assembly's *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Draft Convention on Freedom of Information, together with a brief history of the development of this project, and to invite them to submit their views and suggestions on the text and on the action which the General Assembly should take thereon;

(b) To invite Member States to provide a statement of the legal provisions relating to freedom of information in their countries;

(c) To report on this consultation to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session to enable the Assembly to give such priority as it may determine to the appropriate consideration of the draft Convention on Freedom of Information.

727th plenary meeting,
11 December 1957.

B

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the media of information have a more important role than ever before in strengthening friendly relations between peoples and that a free flow of accurate and undistorted news and information is a powerful factor in maintaining international peace and understanding,

Noting that the Commission on Human Rights, at its thirteenth session, appointed a committee of five of its members for the purpose of reviewing the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies on freedom of information and reporting, with recommendations, to the Commission at its fourteenth session,

Believing that there is need to ensure that problems of freedom of information shall remain under constant review by the appropriate organs of the United Nations,

Requests the Economic and Social Council:

(a) To invite the Commission on Human Rights to consider, at its fourteenth session, procedures by which

such constant review may be ensured, *inter alia*, by including problems of freedom of information in the agenda of its future sessions and examining means of providing for the continuing study of such problems;

(b) Further to invite the Commission, when examining the report of its committee appointed to review the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies on freedom of information, to give special consideration to the problem of developing media of information in under-developed countries;

(c) To transmit to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session the report of the Commission on these matters, together with the Council's recommendation thereon.

727th plenary meeting,
11 December 1957.

C

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the desirability of studying all possible means of increasing the free flow of accurate and undistorted news and information within countries and across national frontiers,

Noting the developing programme of advisory services in the field of human rights authorized by the General Assembly in its resolution 926 (X) of 14 December 1955,

Considering that the holding of seminars on freedom of information could contribute to the solution of problems in this field,

Urges Member States to consider the possibility of organizing, in co-operation with the Secretary-General, seminars on freedom of information under the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights.

727th plenary meeting,
11 December 1957.

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Other decisions taken by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Third Committee

Draft International Covenants on Human Rights (item 33)

The General Assembly, at its 727th plenary meeting on 11 December 1957, decided to continue the consideration of agenda item 33 at its thirteenth session.

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1138 (XII). Petitions and communications from Mr. Jacobus Beukes of the Rehoboth Community concerning the Territory of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having accepted the advisory opinion of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa,¹

Having authorized the Committee on South West Africa by its resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953, to examine petitions in accordance with the Mandates procedure of the League of Nations,

Having received a report from the Committee on South West Africa² dealing with a petition dated 16 July 1956 and a petition dated 23 January 1957, together with related communications, from Mr. Jacobus Beukes of the Rehoboth Community of South West Africa,

Noting that the petitioner, in his petition dated 16 July 1956,³ alleges that the 1956 elections to the Advisory Board of the Rehoboth Community were surrounded by confusion and were not conducted in accordance with the patriarchal law of the Community,

Noting that the petitioner, in his petition dated 23 January 1957,⁴ raises questions concerning the disposal of Community property and makes allegations concerning the exercise of the functions of the Magistrate of the Rehoboth District and the Advisory Board of the Community,

1. *Draws the attention* of the Union of South Africa, as the Mandatory Power, to the observations and allegations made by the petitioner and requests it to investigate the matters raised by him;

2. *Further draws the attention* of the Mandatory Power to General Assembly resolution 935 (X) of 3 December 1955 concerning the rights granted to the Rehoboth Community by the Agreement of 17 August 1923 between the Government of the Union of South Africa and the Rehoboth Community, ratified and confirmed by Proclamation No. 28 of 1923.

*709th plenary meeting,
25 October 1957.*

1139 (XII). Petitions and communications from Mr. Johannes Dausab and others, Chief Hosea Kutako, Mr. Wilhelm Heyn and Dr. Joachim Seegert, and Mr. Jacobus Beukes concerning the Territory of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having accepted the advisory opinion of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa,¹

Having authorized the Committee on South West Africa, by resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953, to examine petitions in accordance with the Mandates procedure of the League of Nations,

Having received a report from the Committee on South West Africa,² arrived at without the assistance

¹ *International status of South-West Africa, Advisory Opinion: I.C.J. Reports 1950, p. 128.*

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/3626), chapter VI, section A.*

³ *Ibid., Supplement No. 12 (A/3626), annex VI.*

⁴ *Ibid., annex VII.*

⁵ *Ibid., Supplement No. 12 (A/3626), chapter VI, sections B and C.*

of the Mandatory Power, dealing with a petition dated 10 October 1956 from Mr. Johannes Dausab and others in the Hoachanas Native Reserve,⁶ a petition dated 30 October 1956 and related communications dated 28 May and 26 June 1957 from Chief Hosea Kutako,⁷ a petition dated 3 January 1957 and a related communication dated 16 March 1957 from Mr. Wilhelm Heyn and Dr. Joachim Seegert,⁸ and a petition dated 27 March 1957 from Mr. Jacobus Beukes of the Rehoboth Community,⁹

Noting that these petitions and communications raise questions relating to various aspects of the administration of the Territory of South West Africa and of conditions in the Territory upon which the Committee has presented a report,

Decides to draw the attention of the petitioners to the report and observations of the Committee on South West Africa regarding conditions in the Territory, submitted to the General Assembly at its twelfth session, and to the action taken by the Assembly on this report.

*709th plenary meeting,
25 October 1957.*

1140 (XII). Conditions in the Territory of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having considered the fourth report submitted to it, in accordance with resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953, by the Committee on South West Africa,¹⁰

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the work of the Committee on South West Africa;

2. *Approves* the report of the Committee concerning conditions in the Territory of South West Africa.¹¹

*709th plenary meeting,
25 October 1957.*

1141 (XII). 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 (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, 749 B (VIII) of 28 November 1953, 852 (IX) of 23 November 1954, 940 (X) of 3 December 1955 and 1055 (XI) of 26 February 1957, 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 on the question of South West Africa,¹

⁶ *Ibid., Supplement No. 12 (A/3626), annex IX.*

⁷ *Ibid., annex X.*

⁸ *Ibid., annex XI.*

⁹ *Ibid., annex XII.*

¹⁰ *Ibid., Supplement No. 12 (A/3626).*

¹¹ *Ibid., Supplement No. 12 (A/3626), annex I.*

Considering that, in accordance with Chapter XII of the Charter of the United Nations, all Mandated Territories which have not achieved independence have been brought under the International 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, 749 B (VIII) of 28 November 1953, 852 (IX) of 23 November 1954, 940 (X) of 3 December 1955 and 1055 (XI) of 26 February 1957, to the effect that the Territory of South West Africa be placed under the International Trusteeship System;

2. *Asserts* that, in the present conditions of political and economic development of South West Africa, the normal way of modifying the international status of the Territory is to place it under the International Trusteeship System by means of a trusteeship agreement in accordance with the provisions of Chapter XII of the Charter of the United Nations.

*709th plenary meeting,
25 October 1957.*

1142 (XII). Legal action to ensure the fulfilment of the obligations assumed by the Union of South Africa in respect of the Territory of South West Africa

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 449 A (V) of 13 December 1950, by which the General Assembly accepted the opinion of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice¹ to the effect that:

(a) South West Africa is a Territory under the international Mandate assumed by the Union of South Africa on 17 December 1920,

(b) 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, the supervisory functions to be exercised by the United Nations,

(c) The reference to the Permanent Court of International Justice is 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 International Court of Justice,

Recalling also its resolution 1060 (XI) of 26 February 1957, by which it requested the Committee on South West Africa to study what legal action was open to ensure that the Union of South Africa fulfilled the obligations assumed by it under the Mandate for South West Africa,

Having received the Committee's special report¹² on the study referred to in the previous paragraph,

1. *Commends* the Committee on South West Africa for its useful report;

2. *Notes with deep concern* that:

(a) The Union of South Africa contends that, the Mandate having "lapsed", it has no obligations of which the United Nations has cognizance;

(b) The Union of South Africa has not rendered annual reports to the United Nations in accordance with Article 22 of the Covenant of the League of Nations, article 6 of the Mandate, and General Assembly resolution 449 A (V) of 13 December 1950;

3. *Draws the attention* of Member States to the failure of the Union of South Africa to render annual reports to the United Nations, and to the legal action provided for in article 7 of the Mandate read with Article 37 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice;

4. *Decides* to resume, at its thirteenth session, consideration of the special report of the Committee on South West Africa.

*709th plenary meeting,
25 October 1957.*

B

The General Assembly,

Noting with concern the observation in the report of the Committee on South West Africa, that existing conditions in the Territory of South West Africa and the trend of the administration represent a situation contrary to the Mandates System, the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the advisory opinions of the International Court of Justice and the resolutions of the General Assembly,¹³

Noting also that, in its special report, the Committee on South West Africa has stated that questions may be put to the International Court of Justice for its advisory opinion as to whether specific acts of the Mandatory State are in conformity with the obligations assumed by it,¹⁴

Requests the Committee on South West Africa to consider further the question of securing from the International Court of Justice advisory opinions in regard to the administration of the Territory of South West Africa, and to make recommendations in its next report concerning acts of the administration on which a reference to the Court may usefully be made as to their compatibility or otherwise with Article 22 of the Covenant of the League of Nations, the Mandate for South West Africa and the Charter of the United Nations.

*709th plenary meeting,
25 October 1957.*

1143 (XII). Establishment of a Good Offices Committee on South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous endeavors to find a settlement with the Union of South Africa regarding the status of South West Africa, particularly under the provisions of resolution 449 A (V) of 13 December 1950 establishing an *ad hoc* committee for the purpose, resolution 570 A (VI) of 19 January 1952 re-establishing the *ad hoc* committee, resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953 establishing the Committee on South West Africa, and resolution 1059 (XI) of 26 February 1957 requesting the intervention of the Secretary-General to secure, through negotiation with the Union of South Africa, an agreement concerning the Territory of South West Africa based on the international status

¹² Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 12A (A/3625).

¹³ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12 (A/3626), para. 161.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12A (A/3625), para. 18.

accorded to it by Mandate of the League of Nations dated 17 December 1920,

Considering that the Charter of the United Nations makes it incumbent on each Member State to pursue every available means of negotiation and conciliation for the settlement of international problems on the basis of respect for the purposes and principles of the Charter,

Being confident that the Union of South Africa will wish, in the light of its obligations under the Charter, to co-operate in a further endeavour to arrive at a settlement of the question of South West Africa,

1. *Decides* to establish a Good Offices Committee on South West Africa, consisting of the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and a third member to be nominated by the President of the twelfth session of the General Assembly, to discuss with the Government of the Union of South Africa a basis for an agreement which would continue to accord to the Territory of South West Africa an international status;

2. *Requests* the Committee to submit to the General Assembly, at its thirteenth session, a report on its activities for examination and decision by the Assembly in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Committee with all necessary staff and facilities.

709th plenary meeting,
25 October 1957.

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At the 714th plenary meeting on 1 November 1957, the President of the General Assembly appointed Brazil as the third member of the Good Offices Committee on South West Africa. The Committee is therefore composed as follows: BRAZIL, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

1152 (XII). Economic conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Considering that, by resolution 564 (VI) of 18 January 1952, it approved the special report drawn up in 1951¹⁵ as a brief but considered indication of economic conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories and the problems of economic development,

Considering that, by resolution 846 (IX) of 22 November 1954, it approved a further special report on economic conditions¹⁶ as a supplement to the 1951 report,

Noting the 1957 report on economic conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories,¹⁷ prepared by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories,

1. *Approves* the 1957 report on economic conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories and considers that it should be studied in conjunction with the reports approved in 1951 and 1954;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to communicate the 1957 report on economic conditions in Non-Self-Gov-

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, Sixth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/1836), part three.

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/2729), part two.

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/3647 and Corr.1), part two.

erning Territories 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.

722nd plenary meeting,
26 November 1957.

1153 (XII). Economic development of Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Having examined the 1957 report on economic conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories,¹⁷ prepared by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories.

Having noted that the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community provides for the association with the Community of certain Non-Self-Governing Territories,¹⁸

Believing that this association may have important effects on the economic development of these Territories,

1. *Invites* the Administering Members concerned to transmit to the Secretary-General, in conformity with Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations, information on the association of the Non-Self-Governing Territories under their administration with the European Economic Community;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare for the thirteenth session of the General Assembly a report on the developments connected with the association of Non-Self-Governing Territories with the European Economic Community, taking into account the studies that may be undertaken in this connexion by the Economic and Social Council, the Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, the Economic Commission for Latin America and other international organs, in so far as these studies may be relevant to the economic development of Non-Self-Governing Territories;

3. *Decides* to resume consideration of this question at its thirteenth session.

722nd plenary meeting,
26 November 1957.

1154 (XII). Scholarships for students from Non-Self-Governing Territories under General Assembly resolution 845 (IX)

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the report presented by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its twelfth session¹⁹ in compliance with resolution 931 (X) of 8 November 1955,

Noting with satisfaction the further response to resolution 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954, inviting Member States to extend offers of facilities for study and training to inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Taking into account the interest in the offers indicated by the steadily increasing number of applications,

¹⁸ A/C.4/360.

¹⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 35, documents A/3618 and Add.1.

1. *Requests* Members submitting their observations on the qualifications of the candidates, in accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954, and Members which offer facilities, to consider the applications with all possible speed;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give such assistance as is possible and as may be sought by the Members concerned and by the applicants;

3. Invites the offering States to inform the Secretary-General of the use made of the scholarships offered by them;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his annual reports to the General Assembly, prepared in accordance with resolution 931 (X) of 8 November 1955, information on the action taken as a result of the present resolution.

*722nd plenary meeting,
26 November 1957.*

1182 (XII) The future of Togoland under French administration

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the objectives of the International Trusteeship System as set forth in Article 76 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its resolution 1046 (XI) of 23 January 1957 concerning the future of Togoland under French administration,

Having received from the Trusteeship Council, in accordance with the above-mentioned resolution, a special report²⁰ transmitting the report of the United Nations Commission on Togoland under French Administration²¹ and the proceedings of the Council on the subject,²²

Taking note of Trusteeship Council resolution 1785 (S-VII) of 19 September 1957, in which the Council considers that the report, as well as the statements made before the Council at its seventh special session by the representative of the Government of France and the representative of the Government of Togoland, provides a useful and constructive basis for consideration and action by the General Assembly with a view to reaching a mutually satisfactory solution in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the Trusteeship Agreement, and decides to transmit to the General Assembly the report of the Commission, together with the proceedings of the Council, in order to set in motion an appropriate procedure for the early attainment of the final objective of the Trusteeship System,

Taking note of the further statements made in the Fourth Committee on behalf of the Administering Authority and the Government of Togoland concerning, in particular, their proposals for the further political development of the Territory, including the transfer of all powers to the Togoland Government except defence, diplomacy and currency, and the renewal in 1958 by universal adult suffrage of the Legislative Assembly,

Having heard, during the hearings granted by the Fourth Committee, the points of view expressed by the petitioners,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Commission on Togoland under French Administration for its valuable report and draws the attention of the Administering Authority and the Togoland Government to the observations and suggestions contained therein;

2. *Notes* the statement of the Administering Authority that the Legislative Assembly to be elected by universal adult suffrage in 1958 and the Togoland Government will be asked to formulate, in consultation with the Administering Authority, proposals for the early attainment of the final objective of the Trusteeship System;

3. *Accepts*, having regard to the responsibilities of the new Legislative Assembly mentioned in the preceding paragraph, the invitation of the Government of Togoland, transmitted by the Administering Authority, to make the necessary arrangements, in consultation with the Administering Authority, for supervision of the elections by the United Nations;

4. *Decides* to elect a Commissioner who shall supervise the elections to the Legislative Assembly and who shall be assisted by observers and staff to be appointed by the Secretary-General in consultation with him;

5. *Requests* the Administering Authority and the Government of Togoland to make, in consultation with the United Nations Commissioner, the arrangements for the organization and conduct of the elections to the Legislative Assembly;

6. *Requests* the Commissioner to submit to the Trusteeship Council, for its consideration, and for transmission to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session, a report on the organization, conduct and results of the elections;

7. *Invites* the Administering Authority to inform the Trusteeship Council concerning the carrying out of the above-mentioned transfer of powers, the results of the elections, the convening of the new Togoland Legislative Assembly, and regarding any wishes which may have been expressed by the Legislative Assembly concerning the new Statute and the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement for the Territory of Togoland under French Administration;

8. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to consider these matters and report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session, so as to enable it, if so requested by the new Togoland Legislative Assembly and the Administering Authority, to reach a decision, in the light of the circumstances then prevailing, concerning the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement in accordance with Article 76 b of the Charter of the United Nations.

*724th plenary meeting,
29 November 1957.*

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²⁰ *Ibid.*, agenda item 37, document A/3676.

²¹ *Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Seventh Special Session, Supplement No. 2 (T/1343)*, documents T/1336 and Add.1 and 2.

²² *Ibid.*, *Seventh Special Session*, 841st to 847th meetings.

The General Assembly, at its 730th plenary meeting on 14 December 1957, elected by secret ballot Mr. Max Dorsinville (Haiti) to the office of United Nations Commissioner for the elections in the Trust Territory of Togoland under French administration.

1205 (XII). Report of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 15 August 1956 to 12 July 1957

The General Assembly,

*Having examined the report of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 15 August 1956 to 12 July 1957,*²³

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Trusteeship Council;

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

*729th plenary meeting,
13 December 1957.*

1206 (XII). Economic advancement of Somaliland under Italian administration

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 855 (IX) of 14 December 1954, in which it requested the Trusteeship Council, on the basis of the conclusions of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in East Africa, 1954, and the report of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, to endeavour to decide on practical measures for financing the economic development plans for Somaliland under Italian administration,

*Having examined with interest the report of the Mission of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development,*²⁴ and the observations thereon of the Administering Authority, the Government of Somalia and the United Nations Advisory Council for the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian Administration,

Having taken note of the statement of the Administering Authority that the Territory would require, after 1960, external financial assistance, excluding technical assistance, amounting to about \$4 million to \$5 million annually,

Having considered the various possibilities suggested by the Trusteeship Council of furnishing technical and financial assistance to Somaliland under Italian Administration after 1960, and noting the conclusion of the Council, with which the Administering Authority is in agreement, that it is premature to make any specific recommendation as to the amount of external assistance which might be required after 1960,

1. *Notes* from the report of the Trusteeship Council²⁵ that the Administering Authority, in consultation with the Government of Somalia, will continue to assess all requirements for a viable, independent Somalia, explore all possible ways of meeting the requirements indicated by these assessments and submit a report thereon to the Council at its twenty-second session;

2. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to continue its study of this question, in consultation with the Administering Authority and the Government of Somalia, and, in particular, to explore further the possibilities suggested by the Council and to report thereon for the

consideration of the General Assembly at its thirteenth session.

*729th plenary meeting,
13 December 1957.*

1207 (XII). Attainment of self-government or independence by Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Considering that, in accordance with the provisions of Article 76 b of the Charter of the United Nations, one of the basic objectives of the International Trusteeship System is the progressive development of the inhabitants of Trust Territories towards self-government or independence,

Recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolution 558 (VI) of 18 January 1952, invited the Administering Authority of each Trust Territory, *inter alia*, to estimate the period of time in which the Trust Territories concerned would attain self-government or independence,

Recalling also that the General Assembly, in its resolution 1064 (XI) of 26 February 1957, recommended that the Administering Authorities concerned take the necessary measures to ensure that the Trust Territories of Tanganyika, the Cameroons under British administration, the Cameroons under French administration, Togoland under French administration and Ruandi-Urundi achieve self-government or independence at an early date, and further invited the Administering Authorities concerned to estimate the period of time required for the attainment of self-government or independence by all Trust Territories, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 558 (VI),

Having examined part III of the report of the Trusteeship Council,²⁶

Noting with satisfaction that the Trusteeship Council has recommended that the Administering Authorities indicate such successive intermediate targets and dates in the political, economic, social and educational development of the Trust Territories as will create the pre-conditions for their attainment of self-government or independence,

Noting with disappointment that the Administering Authorities concerned have not yet submitted the estimates of the periods of time required by the Trust Territories for the attainment of the final objective of trusteeship, namely, self-government or independence,

Conscious of the importance of estimating the time required for the attainment by Trust Territories of self-government or independence,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolutions 558 (VI) of 18 January 1952 and 1064 (XI) of 26 February 1957, and once again invites the Administering Authorities to implement the terms of those resolutions;

2. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to report to the General Assembly, at its thirteenth session, on the progress made in implementing the present resolution.

*729th plenary meeting,
13 December 1957.*

1208 (XII). Rural economic development of the Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 438 (V) of 2 December 1950, recommending that the Trusteeship Council consider

²³ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/3595 and Corr.1).

²⁴ Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Twentieth Session, Annexes, agenda item 4, document T/1296.

the prevailing policies, laws and practices which, in the Trust Territories, relate to land, land utilization and the alienation of land, taking into account the present and future needs of the indigenous inhabitants from the standpoint of the basic objectives of the International Trusteeship System and the future economic requirements of the Territories, as well as the social and economic consequences of the transfer of land to non-indigenous inhabitants,

Having noted the actions of the Trusteeship Council in this field, both through its regular procedures for the examination of conditions in the Trust Territories and through the establishment of the Committee on Rural Economic Development of the Trust Territories,

Bearing in mind the technical difficulties that the Committee has encountered in the various aspects of the study entrusted to it,

Noting with regret that the Committee has not yet been able to carry out the aforementioned study,

Considering that the questions of land tenure, land utilization and land alienation call for analysis and opinion of a technical and expert nature, and recalling in this connexion General Assembly resolution 561 (VI) of 18 January 1952,

Considering that, in the meantime, it would be appropriate for the Trusteeship Council, with the assistance of the Committee, to continue to devote particular attention to the question of the alienation of land in the Trust Territories,

1. *Decides*, in order to facilitate the eventual study by the General Assembly of problems of land tenure, land utilization and land alienation in the Trust Territories, to invite the appropriate specialized agencies, particularly the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the International Labour Organisation to submit to the Trusteeship Council their observations and suggestions concerning these problems;

2. *Recommends* to the Trusteeship Council that it ensure, through the Committee on Rural Economic Development of the Trust Territories or by such other means as it deems appropriate, the early submission of its study of the prevailing policies, laws and practices relating to land tenure, land utilization and land alienation in Trust Territories, taking into account the present and future needs of the indigenous inhabitants from the standpoint of the basic objectives of the International Trusteeship System and the future economic requirements of the Territories, as well as the social and economic consequences of the transfer of land to non-indigenous inhabitants;

3. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to include the results of this study in its next report to the General Assembly.

*729th plenary meeting,
13 December 1957.*

1209 (XII). Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Having examined chapter V, section D, of part I of the report of the Trusteeship Council²³ and the report of the Secretary-General on offers by Member

States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories²⁵,

Recalling that, in its resolutions 753 (VIII) of 9 December 1953 and 1063 (XI) of 26 February 1957, the General Assembly recommended that the Administering Authorities of the Trust Territories take all such measures as would ensure the greatest possible use by inhabitants of the Trust Territories of the scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States,

Noting that the major part of the scholarships offered by Member States remains unutilized,

1. *Takes note* of chapter V, section D, of part I of the report of the Trusteeship Council and of the report of the Secretary-General on offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories;

2. *Reaffirms* its resolution 1063 (XI) of 26 February 1957 and once again invites the Administering Authorities to take all necessary measures to ensure that scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States may be utilized by inhabitants of the Trust Territories and to render every assistance to those persons who have applied for, or have been granted, scholarships or fellowships;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give such assistance as is possible, and as may be sought by the Members concerned and by the applicants, within the framework of the procedures laid down by the Trusteeship Council;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include, in his future reports to the Trusteeship Council, detailed information concerning the actual use of scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States for the education of inhabitants of the Trust Territories;

5. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to resume, at its sessions held in 1958, the consideration of this question and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session.

*729th plenary meeting,
13 December 1957.*

1210 (XII). Effects of the European Economic Community on the development of certain Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report of the Trusteeship Council,²³

Having observed that the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community provides that certain Trust Territories are to be associated with the Community,

Believing that this association may have significant effects on the development of such Territories,

1. *Invites* the Administering Authorities concerned to submit information to the Trusteeship Council on the association of the Trust Territories under their administration with the European Economic Community and on the possible effects of the Treaty establishing the Community on the development of those Territories;

2. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to include in its report to the General Assembly, at its thirteenth

²³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Annexes, agenda item 13, document A/3718.*

session, a separate section dealing with the effects that the association of certain Trust Territories with the Community may have on the development of those Territories, in the light of any surveys of this problem carried out by the Secretary-General in virtue of General Assembly resolution 1153 (XII) of 26 November 1957, by the Economic and Social Council, the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, the Economic Commission for Latin America, or other international bodies, in so far as such surveys are concerned with the development of those Territories;

3. *Resolves* to resume examination of this question at its thirteenth session.

*729th plenary meeting,
13 December 1957.*

1211 (XII). Situation in the Trust Territories of the Cameroons under British administration and the Cameroons under French administration²⁶

The General Assembly,

Having studied the chapters of the report of the Trusteeship Council which relate to the Trust Territories of the Cameroons under British administration and the Cameroons under French administration,²⁷

Noting continued tensions and disturbances in a certain area of the Cameroons under French administration,

Noting the fact that the amnesty law envisaged by the Administering Authority has not yet been promulgated,

Taking note of the progress achieved in both Territories and of the measures to that effect adopted by the Administering Authorities and by the authorities of both Cameroons,

Having heard and considered the statements of the petitioners from these Territories in the course of the hearings granted by the Fourth Committee,

Bearing in mind that the Trusteeship Council will, in the normal course, send a visiting mission to the two Territories in 1958,

1. *Takes note* of the pertinent chapters of the report of the Trusteeship Council;

2. *Transmits* the statements of the petitioners to the Trusteeship Council for further study;

3. *Recommends* that the Trusteeship Council take into account the observations and suggestions made during the debate in the Fourth Committee, when the Council considers conditions in the Trust Territories of the Cameroons under British administration and the Cameroons under French administration at its twenty-first session;

4. *Expresses the hope* that, as a result of the application of appropriate measures, in particular the early promulgation of the amnesty law by the Administering Authority, and the renunciation of the use of violence

²⁶ This resolution was submitted directly in plenary meeting and adopted by the General Assembly after consideration of the report of the Fourth Committee. For the text of the report, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Annexes, agenda item 13, document A/3779*.

²⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/3595 and Corr.1), part II, chapters IV and V.*

by all political parties, it will be possible to achieve, in the Cameroons under French administration, conditions conducive to the early restoration of a normal situation in the disturbed area, and to the furtherance of democratic progress and political activities in the Territory;

5. *Is confident* that the appropriate steps to be taken by the Administering Authorities will further facilitate the realization in both Territories of the final objectives of the Trusteeship System, in accordance with the free expression of the wishes of the populations concerned, taking into account any alternative relative to their future status;

6. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to instruct its next visiting mission, in 1958, to take into account the observations and suggestions made at the twelfth session of the General Assembly during the examination of the situation in the two Territories.

*729th plenary meeting,
13 December 1957.*

1213 (XII). Question of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 392 (V) of 15 December 1950, 854 (IX) of 14 December 1954, 947 (X) of 15 December 1955 and 1068 (XI) of 26 February 1957,

Having taken note of the reports transmitted to the General Assembly by the Governments of Ethiopia²⁸ and of Italy²⁹ in accordance with the recommendation contained in resolution 1068 (XI),

Having heard the statements made by the delegations of Ethiopia and of Italy, including that of the representative of the Government of Somalia,³⁰

Noting the efforts made by the Governments of Ethiopia and of Italy in negotiations to reach a solution of the question of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia,

Noting that, although some progress was made during the discussions, direct negotiations have not resolved some of the main differences between the parties,

Considering that it is in the common interest of Ethiopia and the Trust Territory that there should be a final settlement of the question of the frontier between them before the Territory becomes an independent sovereign State in 1960,

Having regard to the urgency of the matter,

1. *Expresses the opinion* that a final settlement can be achieved most expeditiously by a procedure of arbitration;

2. *Recommends* the parties to establish, if possible within three months, an arbitration tribunal—consisting of three jurists, one to be appointed by Ethiopia, one by Italy and one by agreement between the jurists so

²⁸ *Ibid.*, Twelfth Session, Annexes, agenda item 39, document A/3753.

²⁹ *Ibid.*, documents A/3754 and Add.1.

³⁰ *Ibid.*, Twelfth Session, Fourth Committee, 734th meeting.

appointed or, failing agreement between them, by His Majesty the King of Norway—to delimit the frontier in accordance with terms of reference to be agreed upon between the two Governments, with the assistance of an independent person to be appointed by agreement between them;

3. *Requests* the Governments of Ethiopia and of Italy to report to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session on the measures taken by them to give effect to the present resolution.

*730th plenary meeting,
14 December 1957.*

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Notes

Election to fill a vacancy in the membership of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories (item 36)

At its 725th meeting on 2 December 1957, the Fourth Committee, acting on behalf of the General Assembly, in accordance with the terms of Assembly resolutions 332 (IV) and 646 (VII) of 2 December 1949 and 10 December 1952, elected for a three-year period one member to the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of office of PERU.

The following State was elected: BRAZIL.

Election of three members of the Committee on South West Africa (item 38 (c))

At its 729th plenary meeting on 13 December 1957, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fourth Committee, elected three members to the Committee on South West Africa to replace SYRIA, THAILAND and URUGUAY.

The following States were elected: EGYPT, INDONESIA and URUGUAY.

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1137 (XII). Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 14 (I) of 13 February 1946, 238 (III) of 18 November 1948 and 665 (VII) of 5 December 1952, regarding the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations among its Members and the fixing of the maximum contribution of any one Member State,

Noting that, when the maximum contribution of any one Member State was fixed at 33.33 per cent effective 1 January 1954, the United Nations consisted of sixty Member States,

Noting further that, since 1 January 1954, twenty-two States have been admitted to membership in the United Nations,

Recalling its resolution 1087 (XI) of 21 December 1956, whereby the percentage contributions of the first sixteen new Member States admitted since 1 January 1954 were incorporated into the regular scale of assessments for 1956 and 1957 and were applied to reduce the percentage contributions of all Member States ex-

cept that of the highest contributor and those of the Member States paying minimum assessments,

Noting that there are now six new Member States—Ghana, Japan, Malaya (Federation of), Morocco, Sudan and Tunisia—whose percentage contributions have not yet been fixed by the Committee on Contributions or incorporated into the 100 per cent scale of assessments,

Decides that:

1. In principle, the maximum contribution of any one Member State to the ordinary expenses of the United Nations shall not exceed 30 per cent of the total;

2. The percentage contributions fixed by the Committee on Contributions for Japan, Morocco, Sudan and Tunisia for 1956 and 1957, and for Ghana and Malaya (Federation of) for 1957, shall constitute miscellaneous income of the United Nations;

3. The Committee on Contributions shall take the following steps in preparing scales of assessment for 1958 and subsequent years;

(a) The percentage contributions fixed by the Committee on Contributions for Ghana, Japan, Malaya (Federation of), Morocco, Sudan and Tunisia for 1958

shall be incorporated into the 100 per cent scale for 1958; this incorporation shall be accomplished by applying the total amount of the percentage contributions of the six Member States named above to a *pro rata* reduction of the percentage contributions of all Members except those assessed at the minimum rate, taking into account the *per capita* ceiling principle and any reductions which may be required as a result of a review by the Committee on Contributions, at its session commencing 15 October 1957, of appeals from recommendations made previously by that Committee;

(b) During the three-year period of the next scale of assessments (1959-1961), further steps to reduce the share of the largest contributor shall be recommended by the Committee on Contributions when new Member States are admitted;

(c) The Committee on Contributions shall thereafter recommend such additional steps as may be necessary and appropriate to complete the reduction;

(d) The percentage contribution of Member States shall not in any case be increased as a consequence of the present resolution.

*705th plenary meeting,
14 October 1957.*

1168 (XII). 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 reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account for the financial year ended 31 December 1956,¹ and of the observations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, as set forth in its fifteenth report to the twelfth session of the General Assembly.²

*723rd plenary meeting,
26 November 1957.*

1169 (XII). United Nations: financial reports and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1956 and report of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

1. *Accepts* the financial reports and accounts of the United Nations for the financial year ended 31 December 1956 and the certificates of the Board of Auditors;³

2. *Concurs* in the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its twelfth report to the twelfth session of the General Assembly.⁴

*723rd plenary meeting,
26 November 1957.*

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Annexes, separate fascicle (A/3599).*

² *Ibid., Annexes, agenda item 46, document A/3710.*

³ *Ibid., Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/3590).*

⁴ *Ibid., Twelfth Session, Annexes, agenda item 49, document A/3707.*

1170 (XII). United Nations Children's Fund: financial report and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1956 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 1956 and the certificate of the Board of Auditors;⁵

2. *Takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its fourteenth report to the twelfth session of the General Assembly.⁶

*723rd plenary meeting,
26 November 1957.*

1171 (XII). United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency: financial report and accounts for the financial year ended 30 June 1957 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 1957 and the certificate of the Board of Auditors;⁷

2. *Takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its sixteenth report to the twelfth session of the General Assembly.⁸

*723rd plenary meeting,
26 November 1957.*

1172 (XII). United Nations Refugee Fund: financial report and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1956 and report of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

1. *Accepts* the financial report and accounts of the United Nations Refugee Fund for the financial year ended 31 December 1956 and the certificate of the Board of Auditors;⁹

2. *Takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its thirteenth report to the twelfth session of the General Assembly.¹⁰

*723rd plenary meeting,
26 November 1957.*

1173 (XII). 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:

⁵ *Ibid., Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 6A (A/3591).*

⁶ *Ibid., Twelfth Session, Annexes, agenda item 49, document A/3709.*

⁷ *Ibid., Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 6B (A/3696).*

⁸ *Ibid., Twelfth Session, Annexes, agenda item 49, document A/3715.*

⁹ *Ibid., Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 6C (A/3622).*

¹⁰ *Ibid., Twelfth Session, Annexes, agenda item 49, document A/3708.*

Mr. Thanassis Aghnides,
Mr. Eduardo Carrizosa,
Mr. Alexei Fedorovich Sokirkin;

2. *Declares* Mr. Aghnides, Mr. Carrizosa and Mr. Sokirkin to be appointed for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1958.

*723rd plenary meeting,
26 November 1957.*

1174 (XII). 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 1958.

*723rd plenary meeting,
26 November 1957.*

1175 (XII). 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 1958.

*723rd plenary meeting,
26 November 1957.*

1176 (XII). 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. Francisco A. Forteza,
Mr. Bror Arvid Sture Petré;

2. *Declares* Mr. Forteza and Mr. Petré to be appointed for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1958.

*723rd plenary meeting,
26 November 1957.*

1177 (XII). Public information activities of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 13 (I) of February 1946 approving the recommendations of the Technical Advisory Committee on Information concerning the policies, functions and organization of the Department of Public Information,

Recalling its resolution 595 (VI) of 4 February 1952 approving the principles governing the dissemination of information recommended by Sub-Committee 8 of the Fifth Committee,

Recalling its resolution 1086 (XI) of 21 December 1956 recommending the setting aside of funds for the progressive establishment of information centres in new Member States, through savings elsewhere in the budget and by other administrative means,

Recalling the recommendation approved by the Fifth Committee and embodied in its report to the eleventh session of the General Assembly,¹¹ that the over-all

expenditure for the public information activities of the United Nations (excluding the Visitors' Service and the Sales and Circulation Service) should be limited within a period of three years to a maximum annual figure of \$4.5 million,

Taking note of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraphs 26 to 39 of its fifth report to the twelfth session of the General Assembly,¹²

Bearing in mind the difficulties, which the Secretary-General has represented, in moving towards the approved maximum annual expenditure of \$4.5 million,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to appoint an expert committee of six individuals with practical, administrative and financial experience in the various fields of information—press, broadcasting, etc.—to be nominated by the Governments of Egypt, India, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Uruguay, and with instructions to undertake, in the light of the opinions expressed by delegations during the twelfth session of the General Assembly, a review and appraisal of the work, the methods used and the effectiveness of the results achieved by the public information services of the United Nations (including the information centres), with a view to recommending possible modifications to ensure a maximum of effectiveness at the lowest possible cost, and to report before the opening of the thirteenth session of the Assembly;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to present to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session the report of the Committee of experts, together with his comments and recommendations thereon;

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to pay the travel subsistence expenses of the members of the Committee of experts and to provide the necessary servicing facilities.

*723rd plenary meeting,
26 November 1957.*

1194 (XII). Appointment to fill a vacancy in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

The General Assembly

1. *Appoints* the following person as a member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:

Mr. A. H. M. Hillis;

2. *Declares* Mr. Hillis to be appointed for a one-year term to commence on 1 January 1958.

*729th plenary meeting,
13 December 1957.*

1195 (XII). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Contributions

A

The General Assembly

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

¹¹ *Ibid.*, Eleventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 43, document A/3550.

¹² *Ibid.*, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/3624).

Mr. Georgy Petrovich Arkadev,
Mr. René Charron,
Mr. Arthur S. Lall,
Mr. José Pareja;

2. Declares Mr. Arkadev, Mr. Charron, Mr. Lall and Mr. Pareja to be appointed for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1958.

729th plenary meeting,
13 December 1957.

B

The General Assembly

1. Appoints the following person as a member of the Committee on Contributions:

Mr. A. H. M. Hillis;

2. Declares Mr. Hillis to be appointed for a two-year term to commence on 1 January 1958.¹³

729th plenary meeting,
13 December 1957.

1196 (XII). Appointment to fill a vacancy in the membership of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee

The General Assembly

1. Appoints the following person as a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee:

Mr. A. H. M. Hillis;

2. Declares Mr. Hillis to be appointed for a one-year term to commence on 1 January 1958.

729th plenary meeting,
13 December 1957.

1197 (XII). Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds

A

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds¹⁴ appointed at the eleventh session of the General Assembly,

Recognizing the importance of determining the financial resources for activities and programmes to be financed by voluntary contributions before the reports on such activities and programmes are considered and acted upon by the General Assembly,

Decides that:

1. During its thirteenth session, the General Assembly shall convene an *ad hoc* committee of the whole Assembly, under the chairmanship of the President of the session, where pledges of voluntary contributions for the two refugee programmes for the following financial year would be announced, with separate meetings dedicated to each programme;

2. States not Members of the United Nations, but members of one or more of the specialized agencies, shall be invited to attend meetings of the *ad hoc* committee for the purpose of announcing their pledges to the two refugee programmes;

¹³ Mr. Hillis was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Arthur H. Clough.

¹⁴ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Annexes, agenda item 43, documents A/3668 and Add.1.

3. In order to ensure maximum attendance at the meetings, as great advance publicity as possible shall be given to the meetings of the *ad hoc* committee and the meetings shall be so scheduled that no other meetings are held at the same time.

729th plenary meeting,
13 December 1957.

B

The General Assembly

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 Assembly resolution 693 (VII) of 25 October 1952, to serve from the close of the twelfth session to the close of the thirteenth session of the Assembly;

2. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of the thirteenth session of the General Assembly the item entitled "Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds".

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13 December 1957.

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At the 729th plenary meeting on 13 December 1957, the President of the General Assembly appointed a Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds to serve until the close of the thirteenth session of the Assembly. The Committee is composed as follows: ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, CANADA, FRANCE, LEBANON, NEW ZEALAND, PAKISTAN, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

1198 (XII). Administrative and budgetary co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies

The General Assembly

1. Takes note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the administrative budgets of the specialized agencies for 1958,¹⁵ and of its special reports relating to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,¹⁶ the World Health Organization,¹⁷ and the World Meteorological Organization;¹⁸

2. Invites the attention of the specialized agencies to the comments and observations made in the Advisory Committee's report on the budgets of the agencies and to the views expressed in the Fifth Committee at the twelfth session of the General Assembly;

3. Invites the attention of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization and the World Meteorological Organization to the observations and suggestions contained in the Advisory Committee's special reports relating to those organizations.

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13 December 1957.

¹⁵ Ibid., agenda item 48, document A/3767.

¹⁶ Ibid., document A/3598.

¹⁷ Ibid., document A/3596.

¹⁸ Ibid., document A/3597.

1199 (XII). Annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

The General Assembly

Takes note of the annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board.¹⁹

*729th plenary meeting,
13 December 1957.*

1200 (XII). Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the fourth actuarial valuation of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund as of 30 September 1956 and second review of the basic tables of the Fund

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the fourth actuarial valuation of the Fund as of 30 September 1956 and the second review of the basic tables of the Fund;²⁰

2. *Takes note* of the observations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its twenty-third report to the twelfth session of the General Assembly.²¹

*729th plenary meeting,
13 December 1957.*

1201 (XII). Amendments to the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

The General Assembly

Adopts the texts annexed to the present resolution as amendments to the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund. These amendments shall come into force on 1 January 1958.

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13 December 1957.*

ANNEX

Article I, paragraph 4 (amended text)

"Final average remuneration" means the average annual pensionable remuneration of the participant during the last five years of his contributory service, on the understanding that, in the case of participants who have entered the Fund prior to 3 November 1955, it means the average pensionable remuneration of the participant during the last ten years of his contributory service whenever this average is higher. When the participant has less than five years of contributory service, the final average remuneration shall mean the average annual pensionable remuneration during the actual period of contributory service.

Article II, paragraph 1 (amended text)

Every full-time member of the staff of each member organization shall become a participant in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund:

- (a) If he enters employment under a contract without a time-limit;
- (b) If he enters employment under a fixed-term contract for five years or more;
- (c) If he has completed five years of employment and remains on a contract providing for further service of at least one year, or remains in employment for more than one year thereafter;

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/3611 and Corr.1 and 2).

²⁰ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 8A (A/3642).

²¹ *Ibid.*, Twelfth Session, Annexes, agenda item 45, document A/3749.

- (d) If the member organization certifies that the particular fixed-term contract is considered to cover a probationary period and is designed to lead to employment for an indefinite period,

provided that he is under sixty years of age at the time of entry into the Fund and that his participation is not excluded by his contract of employment.

Article IV, paragraph 1 (amended text)

A participant who reaches the age of sixty shall, upon retirement, be entitled during the remainder of his life to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly, equal to one-fifty-fifth of his final average remuneration multiplied by the number of years of his contributory service not exceeding thirty years.

Article V (amended text)

Subject to the provisions of articles X.1 (b) and XVI, a participant who, before reaching the age of sixty, has, in the opinion of the Joint Staff Pension Board, become unable to perform his duties owing to serious physical or mental impairment, shall be entitled, subject to article IX, while such disability continues, to a disability benefit payable in the same manner as a retirement benefit and equal to nine-tenths of one-fifty-fifth of his final average remuneration multiplied by the number of years of his contributory service not exceeding thirty years. This disability benefit shall not be less than the smaller of:

- (a) One-third of the final average remuneration;

- (b) Nine-tenths of the retirement benefit to which he would have been entitled if he had remained in service until he had reached the age of sixty and his final average remuneration had remained unchanged.

Article VII, paragraph 1 (amended text)

Subject to the provisions of article XVI, if a married male participant dies, his widow shall be entitled, subject to article IX, to a widow's benefit amounting, except as provided in paragraph 3 below, to half of the benefit which would have been paid to the participant had he qualified for a disability benefit at the time of his death or, if such deceased participant had attained the age of sixty, to one-half of the benefit which would have been paid to the participant had he retired under the provisions of article IV at the time of his death. Whenever the amount of the widow's benefit so determined shall be less than \$750 per annum, it shall be increased to the smaller of: (a) \$750 per annum, or (b) twice the original amount determined. This benefit shall cease on the widow's remarriage.

Article XXIX (amended text)

The Joint Staff Pension Board, upon the advice of a qualified actuary or actuaries, shall adopt from time to time service and mortality tables and the rate of regular interest which shall be used in all actuarial calculations required in connexion with the Pension Fund. The rate of regular interest applicable shall be 2½ per cent per annum through 31 December 1957 and 3 per cent per annum thereafter unless and until changed by the Joint Staff Pension Board. At least once in each six years following the establishment of the Pension Fund, the Board shall have an actuarial investigation made into the mortality, service and compensation experience of the participants and beneficiaries of the Pension Fund; and taking into account the results of such investigation, the Board shall adopt such mortality, service and other tables as it shall deem appropriate.

(The change in the rate of regular interest specified in article XXIX entails consequential changes in articles III.1, VII.5, X.1 and 3, XI, XII.1 and 2, and XVI.6. In each case the phrase "at the rate of 2½ per cent per annum" is replaced by the phrase "at the rate designated in article XXIX".)

Supplementary article B (new text)

1. Every full-time member of the staff of each member organization shall become an associate participant in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund:

(a) If he enters employment under a fixed-term contract for at least one year but less than five years;

(b) If he has completed one year of continuous employment, provided that he is not eligible under article II.1 to become a participant, provided that he is under sixty years of age, and provided further that his associate participation is not excluded by his contract of employment. For the purposes of this article, intervals of not more than thirty calendar days in the period of employment shall not be considered as breaking the continuity of employment.

2. The participation of an associate participant shall cease when he reaches the age of sixty.

3. An associate participant shall be eligible for a disability benefit under article V and his survivors to a death benefit under article VII.1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7, and to a child's benefit under article VIII. He shall not be entitled to a retirement benefit under article IV nor to a withdrawal benefit under article X, and his survivors shall not be entitled to a death benefit under article VII.5.

4. Each member organization shall pay monthly into the Pension Fund, in respect of each associate participant, a contribution equal to $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent of his pensionable remuneration, or such percentage contribution, not to exceed 6 per cent, as shall be determined from time to time by the Joint Staff Pension Board on the basis of actuarial valuations of the Fund.

5. Whenever an associate participant is entitled under article II to become a participant, he may elect during the first year of his participation to have the period performed as an associate participant included in his contributory service to the extent to which he pays into the Pension Fund a sum or sums equal to the contributions he would have paid as a participant, plus interest, at the rate designated in article XXIX. Payment into the Pension Fund of amounts sufficient to meet the Fund's obligations, resulting from the inclusion of such additional contributory service, which are not met by payments made by the participants shall be made by the member organization designated for that purpose in accordance with arrangements concluded by the member organizations, provided that payment has not already been made by a member organization for the period concerned.

6. All other provisions of these regulations consistent with the present article shall be applicable to associate participants, *mutatis mutandis*, in the same manner as to a participant. Such administrative rules as shall be considered necessary for the implementation of this article shall be established by the Joint Staff Pension Board.

Supplementary article C (new text)

For the purposes of these regulations, the International Atomic Energy Agency shall be treated as if it were a specialized agency.

1202 (XII). Pattern of conferences

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 694 (VII) of 20 December 1952,

Recognizing the need to establish further clear procedures for the planning and financing of meetings and conferences of the United Nations in order that the most rational and economical use may be made of the resources of the Organization,

1. *Decides* that a fixed pattern of conferences to govern the places and dates of the meetings of United Nations bodies shall come into force on 1 January 1958 for a period of five years;

2. *Decides further* that, as a general principle, meetings of United Nations bodies shall be held at the established headquarters of the bodies concerned, with the following exceptions:

(a) The regular summer session of the Economic and Social Council may be held each year at Geneva, during which period no other United Nations body shall meet there;

(b) Not more than one functional commission of the Economic and Social Council, to be determined by that Council, in addition to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, may meet annually in Geneva; a session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs may, in exceptional circumstances, and by decision of the Economic and Social Council in consultation with the Secretary-General, be held in New York; in such years one other functional commission may meet in Geneva in its place without overlap;

(c) The regular sessions of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and of the Economic Commission for Latin America as well as meetings of their subsidiary bodies may be held away from their headquarters when the commission concerned so decides, subject, in the case of regular sessions of the commissions, to the approval of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly;

(d) The annual session of the International Law Commission would be held in Geneva without overlapping with the summer session of the Economic and Social Council;

(e) Meetings may be held away from the established headquarters of any body in other cases where a Government issuing an invitation for a meeting to be held within its territory has agreed to defray, after consultation with the Secretary-General as to their nature and possible extent, the additional costs involved;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly every year a basic programme of conferences for the following year established in conformity with the present pattern and after consultation, as appropriate, with the organs concerned;

4. *Decides* that as a general rule any meeting, other than an emergency meeting, not covered by the basic programme for a given year shall not be held during that year; the General Assembly nevertheless authorizes the Secretary-General, within a financial limit to be set annually in the resolution relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses, to decide when and where any body or *ad hoc* conference not covered by the basic annual programme shall meet; in the event that the decision of the Secretary-General is not accepted, the final decision in the matter shall be taken by the Assembly at its next regular session;

5. *Invites* all organs of the United Nations as well as the specialized agencies to review their working methods and the frequency and length of sessions in the light of the present resolution and of the growing volume of meetings, the resulting strain on available resources, and the difficulty of effective participation of members.

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13 December 1957.*

1203 (XII). Control and limitation of documentation

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the present very considerable output of United Nations documents,

Noting paragraph 57 of the Secretary-General's foreword to the budget estimates for 1958,²²

Commending the Secretary-General for his efforts to present Secretariat documents as concisely as possible, and in setting, as a target figure, a reduction in length of 25 per cent,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts, in co-operation with Member States, to reduce the length and amount of documentation produced during 1958;

2. *Suggests* for this purpose the target figure of 25 per cent below the 1957 level for the over-all output of such documentation;

3. *Decides* to establish a Committee composed of representatives—serving at Headquarters, New York—of the following Member States: Argentina, Canada, China, France, Iraq, Mexico, Pakistan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; the function of the Committee shall be to consult with and advise the Secretary-General on the most effective means of implementing the present resolution, and to report and make recommendations to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session concerning methods of achieving reductions in the over-all output of documentation;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly before the opening of its thirteenth session on the steps taken and on the nature and extent of the reductions achieved.

*729th plenary meeting,
13 December 1957.*

1204 (XII). Cost estimates for maintaining the United Nations Emergency Force

The General Assembly

Takes note with approval of the observations and recommendations contained in the twenty-sixth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the twelfth session of the General Assembly.²³

*729th plenary meeting,
13 December 1957.*

²² *Ibid.*, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 5 (A/3600).

²³ *Ibid.*, Twelfth Session, Annexes, agenda item 65, document A/3761.

1220 (XII). Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapter X)

The General Assembly

Takes note of chapter X of the report of the Economic and Social Council.²⁴

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14 December 1957.*

1221 (XII). Schedule of post adjustments: classification for the United Nations Office at Geneva

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1095 (XI) of 27 February 1957 relating to the United Nations salary, allowance and benefits system,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General²⁵ and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions²⁶ on the question of the classification of Geneva in the schedule of post adjustments established under that resolution,

Noting the action taken by the World Health Assembly and the Governing Body of the International Labour Office in approving class 2 in the schedule of post adjustments to be applied to the staff of those agencies serving at Geneva,

1. *Decides* to apply, as of 1 August 1957, class 2 in the schedule of post adjustments to United Nations staff members at Geneva;

2. *Decides* to maintain 1 January 1956 as the date from which changes in the cost of living at Geneva should be measured in determining the post adjustment for United Nations staff members;

3. *Expresses the hope* that the appropriate legislative authorities of the International Labour Organisation and the World Health Organization will reconsider, in the light of paragraph 2 above, the date from which changes in the cost of living at Geneva should be measured in determining the post adjustment for the staff members of those agencies.

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14 December 1957.*

²⁴ *Ibid.*, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/3613).

²⁵ *Ibid.*, Twelfth Session, Annexes, agenda item 41, document A/C.5/711.

²⁶ *Ibid.*, document A/3721.

1222 (XII). Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1957

The General Assembly,

Having examined the supplementary estimates for the financial year 1957,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, by means of savings where possible and by deferring expenditure where saving cannot be realized, to achieve a reduction of \$107,200 in the supplementary estimates;

2. *Approves* the general recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set out in its twenty-fourth report to the General Assembly at its twelfth session,²⁷ concerning the supplementary estimates for the financial year 1957;

3. *Resolves* that for the financial year 1957 the amount of \$50,815,700 appropriated by its resolutions 1083 (XI) of 21 December 1956 and 1100 (XI) of 27 February 1957 be increased by \$2,359,000 to a total of \$53,174,700;

4. *Considers* that the estimate for miscellaneous income for 1957 previously set at \$2,531,010 by General Assembly resolutions 1083 (XI) should be increased by \$625,000 to \$3,156,010;

5. *Resolves* that, subject to the provisions of paragraphs 3 and 4 above, the revised appropriation for the financial year 1957 shall be as follows:

²⁷ *Ibid.*, agenda item 40, documents A/3750 and Add.1.

		Amount appropriated (adjusted where necessary under paragraph 2 of resolution 1100 (XI))	Supplementary appropriation, increase or decrease	Revised amounts of appro- priation
A. UNITED NATIONS				
Section		US dollars		
	<i>Part I. Sessions of the General Assembly, the Councils, commissions and committees</i>			
1.	The General Assembly, commissions and committees ...	628,900	109,300	738,200
2.	The Security Council, commissions and committees ...	—	215,500	215,500
3.	The Economic and Social Council, commissions and committees	144,600	(4,100)	140,500
3a.	Permanent Central Opium Board and Drug Supervisory Body	29,400	—	29,400
3b.	Regional economic commissions	77,500	—	77,500
4.	The Trusteeship Council, commissions and committees ..	50,000	—	50,000
	TOTAL, PART I	930,400	320,700	1,251,100
	<i>Part II. Special missions and related activities</i>			
5.	Special missions and related activities	1,852,000	195,200	2,047,200
5a.	United Nations Field Service	780,700	—	780,700
	TOTAL, PART II	2,632,700	195,200	2,827,900
	<i>Part III. Headquarters, New York</i>			
6.	Offices of the Secretary-General	2,226,400	81,800	2,308,200
6a.	Office of Under-Secretaries without Department	218,900	15,500	234,400
7.	Department of Political and Security Council Affairs ..	601,000	18,800	619,800
7a.	Secretariat of the Military Staff Committee	113,000	(5,500)	107,500
8.	Department of Economic and Social Affairs	3,608,000	(14,400)	3,593,600
9.	Department of Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories	822,500	—	822,500
10.	Department of Public Information	2,398,400	86,100	2,484,500
11.	Department of Conference Services	6,873,000	71,000	6,944,000
11a.	Library	534,400	—	534,400
12.	Office of General Services	3,074,500	189,500	3,264,000
13.	Temporary assistance and consultants	527,500	202,500	730,000
14.	Travel of Staff	1,070,500	119,500	1,190,000
15.	Common staff costs	4,050,800	157,700	4,208,500
16.	Common services	3,819,800	348,700	4,168,500
17.	Permanent equipment	250,000	22,600	272,600
	TOTAL, PART III	30,188,700	1,293,800	31,482,500
	<i>Part IV. European Office of the United Nations</i>			
18.	United Nations Office at Geneva (excluding direct costs, chapter III, joint secretariat of the Permanent Central Opium Board and Drug Supervisory Body	5,209,600	325,100	5,534,700
	Chapter III, joint secretariat of the Permanent Central Opium Board and Drug Supervisory Body	68,700	1,500	70,200
19.	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	772,500	90,300	862,800
	TOTAL, PART IV	6,050,800	416,900	6,467,700
	<i>Part V. Information centres</i>			
20.	Information centres (exclusive of the Geneva Information Centre)	1,206,500	—	1,206,500
	TOTAL, PART V	1,206,500	—	1,206,500

Section		Amount appropriated (adjusted where necessary under paragraph 2 of resolution 1100 (XI))	Supplementary appropriation, increase or decrease	Revised amounts of appro- priation
			US dollars	
	<i>Part VI. Secretariats of the regional economic commis- sions (other than the Economic Commission for Europe)</i>			
21.	Secretariat of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East	1,525,300	(72,500)	1,452,800
22.	Secretariat of the Economic Commission for Latin America	1,250,700	248,600	1,499,300
	TOTAL, PART VI	<u>2,776,000</u>	<u>176,100</u>	<u>2,952,100</u>
	<i>Part VII. Representation and hospitality expenses</i>			
23.	Special payments under annex I, paragraph 2, of the Staff Regulations	50,000	—	50,000
24.	Hospitality	20,000	—	20,000
	TOTAL, PART VII	<u>70,000</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>70,000</u>
	<i>Part VIII. Contractual printing</i>			
25.	Contractual printing (excluding chapter I, article (v), Per- manent Central Opium Board and Drug Supervisory Body)	1,383,925	39,700	1,423,625
	Chapter I, article (v), Permanent Central Opium Board and Drug Supervisory Body	9,975	—	9,975
	TOTAL, PART VIII	<u>1,393,900</u>	<u>39,700</u>	<u>1,433,600</u>
	<i>Part IX. Technical programmes</i>			
26.	Technical Assistance Administration	386,700	—	386,700
27.	Economic development	479,400	—	479,400
28.	Social activities	925,000	—	925,000
28a.	Human rights activities	55,000	—	55,000
29.	Public administration	300,000	—	300,000
	TOTAL, PART IX	<u>2,146,100</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>2,146,100</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 ...	2,000,000	—	2,000,000
	TOTAL, PART X	<u>2,649,500</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>2,649,500</u>
	<i>Part XI. Joint Staff Pension Board and United Nations Staff Pension Committee</i>			
32.	Joint Staff Pension Board and United Nations Staff Pen- sion Committee	136,100	6,100	142,200
	TOTAL, PART XI	<u>136,100</u>	<u>6,100</u>	<u>142,200</u>
	B. INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE			
	<i>Part XII. International Court of Justice</i>			
33.	International Court of Justice	635,000	17,700	652,700
	TOTAL, PART XII	<u>635,000</u>	<u>17,700</u>	<u>652,700</u>
	GENERAL REDUCTION	—	(107,200)	(107,200)
	GRAND TOTAL	<u>50,815,700</u>	<u>2,359,000</u>	<u>53,174,700</u>

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1223 (XII). Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

The General Assembly

1. *Resolves* that the scale of assessments for Members' contributions to the United Nations budget for the financial year 1959 shall be as follows:

<i>Member States</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
Afghanistan	0.06
Albania	0.04
Argentina	1.14
Australia	1.61
Austria	0.35
Belgium	1.24
Bolivia	0.05
Brazil	1.06
Bulgaria	0.14
Burma	0.10
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	0.47
Cambodia	0.04
Canada	3.09
Ceylon	0.11
Chile	0.29
China	5.01
Colombia	0.36
Costa Rica	0.04
Cuba	0.26
Czechoslovakia	0.82
Denmark	0.64
Dominican Republic	0.05
Ecuador	0.05
Egypt	0.35
El Salvador	0.06
Ethiopia	0.11
Finland	0.36
France	5.56
Ghana	0.07
Greece	0.19
Guatemala	0.07
Haiti	0.04
Honduras	0.04
Hungary	0.39
Iceland	0.04
India	2.90
Indonesia	0.50
Iran	0.26
Iraq	0.12
Ireland	0.18
Israel	0.16
Italy	2.03
Japan	1.92
Jordan	0.04
Laos	0.04
Lebanon	0.05
Liberia	0.04
Libya	0.04
Luxembourg	0.06
Malaya, Federation of	0.22
Mexico	0.68
Morocco	0.12
Nepal	0.04
Netherlands	1.12
New Zealand	0.42
Nicaragua	0.04
Norway	0.48
Pakistan	0.54
Panama	0.05
Paraguay	0.04

<i>Member States</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
Peru	0.15
Philippines	0.40
Poland	1.52
Portugal	0.24
Romania	0.49
Saudi Arabia	0.07
Spain	1.11
Sudan	0.11
Sweden	1.43
Syria	0.08
Thailand	0.16
Tunisia	0.05
Turkey	0.61
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	1.80
Union of South Africa	0.67
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	13.62
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	7.62
United States of America	32.51
Uruguay	0.16
Venezuela	0.42
Yemen	0.04
Yugoslavia	0.35
TOTAL	100.00

2. *Resolves* that the scale of assessments given in paragraph 1 shall be reviewed by the Committee on Contributions in 1958, when a report shall be submitted for the consideration of the General Assembly at its thirteenth session;

3. *Resolves* that for the year 1957 the rates of contributions for Japan, Morocco, Sudan and Tunisia shall be as follows:

<i>Member States</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
Japan	1.97
Morocco	0.12
Sudan	0.11
Tunisia	0.05

These rates shall be in addition to the 1957 scale of assessments of 100 per cent contained in paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 1087 (XI) of 21 December 1956, and shall be applied to the budget for 1957;

4. *Resolves* that, in view of the fact that Morocco, Sudan and Tunisia became Members of the United Nations on 12 November 1956, and Japan on 18 December 1956, these States shall contribute for the year of admission to membership an amount equal to one-ninth of their percentage assessment for 1957 applied to the budget for 1956;

5. *Resolves* that Ghana and Federation of Malaya, which States became Members of the United Nations on 8 March and 17 September 1957 respectively, shall contribute for the year of admission to membership amounts equal to one-third of 0.07 per cent for Ghana, one-sixth of 0.22 per cent for the Federation of Malaya; these amounts will be applied to the budget for 1957;

6. *Resolves* that, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 970 (X) of 15 December 1955, States which are not Members of the United Nations but which participate in certain of its activities shall be called upon to contribute towards the 1958 expenses of such activities on the basis of the following rates:

States	Per cent
Germany, Federal Republic of	4.15
Korea, Republic of	0.13
Liechtenstein	0.04
Monaco	0.04
San Marino	0.04
Switzerland	0.98
Viet-Nam	0.16

The following countries being called upon to contribute:

(a) To the International Court of Justice: Liechtenstein, San Marino and Switzerland;

(b) To the International Control of Narcotic Drugs: Germany (Federal Republic of), Liechtenstein, Monaco, San Marino, Switzerland and Viet-Nam;

(c) To the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East: Korea (Republic of), and Viet-Nam;

(d) To the Economic Commission for Europe: Germany (Federal Republic of);

7. *Resolves* that Japan, which participated in certain United Nations activities before admission to membership, shall not be required to contribute separately towards the annual expenses of such activities for the year 1957 onwards, and that for the year 1956 the amounts that Japan is called upon to contribute under paragraph 4 of resolution 970 (X) shall be reduced by one-ninth;

8. *Resolves* that the Federal Republic of Germany, which acceded to the Convention on the Declaration of Death of Missing Persons on 30 January 1956, shall be called upon to contribute towards the expenses of the International Bureau for Declarations of Death for the years 1956 and 1957 at the rate of 4.61 per cent pursuant to paragraph 4 of resolution 970 (X) and for 1958 at the rate of 4.15 per cent, pursuant to paragraph 6 of the present resolution;

9. *Urges* Member States, within the limits of their constitutional processes, to seek appropriate measures which would ensure the payment of their annual contributions to the United Nations as early as possible in the financial year;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General, under the authority given to him by paragraph 3 of resolution 970 (X), to continue in 1958 to make arrangements for the payment of part of Members' contributions in currencies other than United States dollars as comprehensive as practicable.

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1224 (XII). Offer by the Government of Chile of land in Santiago to be used as office site for the United Nations and other international organizations

The General Assembly,

Having regard to the reports of the Secretary-General²⁸ concerning the offer by the Government of Chile to transfer to the United Nations, free of charge, a plot of land in Santiago for the construction of a building to house United Nations and specialized agency offices located in Chile,

Taking note of resolution 138 (VII) of the Economic Commission for Latin America, of 28 May 1957, which was transmitted to the Secretary-General for consideration by the General Assembly at its twelfth session, and the report of the *ad hoc* committee on a building

for the Economic Commission for Latin America established within that Commission pursuant to the said resolution,

Considering, in the light of the details given in the Secretary-General's report,²⁹ the indubitable advantages presented by the offer of the Government of Chile for improved conduct of the work of the United Nations in Latin America,

Considering that the construction of such a building will make possible the establishment of common services for the United Nations and the specialized agencies having offices at Santiago, which has been repeatedly requested at various meetings of United Nations organs concerned with administrative matters,

Considering the need for effective measures to ensure that this plan is executed in the most satisfactory manner possible,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to accept with thanks the generous offer of the Government of Chile;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to open with Governments of States members of the Economic Commission for Latin America such negotiations as may be necessary with regard to the financing of the construction of the United Nations building at Santiago, and to convene such meetings with representatives of those Governments as he may deem desirable;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session, in accordance with the proposals he has made, detailed plans for the construction of the building, together with final financial arrangements and such observations thereon as may be made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

731st plenary meeting,
14 December 1957.

1225 (XII). United Nations salary, allowance and benefits system: amendments to the Staff Regulations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General³⁰ and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions³¹ on certain outstanding questions relating to the United Nations salary, allowance and benefits system,

Resolves that the Staff Regulations of the United Nations shall be modified by the amendments annexed to the present resolution, with effect from 1 January 1958:

731st plenary meeting,
14 December 1957.

ANNEX

Regulation 3.4 (Dependency benefits)

Add a new paragraph (c), to read:

"(i) With a view to avoiding duplication of benefits and in order to achieve equality between staff members who receive dependency benefits under applicable laws in the form of governmental grants or income tax exemption and staff members who do not receive such dependency benefits, the Secretary-General shall prescribe conditions under which the dependency allowance for a child specified in (a) (i) above shall be payable to the extent that the dependency benefits enjoyed by the staff member or his spouse under applicable laws amount to less than such a dependency allowance. Where

²⁸ *Ibid.*, document A/C.5/712.

²⁹ *Ibid.*, agenda item 51, document A/3656.

³¹ *Ibid.*, document A/3681.

²⁸ *Ibid.*, agenda item 50, documents A/3641 and A/C.5/712.

any income tax exemption in respect of the child of a staff member accrues to the benefit of the United Nations under arrangements for reimbursement of income tax, the staff member shall receive the full amount of the dependency allowance for such child.

"(ii) The Secretary-General may determine the amount of the dependency benefits referred to in (c) (i) above on the basis of categories established by him in the interest of administrative convenience and simplicity provided that the benefit actually received plus the dependency allowance shall be no less than \$300 in respect of a child."

As a result, the present paragraphs (c) and (d) become paragraphs (d) and (e).

Annex I, paragraph 5

Add the following new text:

"The Secretary-General may provide two further increments at \$10,540 and \$10,920, at two-yearly intervals, to staff in the Second Officer level who have remained in that level for at least five years and are, in his opinion, qualified for promotion."

1226 (XII). Question of the geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General regarding changes in the geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat of the United Nations during the year ended 31 August 1957, submitted to the General Assembly at its twelfth session,³²

Recalling its recommendation in paragraph 1 of resolution 1097 (XI) of 27 February 1957 that, in future appointments to the staff of the Secretariat of the United Nations, at all levels, appropriate preference be given to nationalities which form a disproportionately small part of the Secretariat, subject to the provisions of Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting that the appointments listed in the report of the Secretary-General mark a step towards the objectives of that recommendation,

Expressing appreciation of the action already taken by the Secretary-General pursuant to that recommendation,

Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) In making future appointments to the staff of the Secretariat of the United Nations, at all levels, to continue his efforts to ensure the fullest possible conformity with the recommendation in paragraph 1 of resolution 1097 (XI) of 27 February 1957;

(b) To report to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session the results of his efforts in that direction.

*731st plenary meeting,
14 December 1957.*

1227 (XII). Review of the Staff Regulations and of the principles and standards progressively applied thereto

The General Assembly

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the review of the Staff Regulations and of the principles and standards progressively applied thereto.³³

*731st plenary meeting,
14 December 1957.*

1228 (XII). United Nations International School and delegation office facilities

A

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations International School,³⁴

Noting that the School is in urgent need of permanent premises, and that it is under notice to vacate its present temporary premises in June 1959,

Noting that, in order to meet the needs of the greatest possible number of children of United Nations staff members, delegates and others associated with the United Nations, such permanent premises should be located in Manhattan,

Noting further that, in the view of the Secretary-General, the provision of truly adequate accommodation for the School is in the best interest of the Organization,

Recalling its resolution 1102 (XI) of 27 February 1957 on this subject and, in particular, the recognition contained therein of the continued functioning of the School as one of the important non-financial factors contributing to the recruitment and retention of international staff,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult with the appropriate authorities on the possibility of constructing permanent premises for the United Nations International School on the Headquarters site;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to use his good offices to assist the Board of Trustees of the School in finding a site for the School in Manhattan, including the "Headquarters District", in developing plans for the building, and in pursuing their efforts to raise funds from private sources for the construction of the School and, if necessary, for the acquisition of a site therefor;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to use his good offices to assist the School in finding suitable accommodation pending completion of the permanent premises;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session a progress report, together with the comments, if necessary, of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

*731st plenary meeting,
14 December 1957.*

B

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the discussions at previous sessions concerning a delegation building to be constructed in the area close to the United Nations Headquarters, and the increasing interest expressed by many delegations in having such facilities,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to use his good offices to investigate practical possibilities for the provision of delegation office facilities in the area close to United Nations Headquarters;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make a progress report to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session.

*731st plenary meeting,
14 December 1957.*

³² *Ibid.*, document A/C.5/718/Rev.1.

³³ *Ibid.*, document A/C.5/726.

³⁴ *Ibid.*, agenda item 52, document A/3688.

1230 (XII). Budget appropriations for the financial year 1958*The General Assembly**Resolves that for the financial year 1958:*

1. Appropriations totalling \$US55,062,850 are hereby voted for the following purposes:

A. UNITED NATIONS		US dollars	
<i>Section</i>	<i>Part I. Sessions of the General Assembly, the Councils, commissions and committees: special meetings and conferences</i>		
1.	Travel of representatives, members of commissions and committees . . .	638,800	
2.	Special meetings and conferences	2,250,000	
3.	Board of Auditors	53,000	
	TOTAL, PART I		2,941,800
	<i>Part II. Special missions and related activities</i>		
4.	Special missions and related activities	2,082,900	
5.	United Nations Field Service	893,600	
	TOTAL, PART II		2,976,500
	<i>Part III. The Secretariat</i>		
6.	Salaries and wages	27,685,250	
7.	Common staff costs	5,830,000	
8.	Travel of staff	1,422,200	
9.	Hospitality	20,000	
9a.	Payments under annex I, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the Staff Regulations	65,000	
	TOTAL, PART III		35,022,450
	<i>Part IV. Special offices</i>		
10.	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	739,700	
11.	Permanent Central Opium Board and Drug Supervisory Body	99,200	
12.	Joint Staff Pension Board and United Nations Staff Pension Committee	134,600	
	TOTAL, PART IV		973,500
	<i>Part V. Common services and equipment</i>		
13.	General expenses	5,026,100	
14.	Printing, stationery and library supplies	2,169,900	
15.	Permanent equipment	507,000	
	TOTAL, PART V		7,703,000
	<i>Part VI. Technical programmes</i>		
16.	Technical Assistance Administration	386,700	
17.	Economic development	479,400	
18.	Social activities	925,000	
18a.	Human rights activities	55,000	
19.	Public administration	300,000	
	TOTAL, PART VI		2,146,100
	<i>Part VII. Special expenses</i>		
20.	Special expenses	2,649,500	
	TOTAL, PART VII		2,649,500
B. THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE			
	<i>Part VIII. The International Court of Justice</i>		
21.	The International Court of Justice	650,000	
	TOTAL, PART VIII		650,000
	GRAND TOTAL		55,062,850

2. The appropriations voted by paragraph 1 above shall be financed by contributions from Member States after adjustment as provided by the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, subject to the provision of paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 1232 (XII) of 14 December 1957 relating to the Working Capital Fund; for this purpose, miscellaneous income for the financial year 1958 is estimated at \$US3,250,000;

3. With the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the Secretary-General may 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 from the income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment;

5. The Secretary-General is authorized, in accordance with the Financial Regulations, to charge against the income derived from the United Nations Postal Administration, the Visitors' Service, the sale of publications, the catering and related services, and the Gift Centre, the direct expenses of those activities; income in excess of those expenses shall be treated as miscellaneous income under the terms of financial regulation 7, and of paragraph 2 above.

731st plenary meeting,
14 December 1957.

1231 (XII). Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the financial year 1958

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the financial year 1958:

1. 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, as the Secretary-General certifies relate to the maintenance of peace and security or to urgent economic rehabilitations;

(b) Such commitments as the President of the International Court of Justice certifies relate to expenses occasioned by:

(i) The designation of *ad hoc* judges (Statute, Article 31), not exceeding a total of \$24,000;

(ii) The appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30), or the calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Article 50), not exceeding a total of \$25,000;

(iii) The maintenance in office of judges who have not been re-elected (Statute, Article 13, paragraph 3), not exceeding a total of \$40,000;

(iv) The holding of sessions of the Court away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22), not exceeding a total of \$75,000;

(v) The payment of pensions and travel and removal expenses of judges not re-elected, and travel and removal expenses of new members of the Court, not exceeding a total of \$31,000;

(c) Such commitments not exceeding a total of \$25,000 as may be authorized by the Secretary-General in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 1202 (XII) of 13 December 1957 relating to the pattern of conferences;

2. The Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to the General Assembly, at its thirteenth session, all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the General Assembly in respect of such commitments.

731st plenary meeting,
14 December 1957.

1232 (XII). Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1958

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. The Working Capital Fund shall be established for the year ending 31 December 1958 at an amount of \$US 22 million to be derived from cash advances by Members in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of the present resolution;

2. Members shall make cash advances to the Working Capital Fund as required under paragraph 1 above in accordance with the scale adopted by the General Assembly for contributions of Members to the thirteenth 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 1957, under General Assembly resolution 1085 (XI) of 21 December 1956, provided that, should such advance paid by any Member to the Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1957 exceed the amount of that Member's advance under the provision of paragraph 2 above, the excess shall be set off against the amount of contributions payable by that Member in respect of the thirteenth 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 General Assembly resolution 1231 (XII) of 14 December 1957, 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;

(f) Such sums as may be necessary to enable the Tax Equalization Fund to meet current commitments pending accumulation of credits; such advances shall be repaid as soon as credits are available in the Tax Equalization Fund.

*731st plenary meeting,
14 December 1957.*

1233 (XII). Change in the date of repayment of the Headquarters loan

The General Assembly,

Having considered the need for financing budgetary appropriations pending the receipt of contributions, and taking into account the pattern of payments of contributions,

Believing that the financial situation in this respect would be alleviated by changing the date of the annual repayment made to the United States of America under the Headquarters Loan Agreement of 23 March 1948 between the United States and the United Nations,³⁵

Authorizes the Secretary-General to conclude an agreement with the United States of America modifying paragraph 4 of the above-mentioned Agreement so that the date of 1 September is substituted for 1 July for the years 1958 to 1982 inclusive.

*731st plenary meeting,
14 December 1957.*

³⁵ *Ibid.*, Third Session, Part I, Plenary Meetings, Annexes, document A/627, annex.

1234 (XII). Emoluments of Under-Secretaries: amendments to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the organization of the Secretariat at the senior level³⁶ and the comments thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,³⁷

Resolves that the Staff Regulations of the United Nations shall be modified by the amendments annexed to the present resolution, with effect from 1 January 1958.

*731st plenary meeting,
14 December 1957.*

ANNEX

Annex I, paragraph 1

Replace the present text by the following:

"An Under-Secretary shall receive a salary of \$US23,000 (subject to the Staff Assessment Plan provided in staff regulation 3.3 and to post adjustments wherever applied) and, if otherwise eligible, shall receive the allowances which are available to staff members generally."

Annex I, paragraph 2

In the first sentence delete the words "and officials of equivalent rank at Headquarters".

Annex I, paragraph 9 (Post adjustments)

In the first sentence replace the words "may adjust the basic salaries set forth in paragraph 3 and 4 of this annex" by the words "may adjust the basic salaries set forth in paragraphs 1, 3 and 4 of this annex".

Regulation 3.4 (Dependency benefits)

In paragraph (a) amend the beginning of the first sentence to read: "Under-Secretaries and staff members in the Principal Officer and Director category".

Regulations 1.10 and 4.5 (a)

Delete the references to "officials of equivalent rank".

1235 (XII). Secretariat of the Military Staff Committee

The General Assembly

Requests the Secretary-General, subject to any objection which may be received from the Security Council, to take appropriate steps to effect the integration of the civilian staff of the Military Staff Committee with the Secretariat of the United Nations.

*731st plenary meeting,
14 December 1957.*

³⁶ *Ibid.*, Twelfth Session, Annexes, agenda item 41, document A/C.5/728.

³⁷ *Ibid.*, document A/3762.

***Other decisions taken by the General Assembly
on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee***

**Review of audit procedures of the United Nations
and the specialized agencies (item 47)**

The General Assembly, at its 723rd plenary meeting on 26 November 1957, approved the Fifth Committee's recommendation³⁸ that, on the basis of reports from the Secretary-General³⁹ and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴⁰ the existing system of audit procedures be maintained.

**System of honoraria and special allowances to members of commissions,
committees and other subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly or
other organs of the United Nations (item 41)**

The General Assembly, at its 727th plenary meeting on 13 December 1957, approved the recommendations contained in the report of the Fifth Committee on the system of honoraria and special allowances.⁴¹

³⁸ *Ibid.*, agenda item 47, document A/3726, para. 3.

³⁹ *Ibid.*, document A/3584.

⁴⁰ *Ibid.*, document A/3615.

⁴¹ *Ibid.*, agenda item 41, document A/3766, para. 6.

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1181 (XII). Question of defining aggression

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 599 (VI) of 31 January 1952, 688 (VII) of 20 December 1952 and 895 (IX) of 4 December 1954, all referring to a definition of aggression,

Considering that, in spite of the progress made in the study of the question, the discussion at the present session shows the need for the elucidation of other aspects of a definition of aggression,

Considering that the report presented by the 1956 Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression¹ is an important study based on the views expressed by States Members of the United Nations up to the date of the preparation of the report,

Considering that twenty-two additional States have recently joined the Organization and that it would be useful to know their views on the matter,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the report of the 1956 Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression and to express appreciation for the valuable work done;

2. To ask the Secretary-General to request the views of the new Member States on the question, and to renew the request to Member States to submit comments as provided in General Assembly resolution 688 (VII) of 20 December 1952, furnishing them with the documentation produced after the adoption of that resolution;

3. To ask the Secretary-General to refer the replies of Member States to a committee composed of the Member States whose representatives have served on the General Committee at the most recent regular session of the General Assembly, which committee shall study the replies for the purpose of determining when it shall be appropriate for the General Assembly to consider again the question of defining aggression, and shall report to the Secretary-General when it has determined that the time is appropriate, setting forth the considerations which led to its decision;

4. To request the Secretary-General to place the question of defining aggression on the provisional agenda of the General Assembly, not earlier than at its fourteenth session, when the committee has advised him that it considers the time appropriate;

5. To request the Secretary-General to convene the first meeting of the committee prior to the fourteenth session of the General Assembly.

*724th plenary meeting,
29 November 1957.*

1185 (XII). Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its ninth session

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its ninth session,²

1. Notes the said report;

2. Expresses its appreciation of the work done by the International Law Commission;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to forward to the International Law Commission the summary records of the discussions of the Sixth Committee on the report of the Commission.

*727th plenary meeting,
11 December 1957.*

1186 (XII). 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 report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixth session,³ raises problems related to that of the definition of aggression,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 897 (IX) of 4 December 1954,

Considering General Assembly resolution 1181 (XII) of 29 November 1957 concerning the definition of aggression,

¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/3574).

² Ibid., Supplement No. 9 (A/3623).

³ Ibid., Ninth Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/2693).

1. *Decides* to defer consideration of the question of the draft Code of Offences against the Peace and Security of Mankind until such time as the General Assembly takes up again the question of defining aggression;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the text of the draft Code to Member States for comment, and to submit their replies to the General Assembly at such time as the item may be placed on its provisional agenda.

*727th plenary meeting,
11 December 1957.*

1187 (XII). International criminal jurisdiction

The General Assembly,

Considering its resolution 898 (IX) of 14 December 1954,

Considering its resolution 1181 (XII) of 29 November 1957 concerning the definition of aggression,

Decides to defer consideration of the question of an international criminal jurisdiction until such time as the General Assembly takes up again the question of defining aggression and the question of a draft Code of Offences against the Peace and Security of Mankind.

*727th plenary meeting,
11 December 1957.*

RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON THE REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

1135 (XII). Representation of China in the United Nations

The General Assembly

1. *Decides* to reject the request of India¹ for the inclusion in the agenda of its twelfth regular session of the additional item entitled "The representation of China in the United Nations";

2. *Decides* not to consider, at its twelfth regular session, any proposal 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.

686th plenary meeting,
24 September 1957.

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Annexes, agenda item 8, document A/3663.*

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1134 (XII). Admission of the Federation of Malaya to membership in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having received the recommendation of the Security Council of 5 September 1957¹ that the Federation of Malaya should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,

Having considered the application for membership of the Federation of Malaya,

Decides to admit the Federation of Malaya to membership in the United Nations.

*678th plenary meeting,
17 September 1957.*

1136 (XII). Report of the Committee on arrangements for a conference for the purpose of reviewing the Charter

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provisions of its resolution 992 (X) of 21 November 1955,

Having considered the report of the Committee established by the above resolution,²

1. *Decides* to keep in being the Committee on arrangements for a conference for the purpose of reviewing the Charter, established by General Assembly resolution 992 (X) and composed of all Members of the United Nations, and to request the Committee to report with recommendations, to the General Assembly not later than at its fourteenth session;

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 25, document A/3654.

² *Ibid.*, agenda item 22, document A/3593.

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue the work envisaged in paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 992 (X).

*705th plenary meeting,
14 October 1957.*

1145 (XII). Agreement governing the relationship between the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency

The General Assembly,

Noting the report of the Advisory Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy³ concerning its negotiations with the Preparatory Commission of the International Atomic Energy Agency, including the exchange of letters⁴ relating to the interpretation of article I, paragraph 1, of the Agreement governing the relationship between the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency,

Noting that the General Conference and the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency have approved the above-mentioned Agreement,⁵

Approves the Agreement governing the relationship between the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as set forth in the annex to the present resolution.

*715th plenary meeting,
14 November 1957.*

³ *Ibid.*, agenda item 18, document A/3620.

⁴ *Ibid.*, document A/3620/Add.1.

⁵ The Agreement was approved by the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency, on the recommendation of the Board of Governors, on 23 October 1957. See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 18, document A/3713.

ANNEX

AGREEMENT GOVERNING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

The United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency,

Desiring to make provision for an effective system of relationship whereby the discharge of their respective responsibilities may be facilitated,

Taking into account for this purpose the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the statute of the Agency,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

Principles

1. The United Nations recognizes the International Atomic Energy Agency (hereinafter referred to as the Agency) as the agency, under the aegis of the United Nations as specified in the present Agreement, responsible for international activities concerned with the peaceful uses of atomic energy in accordance with its statute, without prejudice to the rights and responsibilities of the United Nations in this field under the Charter of the United Nations.

2. The United Nations recognizes that the Agency, by virtue of its intergovernmental character and international responsibilities, will function under its statute as an autonomous international organization in the working relationship with the United Nations established by this Agreement.

3. The Agency recognizes the responsibilities of the United Nations, in accordance with the Charter, in the fields of international peace and security and economic and social development.

4. The Agency undertakes to conduct its activities in accordance with the Purposes and Principles of the Charter to promote peace and international co-operation, and in conformity with policies of the United Nations furthering the establishment of safeguarded world-wide disarmament and in conformity with any international agreements entered into pursuant to such policies.

ARTICLE II

Confidential information

The United Nations or the Agency may find it necessary to apply certain limitations for the safeguarding of confidential material furnished to them by their members or others, and, subject to the provisions of article IX below, nothing in the present Agreement shall be construed to require either of them to furnish any information the furnishing of which would, in its judgement, constitute a violation of the confidence of any of its members or anyone from whom it shall have received such information.

ARTICLE III

Reports of the Agency to the United Nations

1. The Agency shall keep the United Nations informed of its activities. Accordingly it shall:

(a) Submit reports covering its activities to the General Assembly at each regular session;

(b) Submit reports, when appropriate, to the Security Council and to notify the Council whenever, in connexion with the activities of the Agency, questions within the competence of the Council arise;

(c) Submit reports to the Economic and Social Council and to other organs of the United Nations on matters within their respective competences.

2. The Agency shall report to the Security Council and the General Assembly any case of non-compliance within the meaning of article XII, paragraph C, of its statute.

ARTICLE IV

Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

1. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall report to the United Nations, as appropriate, on the common activities of the United Nations and the Agency and on the development of relations between them.

2. Any written report circulated under paragraph 1 of the present article shall be transmitted to the Agency by the Secretary-General.

ARTICLE V

Resolutions of the United Nations

The Agency shall consider any resolution relating to the Agency adopted by the General Assembly or by a Council of the United Nations. Any such resolution shall be referred to the Agency together with the appropriate records. Upon request the Agency shall submit a report on any action taken, in accordance with the statute of the Agency, by it or by its members as a result of its consideration of any resolution referred to it under the present article.

ARTICLE VI

Exchange of information and documents

1. There shall be the fullest and promptest exchange between the United Nations and the Agency of appropriate information and documents.

2. The Agency, in conformity with its statute and to the extent practicable, shall furnish special studies or information requested by the United Nations.

3. The United Nations shall likewise furnish the Agency, upon request, with special studies or information relating to matters within the competence of the Agency.

ARTICLE VII

Reciprocal representation

1. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall be entitled to attend and participate without vote on matters of common interest in sessions of the General Conference and of the Board of Governors of the Agency. The Secretary-General shall also be invited as appropriate to attend and participate without vote in such other meetings as the Agency may convene at which matters of interest to the United Nations are under consideration. The Secretary-General may, for the purposes of the present paragraph, designate any person as his representative.

2. The Director General of the Agency shall be entitled to attend plenary meetings of the General Assembly of the United Nations for purposes of consultation. He shall be entitled to attend and participate without vote in meetings of the committees of the General Assembly, and meetings of the Economic and Social Council, the Trusteeship Council and, as appropriate, their subsidiary bodies. At the invitation of the Security Council, the Director General may attend its meetings to supply it with information or give it other assistance with regard to matters within the competence of the Agency. The Director General may, for the purposes of this present paragraph, designate any person as his representative.

3. Written statements presented by the United Nations to the Agency for distribution shall be distributed by the Agency to all members of the appropriate organ or organs of the Agency. Written statements presented by the Agency to the United Nations for distribution shall be distributed by the Secretariat of the United Nations to all members of the appropriate organ or organs of the United Nations.

ARTICLE VIII

Agenda items

1. The United Nations may propose items for consideration by the Agency. In such cases, the United Nations shall notify the Director General of the Agency of the item or items concerned, and the Director General shall include any such item or items in the provisional agenda of the General Conference or Board of Governors or such other organ of the Agency as may be appropriate.

2. The Agency may propose items for consideration by the United Nations. In such cases, the Agency shall notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the item or items concerned and the Secretary-General, in accordance with his authority, shall bring such item or items to the attention of the General Assembly, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council or the Trusteeship Council, as appropriate.

ARTICLE IX

Co-operation with the Security Council

The Agency shall co-operate with the Security Council by furnishing it at its request with such information and assistance as may be required in the exercise of its responsibility for the maintenance or restoration of international peace and security.

ARTICLE X

International Court of Justice

1. The United Nations will take the necessary action to enable the General Conference or the Board of Governors of the Agency to seek an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on any legal question arising within the scope of the activities of the Agency, other than a question concerning the mutual relationships of the Agency and the United Nations or the specialized agencies.

2. The Agency agrees, subject to such arrangements as it may make for the safeguarding of confidential information, to furnish any information which may be requested by the International Court of Justice in accordance with the Statute of the Court.

ARTICLE XI

Co-ordination

The United Nations and the Agency recognize the desirability of achieving effective co-ordination of the activities of the Agency with those of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, and of avoiding the overlapping and duplication of activities. Accordingly, the Agency agrees to co-operate, in accordance with its statute, in measures recommended by the United Nations for this purpose. Furthermore, the Agency agrees to participate in the work of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and, as appropriate, of any other bodies which have been or may be established by the United Nations to facilitate such co-operation and co-ordination. The Agency may also consult with appropriate bodies established by the United Nations^a on matters within their competence and on which the Agency requires expert advice. The United Nations, on its part, agrees to take such action as may be necessary to facilitate such participation and consultation.

ARTICLE XII

Co-operation between secretariats

1. The Secretariat of the United Nations and the staff of the Agency shall maintain a close working relationship in accordance with such arrangements as may be agreed upon from time to time between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director General of the Agency.

2. It is recognized that similar close working relationships between the secretariats of the specialized agencies and the staff of the Agency are desirable and should be established and maintained in accordance with such arrangements as may be made between the Agency and the specialized agency or agencies concerned.

ARTICLE XIII

Administrative co-operation

1. The United Nations and the Agency recognize the desirability of co-operation in administrative matters of mutual interest.

2. Accordingly, the United Nations and the Agency undertake to consult from time to time concerning these matters, particularly the most efficient use of facilities, staff and services and appropriate methods of avoiding the establishment and operation of competitive or overlapping facilities and services among the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the Agency, and with a view to securing, within the limits of the Charter of the United Nations and the statute of the Agency, as much uniformity in these matters as shall be found practicable.

3. The consultations referred to in the present article shall be utilized to establish the most equitable manner in which any

^a Bodies such as the Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation and the Advisory Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, which the Agency would consult through the Secretary-General and with his approval.

special services or assistance furnished by the Agency to the United Nations or by the United Nations to the Agency shall be financed.

ARTICLE XIV

Statistical services

The United Nations and the Agency, recognizing the desirability of maximum co-operation in the statistical field and of minimizing the burdens placed on national Governments and on organizations from which information may be collected, undertake to avoid undesirable duplication with respect to the collection, compilation and publication of statistics, and agree to consult with each other on the most efficient use of resources and of technical personnel in the field of statistics.

ARTICLE XV

Technical assistance

The United Nations and the Agency recognize the desirability of co-operation concerning the provision of technical assistance in the field of atomic energy. They undertake to avoid undesirable duplication of activities and services relating to technical assistance and agree to take such action as may be necessary to achieve effective co-ordination of their technical assistance activities within the framework of existing co-ordination machinery in the field of technical assistance, and the Agency agrees to give consideration to the common use of available services as far as practicable. The United Nations will make available to the Agency its administrative services in this field for use as requested.

ARTICLE XVI

Budgetary and financial arrangements

1. The Agency recognizes the desirability of establishing close budgetary and financial relationships with the United Nations in order that the administrative operations of the United Nations, the Agency and the specialized agencies shall be carried out in the most efficient and economical manner possible, and that the maximum measure of co-ordination and uniformity with respect to these operations shall be secured.

2. The Agency agrees to conform, as far as may be practicable and appropriate, to standard practices and forms recommended by the United Nations.

3. The Agency agrees to transmit its annual budget to the United Nations for such recommendations as the General Assembly may wish to make on the administrative aspects thereof.

4. The United Nations may arrange for studies to be undertaken concerning financial and fiscal questions of interest to the Agency and to the specialized agencies with a view to providing common services and securing uniformity in such matters.

ARTICLE XVII

Public information

The United Nations and the Agency shall co-operate in the field of public information with a view to avoiding overlapping or uneconomical services and, where necessary or appropriate, to establishing common or joint services in this field.

ARTICLE XVIII

Personnel arrangements

1. The United Nations and the Agency agree to develop, in the interests of uniform standards of international employment and to the extent feasible, common personnel standards, methods and arrangements designed to avoid unjustified differences in terms and conditions of employment, to avoid competition in recruitment of personnel, and to facilitate the interchange of personnel in order to obtain the maximum benefit from their services.

2. The United Nations and the Agency agree:

(a) To consult from time to time concerning matters of common interest relating to the terms and conditions of employment of the officers and staff, with a view to securing as much uniformity in these matters as may be feasible;

(b) To co-operate in the interchange of personnel, when desirable, on a temporary or a permanent basis, making due provision for the retention of seniority and pension rights;

(c) To co-operate, on such terms and conditions as may be agreed, in the operation of a common pension fund;

(d) To co-operate in the establishment and operation of suitable machinery for the settlement of disputes arising in connexion with the employment of personnel and related matters.

3. The terms and conditions on which any facilities or services of the Agency or the United Nations in connexion with the matters referred to in the present article are to be extended to the other shall, where necessary, be the subject of subsidiary agreements concluded for this purpose after the entry into force of the present Agreement.

ARTICLE XIX

Administrative rights and facilities

1. Members of the staff of the Agency shall be entitled, in accordance with such administrative arrangements as may be concluded between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director General of the Agency, to use the United Nations *laissez-passer* as a valid travel document where such use is recognized by States parties to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations.

2. Subject to the provisions of article XVIII above, the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director General of the Agency shall consult, as soon as may be practicable after entry into force of the present Agreement, regarding the extension to the Agency of such other administrative rights and facilities as may be enjoyed by organizations within the United Nations system.

3. The United Nations shall invite, and provide the necessary facilities to, any representative of a member of the Agency, representative of the Agency, or member of the staff of the Agency desiring to proceed to the United Nations Headquarters district on official business connected with the Agency, whether at the initiative of any organ of the United Nations, of the Agency or of the member thereof.

ARTICLE XX

Inter-agency and other agreements

The Agency shall inform the United Nations before the conclusion of any formal agreement between the Agency and any specialized agency or inter-governmental organization or any non-governmental organization enjoying consultative status with the United Nations, of the nature and scope of any such agreement, and shall inform the United Nations of the conclusion of any such agreement.

ARTICLE XXI

Registration of agreements

The United Nations and the Agency shall consult together as may be necessary with regard to the registration with the United Nations of agreements within the meaning of article XXII, paragraph B, of the statute of the Agency.

ARTICLE XXII

Implementation of the present Agreement

The Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director General of the Agency may enter into such arrangements for the implementation of the present Agreement as may be found desirable in the light of the operating experience of the two organizations.

ARTICLE XXIII

Amendments

The present Agreement may be amended by agreement between the United Nations and the Agency. Any amendment so agreed upon shall enter into force on its approval by the General Conference of the Agency and the General Assembly of the United Nations.

ARTICLE XXIV

Entry into force

The present Agreement shall enter into force on its approval by the General Assembly of the United Nations and the General Conference of the Agency.⁷

⁷ See footnote 5, p. 55.

1146 (XII). Authorization to the International Atomic Energy Agency to request advisory opinions of the International Court of Justice

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provisions of Article 96 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting the provisions of article XVII of the statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency and of article X of the Agreement governing the relationship between the United Nations and the Agency,⁸

Authorizes the International Atomic Energy Agency to request advisory opinions of the International Court of Justice on legal questions arising within the scope of its activities other than questions concerning the relationship between the Agency and the United Nations or any specialized agency.

*715th plenary meeting,
14 November 1957.*

1151. (XII). United Nations Emergency Force

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1000 (ES-I) of 5 November 1956, 1001 (ES-I) of 7 November 1956, 1089 (XI) of 21 December 1956, 1125 (XI) of 2 February 1957 and 1090 (XI) of 27 February 1957 concerning the establishment, organization, functioning and financing of the United Nations Emergency Force,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the Force, dated 9 October 1957,⁹ and the effective assistance rendered by the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Emergency Force,

Mindful of the contribution of the Force to the maintenance of quiet in the area,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the assistance rendered to the United Nations Emergency Force by Members of the United Nations which have contributed troops and other support and facilities, and expresses the hope that such assistance will be continued as necessary;

2. *Approves* the principles and proposals for the allocation of costs between the organization and Members contributing troops as set forth in paragraphs 86, 88 and 91 of the report of the Secretary-General, and authorizes the Secretary-General in connexion therewith to enter into such agreements as may be necessary for the reimbursement of appropriate extra and extraordinary costs to Members contributing troops;

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to expend an additional amount for the Force, for the period ending 31 December 1957, up to a maximum of \$13.5 million and, as necessary, an amount for the continuing operation of the Force beyond that date up to a maximum of \$25 million, subject to any decisions taken on the basis of the review provided for in paragraph 5 below;

4. *Decides* that the expenses authorized in paragraph 3 above shall be borne by the Members of the United Nations in accordance with the scales of assessments adopted by the General Assembly for the financial

⁸ Resolution 1145 (XII), annex.

⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Annexes, agenda item 65, document A/3694.*

years 1957 and 1958 respectively, such other resources as may have become available for the purpose in question being applied to reduce the expenses before the apportionment for the period ending 31 December 1957;

5. *Requests* the Fifth Committee to examine, with the assistance of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and in the light of the present resolution, the cost estimates for maintaining the United Nations Emergency Force contained in the report of the Secretary-General, and to make such recommendations as it considers appropriate concerning the expenditure authorized under paragraph 3 above.

*721st plenary meeting,
22 November 1957.*

1193 (XII). Report of the Security Council

The General Assembly

Takes note of the report of the Security Council to the General Assembly covering the period from 16 July 1956 to 15 July 1957.¹⁰

*728th plenary meeting,
12 December 1957.*

1212 (XII). Clearance of the Suez Canal

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1121 (XI) of 24 November 1956 regarding arrangements for clearing the Suez Canal,

Recalling further that the Secretary-General, pursuant to that resolution, requested and received from various Governments as advances funds necessary to proceed with the clearing operation,

Having received the report of the Secretary-General dated 17 November 1957,¹¹

Mindful that the clearing of the Canal is of direct and immediate benefit to all shipping and trade using the Canal,

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 2 (A/3648 and Corr. 1).

¹¹ *Ibid.*, agenda item 64, document A/3719.

Expressing its appreciation of the prompt and efficient manner in which the clearance operation was organized and completed,

Expressing its satisfaction that the Canal is again serving world trade and international shipping,

1. *Notes* the expenses and obligations that have been incurred by the United Nations in the clearing of the Suez Canal;

2. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Secretary-General that, subject to reduction by such resources as might become otherwise available, reimbursement of the advances made by contributor countries to meet the costs of the operations be effected by the application of a surcharge on Canal traffic and that, under this arrangement, a surcharge of 3 per cent on Canal traffic would be paid by all shipping and trade using the Canal into a special United Nations account, the procedure to govern such payments to be negotiated with the Government of Egypt and with the other parties to the payments;

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to put this arrangement into effect;

4. *Urges* the Governments of Member States to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General under the present resolution in order that advances made to the United Nations for the purpose of clearing the Canal may be repaid.

*730th plenary meeting,
14 December 1957.*

1229 (XII). Terms of appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 11 (I) of 24 January 1946, 13 (I) (paragraph 32) of 13 February 1946 and 709 (VII) of 7 April 1953,

Decides that the terms of appointment of the Secretary-General during his second term of office shall be the same as during his first term.

*731st plenary meeting,
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