



**AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

1. At its twenty-sixth session, the General Assembly, by resolution 2847 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971, decided to adopt and submit for ratification by the States Members of the United Nations an amendment to Article 61 of the Charter increasing from 27 to 54 the number of members of the Economic and Social Council. By that resolution, the General Assembly also decided that, upon the entry into force of the amendment to the Charter:

(a) The word "nine" in rule 147 of the rules of procedure would be replaced by the word "eighteen";

(b) The members of the Economic and Social Council should be elected according to the following pattern:

- (i) Fourteen members from African States;
- (ii) Eleven members from Asian States;
- (iii) Ten members from Latin American States;
- (iv) Thirteen members from Western European and other States;
- (v) Six members from socialist States of Eastern Europe.

The amendment to Article 61 entered into force on 24 September 1973. Accordingly, rule 147 of the rules of procedure should read as follows:

"Rule 147⁷⁰

"The General Assembly shall each year, in the course of its regular session, elect eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council for a term of three years."⁷¹

⁷⁰ Rule based directly on a provision of the Charter (Art. 61, para. 2, as amended under General Assembly resolution 2847 (XXVI)). See introduction, para. 32 (a).

⁷¹ Under paragraph 4 of resolution 2847 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971, the General Assembly decided that the members of the Economic and Social Council should be elected according to the following pattern:

- "(a) Fourteen members from African States;
- "(b) Eleven members from Asian States;
- "(c) Ten members from Latin American States;
- "(d) Thirteen members from Western European and other States;
- "(e) Six members from socialist States of Eastern Europe."

2. At its twenty-seventh session, the General Assembly, by resolution 2913 (XXVII) of 9 November 1972, decided to increase the membership of the Committee on Contributions from 12 to 13 and to amend rule 160 of the rules of procedure accordingly, with effect from 1 January 1973. Rule 160 should therefore read as follows:

"Rule 160

"The General Assembly shall appoint an expert Committee on Contributions consisting of thirteen members."