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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM
IN THE AGENDA OF THE FIFTH REGULAR SESSION

Letter dated 17 November 1950 addressed to the President of the General Assembly
by the Chairman of the Delegation of El Salvador

New York, 17 November 1950

Under date of 14 November, I sent you a telegram from Washington, D.C.,
with the following text:

"Acting under instructions received from my Government, I have the honour
to request that the following item be added to the agenda of the General
Assembly for its present session: "Invasion of Tibet by foreign forces".

I hope to have an early opportunity at the next plenary meeting of the
General Assembly to press for a decision on this important matter.

Sincerely yours, Héctor David Castro, Chairman of the Delegation of
El Salvador."

On the same date, I sent you a letter of confirmation of the text of the
telegram by special delivery.

Due to the urgency of the case, it was my hope that the General Assembly
could act on this matter without referring same to the General Committee.
However, if this procedure cannot be dispensed with in this case, I shall be
most willing to accept this fact and to see that the matter is referred to the
General Committee for action. I shall be ready to appear before the Committee in
order to explain the purposes of my Government in presenting the case for the
consideration of the General Assembly.

I am enclosing herewith:

1. A supporting memorandum of facts; and
2. A set of copies of the proposed draft resolution.

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I request that this letter and enclosures be circulated as an official document.

I shall be most grateful, Mr. President, for your co-operation in handling this matter in the most appropriate manner.

(Signed) Héctor David CASTRO,
Chairman of the Delegation
of El Salvador

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SUPPORTING MEMORANDUM

The Press of the whole world has published the fact that the peaceful nation of Tibet has been invaded, without any provocation on its part, by foreign forces proceeding from the territory controlled by the government established at Peiping.

The fact that such forces were going to be sent into the territory of Tibet was publicly announced at Peiping. The news was also given out that some plenipotentiaries from Tibet were being sent to Peiping in order to negotiate with the government there for the purpose of settling the differences and avoiding an open conflict. In spite of this peaceful gesture, the forces were sent and have penetrated into the territory of the State of Tibet. The Government of Tibet has appealed to the United Nations to use its good offices in order to obtain a peaceful solution of the already existing conflict. This appeal cannot be ignored, unless the General Assembly of the United Nations is ready to ignore its primary responsibility "to maintain international peace and security", to which the first paragraph of the first article of the Charter refers. It is true that Tibet is not a Member of the United Nations, but it is also a clear fact that the responsibilities of this Organization are not limited to maintain international peace among the State Members but, on the contrary, they are extended to the whole world.

The Government of El Salvador, in giving instructions to its Delegation to request the General Assembly to include in its agenda for its present session the case of Tibet, has stated that it would be fatal to the credit of the United Nations before the eyes of the world if a case of international aggression, such as it happens in the small country of Tibet, which has an autonomous Government, were to be ignored by our Organization.

It has been published in the Press that in some quarters, unknown to me, there are some doubts concerning the independence of Tibet. It has even been suggested that it is a province of China. However, anyone who takes the trouble to look at a map of Asia will realize that Tibet is separate and entirely different from the territory of China. Tibet was a protectorate of China, but at least since 1912 it has enjoyed complete independence. It has an autonomous Government which is chosen by the people. This Government has not permitted interference of the Chinese Government in its internal affairs.

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The Chinese Government has been respectful and has not interfered in the political life of Tibet. In this manner, the independence of Tibet has been reaffirmed. It is only at the present time that the government established at Peiping wants to bring into subjection the free people of Tibet. Tibet cannot offer great resistance to the invading forces. It has only resorted to the international organization which has been established to "maintain international peace and security", in order to obtain some assistance that might be of help to that nation to preserve its freedom. Such an appeal cannot be ignored. The Delegation of El Salvador has requested that the case of Tibet be placed on the agenda of the General Assembly. In due time, this Delegation will move that a Special Committee be appointed by the Assembly to study the case with special reference to the plea of the Government of Tibet, and to suggest any appropriate measures that could be taken by the Assembly.

INVASION OF TIBET BY FOREIGN FORCES

El Salvador: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Taking note that the peaceful nation of Tibet has been invaded, without any provocation on its part, by foreign forces proceeding from the territory controlled by the government established at Peiping,

Decides:

1. To condemn this act of unprovoked aggression against Tibet;
 2. To establish a Committee composed of...(names of nations)... which will be entrusted with the study of the appropriate measures that could be taken by the General Assembly on this matter;
 3. To instruct the Committee to undertake that study with special reference to the appeal made to the United Nations by the Government of Tibet, and to render its report to the General Assembly, as early as possible, during the present session.
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