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Her Excellency Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit (India).

*432nd plenary meeting,
15 September 1953.*

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

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

*433rd plenary meeting,
16 September 1953.*

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Fifth Committee: Mr. Awni Khalidy (Iraq);

Sixth Committee: Mr. Juliusz Katz-Suchy (Poland);

Ad Hoc Political Committee: Sr. Miguel Rafael Urquía (El Salvador).

16 September 1953.

ELECTION OF THREE NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The General Assembly elected three non-permanent members to the Security Council to replace CHILE, GREECE and PAKISTAN, retiring members.

The States elected were the following:

BRAZIL, NEW ZEALAND and TURKEY.

*450th plenary meeting,
5 October 1953.*

ELECTION OF SIX MEMBERS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The General Assembly elected six members to the Economic and Social Council to fill the vacancies which will occur on the expiration of the terms of office of the PHILIPPINES, POLAND, SWEDEN, the UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and URUGUAY.

The States elected were the following:

CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ECUADOR, NORWAY, PAKISTAN, the UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS and the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.

*450th and 451st plenary meetings,
5 October 1953.*

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

ELECTION OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

The General Assembly elected two members to the Trusteeship Council to fill the vacancies which will occur on the expiration of the terms of office of the DOMINICAN REPUBLIC and THAILAND.

The States elected were the following:

HAITI and INDIA.

*451st plenary meeting,
5 October 1953.*

ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION

In accordance with its resolution 174 (II) of 21 November 1947 and with the provisions of the Statute of the International Law Commission annexed thereto, the General Assembly elected the fifteen members of the International Law Commission.

The following were elected:

Mr. Gilberto Amado (Brazil);
Mr. Roberto Córdova (Mexico);
Mr. Faris El-Khoury (Syria);
Mr. J. P. A. François (Netherlands);
Mr. Francisco U. García-Amador (Cuba);
Mr. Shuhsi Hsu (China);
Mr. Sergei Borisovich Krylov (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics);
Mr. Hersch Lauterpacht (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);
Mr. Radhabinod Pal (India);
Mr. John Johnston Parker (United States of America);
Mr. Carlos Salamanca Figueroa (Bolivia);
Mr. A. E. F. Sandström (Sweden);
Mr. Georges Scelle (France);
Mr. Jean Spiropoulos (Greece);
Mr. Jaroslav Zourek (Czechoslovakia).

*453rd and 454th plenary meetings,
23 October 1953.*

ELECTION OF A MEMBER TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

The General Assembly and the Security Council, voting independently, elected Mr. Feodor Ivanovich Kozhevnikov (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge Sergei Aleksandrovich Golunsky.

In accordance with Article 15 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, the term of office of Mr. Feodor Ivanovich Kozhevnikov will expire on 5 February 1961.

*458th plenary meeting,
27 November 1953.*

ALLOCATION OF AGENDA ITEMS ¹

Plenary Meetings

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6. Election of Vice-Presidents (item 6).
7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter (item 7).
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9. Opening of the general debate (item 9).
10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (item 10).
11. Report of the Security Council (item 11).
12. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters I, VI, VII and VIII) (item 12).
13. Election of three non-permanent members of the Security Council (item 14).
14. Election of six members of the Economic and Social Council (item 15).
15. Election of two members of the Trusteeship Council (item 16).
16. Election of the members of the International Law Commission (item 17).
17. Election of a member of the International Court of Justice to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge Sergei Aleksandrovich Golunsky (item 59).
18. Continuation on a permanent basis of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (item 29).
19. Question of atrocities committed by the North Korean and Chinese Communist forces against United Nations prisoners of war in Korea (item 74).²
20. Application of Japan to become a party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice (item 75).³
21. Application of San Marino to become a party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice (item 76).⁴

¹ Unless otherwise indicated, all the items formed part of the agenda approved by the General Assembly at its 435th plenary meeting on 17 September 1953. At the same meeting the General Assembly adopted the recommendations of the General Committee on the allocation of agenda items as set out in its report (A/2477). For the agenda, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Plenary Meetings*.

² Included in the agenda and allocated to plenary meeting at the 457th plenary meeting on 11 November 1953.

³ Included in the agenda and allocated to plenary meeting at the 469th plenary meeting on 8 December 1953.

⁴ *Ibid.*

First Committee

POLITICAL AND SECURITY (INCLUDING THE REGULATION OF ARMAMENTS)

1. The Korean question (item 18):
(a) Report of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea.
2. Regulation, limitation and balanced reduction of all armed forces and all armaments: report of the Disarmament Commission (item 23).
3. Question of impartial investigation of charges of use by United Nations forces of bacterial warfare (item 24).
4. Complaint by the Union of Burma regarding aggression against it by the Government of the Republic of China: report of the Government of the Union of Burma (item 25).
5. The Tunisian question (item 56).⁵
6. The question of Morocco (item 57).⁶
7. Measures to avert the threat of a new world war and to reduce tension in international relations (item 73).⁷

Ad Hoc Political Committee

(Note. Established by the General Assembly at its 432nd plenary meeting on 15 September 1953)

1. Report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (item 19).
2. Treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa: report of the United Nations Good Offices Commission (item 20).
3. The question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of *apartheid* of the Government of the Union of South Africa: report of the Commission appointed to study the racial situation in the Union of South Africa (item 21).
4. Admission of new Members: report of the Special Committee (item 22).

⁵ The draft resolution submitted by the First Committee (A/2530), amended in accordance with proposals put forward by Iceland (A/L.166), was not adopted, having failed to obtain the required two-thirds majority (457th plenary meeting on 11 November 1953).

⁶ The draft resolution submitted by the First Committee (A/2526) was not adopted, the General Assembly having upheld the ruling of the President that, under rule 89 of the rules of procedure, the draft resolution had been rejected (455th plenary meeting on 3 November 1953).

⁷ Included in the agenda and allocated to the First Committee at the 440th plenary meeting on 22 September 1953. The First Committee, having rejected at its 676th meeting on 26 November 1953 the draft resolution submitted by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (A/2485/Rev.1), did not submit a draft resolution to the General Assembly under this item (A/2579). At the 461st meeting of the Assembly on 30 November 1953, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics submitted a draft resolution (A/L.168), which was not adopted.

Second Committee

ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL

1. The Korean question (item 18):
 - (b) Report of the United Nations Agent General for Korean Reconstruction.
2. Economic development of under-developed countries (item 26):
 - (a) Question of establishing a special fund for grants-in-aid and for low-interest long-term loans: report of the Economic and Social Council;
 - (b) Status of the proposal for the establishment of an international finance corporation: report of the Economic and Social Council.
3. Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance for the economic development of under-developed countries: report of the Economic and Social Council (item 27).
4. Question of assistance to Libya (item 60).
5. Technical assistance in public administration (item 61).
6. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters II and III) (item 12).

Third Committee

SOCIAL, HUMANITARIAN AND CULTURAL

1. Work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (item 28):
 - (a) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;
 - (b) International action on behalf of refugees: memorandum by the Secretary-General;
 - (c) Question of the continuation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.
2. Technical assistance in promoting and safeguarding the rights of women (item 62).
3. Technical assistance in the fields of prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities (item 63).
4. Development of political rights of women in Territories where these rights are not fully enjoyed (item 65).
5. Programme of concerted practical action in the social field of the United Nations and the specialized agencies (item 66).
6. Evidence of existence of forced labour (item 69).
7. Measures for the peaceful solution of the problem of prisoners of war (item 71).
8. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters IV and V) (item 12).

Fourth Committee

TRUSTEESHIP (INCLUDING NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES)

1. Report of the Trusteeship Council (item 13).
2. The Ewe and Togoland unification problem: special report of the Trusteeship Council (item 31).
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 32):

- (a) Information on educational conditions;
 - (b) Information on other conditions;
 - (c) Transmission of information;
 - (d) Participation of Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories: recommendations of the Committee.
4. Factors which should be taken into account in deciding whether a Territory is or is not a Territory whose people have not yet attained a full measure of self-government: report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Factors (Non-Self-Governing Territories) (item 33).
 5. Cessation of the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter: reports of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Factors (Non-Self-Governing Territories) and of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories (item 34):
 - (a) Netherlands Antilles and Surinam;
 - (b) Puerto Rico.
 6. Election of two members of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories (item 35).
 7. Question of South-West Africa: report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on South-West Africa (item 36).

Fifth Committee

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY

1. Financial reports and accounts, and reports of the Board of Auditors (item 37):
 - (a) United Nations, for the financial year ended 31 December 1952;
 - (b) United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, for the financial year ended 31 December 1952;
 - (c) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, for the financial year ended 30 June 1953;
 - (d) United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency, for the financial year ended 30 June 1953.
2. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (item 47):
 - (a) Annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board for the year ended 31 December 1952;
 - (b) Acceptance by the specialized agencies of the jurisdiction of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal in matters involving applications alleging non-observance of Pension Fund regulations: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (c) Amendments to the regulations for the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board.
3. Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds (item 44).
4. Budget estimates for the financial year 1954 (item 39).

5. Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1953 (item 38).
6. Scale of assessment for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions (item 42).
7. Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly (item 40):
 - (a) Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
 - (b) Committee on Contributions;
 - (c) Board of Auditors;
 - (d) Investments Committee: confirmation of the appointment made by the Secretary-General;
 - (e) United Nations Administrative Tribunal;
 - (f) United Nations Staff Pension Committee.⁸
8. Administrative and budgetary co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies: reports of the Secretary-General and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (item 45).
9. Review of audit procedures of the United Nations and the specialized agencies: reports of the Secretary-General and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (item 43).
10. Audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account (item 46).
11. Headquarters of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General (item 41).
12. Narcotic drugs (item 68):
 - (a) Assumption by organs of the United Nations of functions and responsibilities assigned to them under the terms of the Protocol for Limiting and Regulating the Cultivation of the Poppy Plant, the Production of, International and Wholesale Trade in, and Use of Opium, 1953, and of the financial burdens resulting therefrom;
 - (b) Question of the remuneration of members of the Permanent Central Opium Board and the Drug Supervisory Body.
13. Staff Regulations of the United Nations. Question of a probationary period: reports of the Secretary-General and of the Advisory Committee on

⁸ The President of the General Assembly, at the 471st plenary meeting on 9 December 1953, pointed out that agenda item 40, as originally adopted, had provided for appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee; since no vacancy had occurred in the Committee, no action was required by the General Assembly in this connexion.

- Administrative and Budgetary Questions (item 50).
14. Personnel policy: reports of the Secretary-General and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (item 51).
15. Report of the Committee on Special Administrative Questions (item 49).
16. Organization of the Secretariat: reports of the Secretary-General and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (item 48).
17. Question of a change in the opening date of regular sessions of the General Assembly: report of the Secretary-General (item 52).
18. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapter IX) (item 12).

Sixth Committee

LEGAL

1. Transfer to the United Nations of functions and powers exercised by the League of Nations under the Slavery Convention of 25 September 1926: draft Protocol prepared by the Secretary-General (item 30).
2. Measures to limit the duration of regular sessions of the General Assembly: report of the Special Committee (item 54).
3. Question of the continuation of the functions of the United Nations Tribunal in Libya (item 55).
4. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifth session (item 53).
5. Invitation to non-member States to become Parties to the Convention on the Political Rights of Women (item 64).
6. Appeal to States to accelerate their ratifications of, or accessions to, the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, and measures designed to ensure the widest possible diffusion of the nature, contents and purposes of the Convention (item 67).
7. Publication of documents concerning the drafting and application of the Charter (item 58).
8. Preparatory work with regard to the possible holding of a General Conference of the Members of the United Nations in accordance with Article 109 of the Charter (item 70).
9. Amendment of the Charter: election of a technical committee to study and report on the amendment of the Charter on the basis of proposals to be submitted by Member States (item 72).

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

**713 (VIII). Credentials of representatives to the eighth session of the
General Assembly**

A

The General Assembly

Approves the first report ¹ of the Credentials Committee.

*449th plenary meeting,
29 September 1953.*

B

The General Assembly

Approves the second report ² of the Credentials Committee.

*468th plenary meeting,
7 December 1953.*

¹ See document A/2490.

² See document A/2593.

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714 (VIII). Question of impartial investigation of charges of use by United Nations forces of bacterial warfare

The General Assembly

1. *Refers* to the Disarmament Commission the draft resolution of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics contained in document A/C.1/L.67¹ for such consideration as deemed appropriate under its plan of work and pursuant to the terms of reference of that Commission as set forth in General Assembly resolutions 502 (VI) of 11 January 1952 and 704 (VII) of 8 April 1953;

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

*456th plenary meeting,
3 November 1953.*

715 (VIII). Regulation, limitation and balanced reduction of all armed forces and all armaments: report of the Disarmament Commission

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the responsibility of the United Nations for considering the problem of disarmament and affirming the need of providing for:

(a) The regulation, limitation and balanced reduction of all armed forces and all armaments,

(b) The elimination and prohibition of atomic, hydrogen and other types of weapons of mass destruction,

(c) The effective international control of atomic energy to ensure the prohibition of atomic weapons and the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes only,

¹ The USSR draft resolution reads as follows:

*"The General Assembly
"Calls upon all States which have not acceded to or ratified the Geneva Protocol of 17 June 1925 for the prohibition of the use of bacterial weapons to accede to the Protocol or ratify it."*

the whole programme to be carried out under effective international control and in such a way that no State would have cause to fear that its security was endangered,

Believing that the continued development of weapons of mass destruction such as atomic and hydrogen bombs has given additional urgency to efforts to bring about effectively controlled disarmament throughout the world, as the existence of civilization itself may be at stake,

Mindful that progress in the settlement of existing international disputes and the resulting re-establishment of confidence are vital to the attainment of peace and disarmament and that efforts to reach agreement on a comprehensive and co-ordinated disarmament programme with adequate safeguards should be made concurrently with progress in the settlement of international disputes,

Believing that progress in either field would contribute to progress in the other,

Realizing that competition in the development of armaments and armed forces beyond what is necessary for the individual or collective security of Member States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations is not only economically unsound but is in itself a grave danger to peace,

Conscious of the continuing desire of all nations, by lightening the burden of armaments, to release more of the world's human and economic resources for peace,

Having received the third report² of the Disarmament Commission of 20 August 1953, submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 704 (VII) of 8 April 1953,

Endorsing the Commission's hope that recent international events will create a more propitious atmosphere for reconsideration of the disarmament question, the capital importance of which, in conjunction with other questions affecting the maintenance of peace, is recognized by all,

² See *Official Records of the Disarmament Commission, 1953, Supplement for July, August and September 1953*, document DC/32.

1. *Recognizes* the general wish and affirms its earnest desire to reach agreement as early as possible on a comprehensive and co-ordinated plan, under international control, for the regulation, limitation and reduction of all armed forces and all armaments, for the elimination and prohibition of atomic, hydrogen, bacterial, chemical and all such other weapons of war and mass destruction, and for the attainment of these ends through effective measures;

2. *Recognizes* that, whatever the weapons used, aggression is contrary to the conscience and honour of the peoples and incompatible with membership in the United Nations and is the gravest of all crimes against peace and security throughout the world;

3. *Takes note* of the third report of the Disarmament Commission;

4. *Requests* the Commission to continue its efforts to reach agreement on the problems with which it is concerned, taking into consideration proposals made at the eighth session of the General Assembly, and to report again to the General Assembly and to the Security Council not later than 1 September 1954;

5. *Calls on* all Member States, and particularly the major Powers, to intensify their efforts to assist the Disarmament Commission in its tasks and to submit to the Commission any proposals which they have to make in the field of disarmament;

6. *Suggests* that the Disarmament Commission study the desirability of establishing a sub-committee consisting of representatives of the Powers principally involved, which should seek in private an acceptable solution and report to the Disarmament Commission as soon as possible, in order that the Commission may study and report on such a solution to the General Assembly and to the Security Council not later than 1 September 1954;

7. *Further suggests* to the Disarmament Commission, in order to facilitate the progress of its work, to arrange for the sub-committee, when established, to hold its private meetings as appropriate in the different countries most concerned with the problem.

*460th plenary meeting,
28 November 1953.*

716 (VIII). The Korean question

The General Assembly

1. *Resolves* that the eighth session of the General Assembly stand recessed;

2. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to reconvene the eighth session, with the concurrence of the majority of Member States, if (a) in the President's opinion developments in respect of the Korean question warrant such reconvening, or (b) one or more Member States make a request to the President for such reconvening by reason of developments in respect of the Korean question.

*470th plenary meeting,
8 December 1953.*

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

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report^a dated 31 August 1953 of the Government of the Union of Burma on the situation relating to the presence of foreign forces in its territory, and all other information on the subject laid before the Assembly,

1. *Notes* that limited evacuation of personnel of these foreign forces has begun as from 7 November 1953;

2. *Expresses concern* that few arms have been surrendered by them;

3. *Appreciates* the efforts of the United States of America and Thailand in striving for the evacuation of these forces;

4. *Urges* that efforts be continued on the part of those concerned for the evacuation or internment of these foreign forces and the surrender of all arms;

5. *Reaffirms* General Assembly resolution 707 (VII) of 23 April 1953, and in particular;

6. *Urges* upon all States to refrain from furnishing any assistance to these forces which may enable them to remain in the territory of the Union of Burma or to continue their hostile acts against that country;

7. *Invites* the governments concerned to inform the General Assembly of any action that they have taken to implement the present resolution;

8. *Requests* the Government of the Union of Burma to report on the situation to the General Assembly as appropriate.

*470th plenary meeting,
8 December 1953.*

^a See document A/2468.

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718 (VIII). Admission of new Members

The General Assembly.

Having examined the report¹ of the Special Committee on Admission of New Members,

Considering that universality of membership in the United Nations is subject only to the provisions of the Charter,

Considering that the aims of the Charter of the United Nations would be furthered through the co-operation of all peace-loving States,

Believing that a new effort to find a solution to this problem should be without prejudice to the juridical positions maintained by individual Members of the United Nations and to any further consideration of the subject by the General Assembly,

1. *Decides* to establish a Committee of Good Offices, consisting of the representatives of Egypt, the Netherlands and Peru, empowered to consult with members of the Security Council with the object of exploring the possibilities of reaching an understanding which would facilitate the admission of new Members in accordance with Article 4 of the Charter;

2. *Requests* the Committee of Good Offices to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its eighth or, at the latest, at its ninth session.

*453rd plenary meeting,
23 October 1953.*

719 (VIII). Treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa

The General Assembly

1. *Recalls* that at its first, second, third, fifth, sixth and seventh sessions it has given consideration to the question of the treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa;

2. *Further recalls:*

(a) That resolution 44 (I) of 8 December 1946 expressed the opinion that the treatment of Indians

in the Union of South Africa should be in conformity with the international obligations under the agreements concluded between the Governments of India and the Union of South Africa and the relevant provisions of the Charter and requested the two Governments to report to the General Assembly on the measures adopted to this effect;

(b) That resolution 265 (III) of 14 May 1949 invited the Governments of India, Pakistan and the Union of South Africa to enter into discussion at a round table conference, taking into consideration the Purposes and Principles of the Charter and the Declaration of Human Rights;

(c) That resolution 395 (V) of 2 December 1950 held that a policy of "racial segregation" (*apartheid*) was necessarily based on doctrines of racial discrimination; repeated its recommendation that a round table conference be held; and further recommended that, in the event of failure to hold a conference or reach agreement thereat, a commission of three members be set up to assist the parties in carrying through appropriate negotiations;

(d) That resolution 511 (VI) of 12 January 1952 reaffirmed the recommendation of resolution 395 (V) that a three-member commission be established and further requested the Secretary-General, in the event of failure to establish such a commission, to lend his assistance to the Governments concerned and if necessary to appoint an individual who would render any additional assistance deemed advisable;

(e) That resolution 615 (VII) of 5 December 1952 established a three-member United Nations Good Offices Commission to arrange and assist in negotiations between the Governments concerned in order that a satisfactory solution in accordance with the Purposes and Principles of the Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights might be achieved;

3. *Also recalls* that resolutions 395 (V), 511 (VI) and 615 (VII) successively called on the Government of the Union of South Africa to refrain from implementing or enforcing the provisions of the Group Areas Act;

¹ See document A/2400.

4. *Takes note* of the report² of the United Nations Good Offices Commission, and in particular its conclusion that "in view of the response of the Government of the Union of South Africa, it has been unable to carry out its task to arrange and assist in negotiations between the Governments concerned";

5. *Expresses its regret* that the Government of the Union of South Africa:

(a) Has refused to make use of the Commission's good offices or to utilize any of the alternative procedures for the settlement of the problem recommended by the four previous resolutions of the General Assembly;

(b) Has continued to implement the provisions of the Group Areas Act in spite of the provisions of three previous resolutions;

(c) Is proceeding with further legislation contrary to the Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, including the Immigrants Regulation Amendment Bill which seeks to prohibit the entry into South Africa of wives and children of South African nationals of Indian origin;

6. *Considers* that these actions of the Government of the Union of South Africa are not in keeping with its obligations and responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations;

7. *Decides* to continue the United Nations Good Offices Commission and urges the Government of the Union of South Africa to co-operate with that Commission;

8. *Requests* the Commission to report to the General Assembly at its next regular session the extent of progress achieved, together with its own views on the problem and any proposals which, in its opinion, may lead to a peaceful settlement of it;

9. *Again calls upon* the Government of the Union of South Africa to refrain from implementing the provisions of the Group Areas Act;

10. *Decides* to include this item in the provisional agenda of the ninth session of the General Assembly.

457th plenary meeting,
11 November 1953.

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

A

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 and 614 (VII) of 6 November 1952,

Having examined the report³ of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and the special report⁴ of the Director and the Advisory Commission of that Agency,

Noting that programme agreements envisaging the commitment of approximately \$120 million have been signed by UNRWA with the governments of several Near Eastern countries, pursuant to the plan endorsed

² See document A/2473.

³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 12*.

⁴ See document A/2470/Add. 1.

by the General Assembly in resolution 513 (VI), but that expectations as regards the execution of the projects programme have not been realized,

Noting also that the situation of the refugees continues to be a matter of grave concern,

1. *Decides*, without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 11 of resolution 194 (III), or to the provisions of paragraph 4 of resolution 393 (V), that the mandate of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East shall be extended until 30 June 1955, and that its programme shall be again subject to review at the ninth session of the General Assembly;

2. *Authorizes* the Agency to adopt a budget for relief amounting to \$24.8 million for the fiscal year ending 30 June 1954, subject to such adjustments as may be attributable to refugee employment on projects, or as may be necessary to maintain adequate standards, and to adopt a provisional budget for relief of \$18 million for the fiscal year ending 30 June 1955;

3. *Considers* that the projects fund previously authorized by the General Assembly in paragraph 2 of resolution 513 (VI) should be maintained at \$200 million until 30 June 1955, and urges UNRWA and the governments of the Near Eastern countries concerned to continue to seek acceptable projects to enable the fund to be utilized for the purposes for which it is intended;

4. *Requests* the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds to seek the funds required to meet the current needs of the relief programmes and to invite governments to take into account the need for the additional pledges which will be required to meet the total programme now established at \$292.8 million.

458th plenary meeting,
27 November 1953.

B

The General Assembly,

Having noted that the present membership of the Advisory Commission of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, established pursuant to paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 302 (IV) of 8 December 1949, is composed of representatives of Egypt, France, Jordan, Syria, Turkey, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America,

Noting further that it is in the general interest that other contributing countries join the Advisory Commission,

Authorizes the Advisory Commission to increase its membership by not more than two additional members.

458th plenary meeting,
27 November 1953.

721 (VIII). The question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of apartheid of the Government of the Union of South Africa

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report⁵ of the United Nations Commission on the Racial Situation in the Union

⁵ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 16*, document A/2505.

of South Africa established by resolution 616 A (VII) of 5 December 1952,

Noting with concern that the Commission, in its study of the racial policies of the Government of the Union of South Africa, has concluded that these policies and their consequences are contrary to the Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Noting that the Commission had also concluded that:

(a) "It is highly unlikely, and indeed improbable, that the policy of *apartheid* will ever be willingly accepted by the masses subjected to discrimination", and

(b) That the continuance of this policy would make peaceful solutions increasingly difficult and endanger friendly relations among nations,

Noting further that the Commission considers it desirable that the United Nations should request the Government of the Union of South Africa to reconsider the components of its policy towards various ethnic groups,

Considering that, in the Commission's own opinion, the time available was too short for a thorough study of all the aspects of the problems assigned to it,

Considering also the Commission's view that one of the difficulties encountered by it was the lack of co-operation from the Government of the Union of South Africa and, in particular, its refusal to permit the Commission to enter its territory,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolutions 103 (I) of 19 November 1946, 377 A (V), section E, of 3 November 1950 and 616 B (VII) of 5 December 1952, particularly the passages in those resolutions which state respectively that "it is in the higher interests of humanity to put an immediate end to religious and so-called racial persecution and discrimination"; that "enduring peace will not be secured solely by collective security arrangements against breaches of international peace and acts of aggression, but that a genuine and lasting peace depends also upon the observance of all the Principles and Purposes established in the Charter of the United Nations, upon the implementation of the resolutions of the Security Council, the General Assembly and other principal organs of the United Na-

tions intended to achieve the maintenance of international peace and security, and especially upon respect for an observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all and on the establishment and maintenance of conditions of economic and social well-being in all countries"; and that "in a multi-racial society harmony and respect for human rights and freedoms and the peaceful development of a unified community are best assured when patterns of legislation and practice are directed towards ensuring the equality before the law of all persons regardless of race, creed or colour, and when economic, social, cultural and political participation of all racial groups is on a basis of equality";

2. *Expresses appreciation* of the work of the United Nations Commission on the Racial Situation in the Union of South Africa;

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

4. *Requests* the Commission:

(a) To continue its study of the development of the racial situation in the Union of South Africa:

(i) With reference to the various implications of the situation for the populations affected;

(ii) In relation to the provisions of the Charter and, in particular, to Article 14;

(b) To suggest measures which would help to alleviate the situation and promote a peaceful settlement;

5. *Invites* the Government of the Union of South Africa to extend its full co-operation to the Commission;

6. *Requests* the Commission to report to the General Assembly at its ninth session.

469th plenary meeting,
8 December 1953.

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722 (VIII). Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance for the economic development of under-developed countries

The General Assembly,

Believing that the results so far achieved by the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance demonstrate the important contribution which the Programme has made and is capable of making in the economic development of under-developed countries,

Desirous that the Expanded Programme shall continue to play an increasingly effective role in the achievement of higher standards of living for the people of the under-developed areas,

1. *Recommends* that governments and participating agencies pay due regard to making the aims and operations of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance more widely known;

2. *Urges* that, in order to permit the Expanded Programme to progress, governments contribute for the year 1954 so as to meet to the maximum extent possible the Programme needs for 1954 and, in any case, so that the funds available shall be no less than the amount earmarked by the Technical Assistance Board for the approved 1953 programme;

3. *Emphasizes* the pressing need that governments pay promptly their contributions pledged at conferences, with special regard to previous financial periods;

4. *Notes with satisfaction* the actions taken by the Economic and Social Council in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of section I and in paragraphs 6 and 7 of section II of resolution 492 C (XVI) of 5 August 1953 designed to strengthen the organization and administration of the Expanded Programme, so as to assure the most effective use of the contributions made available, and invites the Technical Assistance Committee and the Technical Assistance Board, in working out their recommendations on the administration, the financial procedures and the system of allocation of funds of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, to take into consideration the relevant views expressed in the

debates during the eighth session of the General Assembly;

5. *Requests* the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to review as soon as possible the administrative procedures of the Technical Assistance Board and those of the participating organizations as well as their administrative expenditures so far as those are financed from the Special Account;

6. *Approves* the financial arrangements set forth in the annex hereto as recommended by the Economic and Social Council in paragraph 5 of section II of resolution 492 C (XVI);

7. *Requests* the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds, appointed pursuant to General Assembly resolution 759 (VIII) of 5 October 1953, to undertake, in addition to already assigned tasks and as soon as convenient after the closing of the eighteenth session of the Economic and Social Council, negotiations with governments regarding their pledges to the Special Account for the year 1955 towards the goal to be suggested by the Council at the same session;

8. *Notes* that the Economic and Social Council, in response to the desire expressed by the General Assembly in resolution 621 (VII) of 21 December 1952, has expressed the view that, for the orderly development of programmes, it would be useful to have assured financial support for a period longer than a year, and invites those participating countries which may be in a position to do so to take steps within their constitutional limitations, to ensure the financial support of the Expanded Programme, on a long-term basis.

*454th plenary meeting,
23 October 1953.*

ANNEX

Financial arrangements

(Recommended by the Economic and Social Council in paragraph 5, section II, of resolution 492 C (XVI))

(a) Seventy-five per cent of total funds available, excluding carry-over, shall be available for allocation to the participating organizations after approval of country programmes by the Technical Assistance Board, in accordance with the percentages

set forth in paragraph 8 (c) ^a of Council resolution 222 A (IX) as amended and modified pursuant to paragraph 19 of the report of the Technical Assistance Committee to the thirteenth session of the Council;

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

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

^a Formerly paragraph 9 (c).

723 (VIII). Technical assistance in public administration

The General Assembly,

Noting that the programme of activities and the organizational arrangements developed by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Economic and Social Council in response to General Assembly resolution 246 (III) of 4 December 1948, and placed on a continuing basis in accordance with General Assembly resolution 518 (VI) of 12 January 1952, are no longer adequately covered by the terms of resolution 246 (III),

Noting further that the aforementioned activities now form an integral part of a wider programme of assistance to governments in the field of public administration, including aspects other than training,

Recognizing the increasingly important role of governmental administration in programmes for the promotion of economic development and social welfare,

1. Approves a revised United Nations programme in public administration comprising:

(a) The provision, at the request of governments, of technical assistance related to public administration, including training for public service, through:

- (i) The advisory services of experts;
- (ii) Fellowships and scholarships;
- (iii) Training institutes, seminars, conferences, working groups and other means;
- (iv) The provision of technical publications;

(b) The collection, analysis and exchange of technical information in the field of public administration, in collaboration, where appropriate, with the International Institute of Administrative Sciences and other appropriate institutions, and assistance to governments to promote, by all suitable means, sound public administration, in relation to economic and social development;

2. Authorizes the Secretary-General to continue to include in the budgetary estimates of the United Nations the funds necessary for carrying out an effective operational programme based on the provision of the above services and, in addition, to finance such activities from funds made available from the United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, provided that, in the latter case, such assistance is related to the economic development of under-developed countries;

3. Reaffirms the principle by which each requesting government shall continue to be expected to assume responsibility, as far as possible, for all or part

of the expenses connected with the services furnished to it;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to report regularly to the Economic and Social Council on activities carried on under this programme.

454th plenary meeting,
23 October 1953.

724 (VIII). Economic development of under-developed countries

A

The General Assembly,

Having noted Economic and Social Council resolution 482 A (XVI) of 4 August 1953,

Desirous of strengthening the United Nations in its mission of guarding the peace and security of all peoples and of promoting higher standards of living and conditions of economic and social progress and development in under-developed countries,

Looking forward to the time when sufficient progress in internationally supervised world-wide disarmament will make it propitious to devote additional resources to assist development and reconstruction, particularly in the under-developed countries,

Adopts the following declaration:

"We, the governments of the States Members of the United Nations, in order to promote higher standards of living and conditions of economic and social progress and development, stand ready to ask our peoples, when sufficient progress has been made in internationally supervised world-wide disarmament, to devote a portion of the savings achieved through such disarmament to an international fund, within the framework of the United Nations, to assist development and reconstruction in under-developed countries."

468th plenary meeting,
7 December 1953.

B

The General Assembly,

Having considered the Report on a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development¹ prepared by the Committee of Nine appointed by the Secretary-General, and submitted in pursuance of Economic and Social Council resolution 416 A (XIV) of 23 June 1952 and General Assembly resolution 622 A (VII) of 21 December 1952,

Mindful of the aim expressed in the preamble of the Charter "to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples" and of Articles 55 and 56 of the Charter,

Believing that, especially in the present state of world tension, the social and economic advancement of the under-developed countries can contribute towards the achievement of international peace and security,

Confident that an expanded flow of capital to under-developed countries would contribute to the solution of the basic economic problems of our time, both for under-developed and developed countries,

Considering that the use of international machinery for financially assisting the acceleration of the eco-

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

conomic development of the under-developed countries contributes to the achievement of an expanding and stable world economy,

Noting that the efforts made and the activities undertaken so far by and under the United Nations for the economic development of the under-developed countries have proved beneficial and represent a marked advance in economic co-operation among nations,

Bearing in mind the recommendations contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 482 A (XVI) of 4 August 1953 relating to a special United Nations fund,

Considering that the General Assembly should keep under review the question of the establishment of a special fund and, in particular, be attentive to any changes either in world conditions or in the attitudes of the governments of Member States, which might be propitious to the establishment of such a fund in the near future,

Hopeful that conditions favourable to the establishment of an international fund will be created in the near future and that savings from internationally supervised world-wide disarmament will provide additional means for financing the economic development of under-developed countries, and will further the aims and objectives of such a fund,

1. *Expresses* its great appreciation of the work of the Committee of Nine;

2. *Invites* governments of States Members of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies in the economic and social field to transmit to the Secretary-General their detailed comments both on the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee of Nine and on the degree of moral and material support which may be expected from them for such a fund;

3. *Decides* to appoint the present President of the Economic and Social Council, Mr. Raymond Scheyven, to examine, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, the comments of governments submitted in response to the invitation contained in the preceding paragraph; to collate and where he judges necessary to request elaboration of such comments, if desirable by direct consultation with governments; and to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its eighteenth session an interim report on his work, and, in any event to submit to the General Assembly at its ninth session, a final report together with his comments, with a view to assisting it to make such recommendations as it would find possible which could facilitate the establishment of such a fund as soon as circumstances permit;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to:

(a) Provide Mr. Scheyven with all necessary assistance and facilities;

(b) Transmit to the governments specified in paragraph 2 above the report of the Committee of Nine, together with the records of the discussion on the subject at the eighth session of the General Assembly;

(c) Circulate as soon as possible to the governments specified in paragraph 2 above (i) the comments submitted in response to that paragraph, and (ii) the final report of Mr. Scheyven; and submit a summary of the comments of governments to the General Assembly at its ninth session;

(d) Prepare a working paper, for submission to the Economic and Social Council, on the extent and methods of co-ordination which may be desirable or necessary between the activities of such a fund, of the Technical Assistance Board and of such of the specialized agencies as may be engaged in tasks relating to the economic development of under-developed countries;

5. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to study at its eighteenth session the working paper referred to in paragraph 4 (d) above and to transmit it, together with its views, to the General Assembly at its ninth session;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of the ninth session of the General Assembly a separate item for the consideration of the results of the steps provided for above.

468th plenary meeting,
7 December 1953.

C

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind that the general problem of economic development of the under-developed countries concerns both the under-developed and the more developed countries,

Mindful that the economic development of the under-developed countries depends primarily on their own efforts and resources,

Recognizing, however, that financial resources at present available in the under-developed countries are inadequate to finance the desired rate of economic development,

Believing that additional external resources, both private and public, made available, as appropriate, within or without the framework of the United Nations, would greatly aid the under-developed countries in financing their development programmes,

I

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 622 B (VII) of 21 December 1952 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 416 C (XIV) and 482 B (XVI) of 23 June 1952 and 4 August 1953 respectively,

Having considered the reports² of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development on the question of creating an international finance corporation,

Bearing in mind that the consultations and study requested below might indicate the practicability of establishing such a finance corporation in the near future,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the useful contribution the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development has made to the study of the question;

2. *Emphasizes* the beneficial effects the proposed corporation could have in so far as it would promote the mobilization of additional domestic resources in the under-developed countries and the flow of external capital into these countries, in order to augment the financial resources for their economic development;

3. *Urges* governments which have not done so to give early consideration to the merits of establishing an international finance corporation, and to make known to the International Bank their views on the possibility of supporting such a corporation in time

² See documents E/2215 and E/2441.

for the Bank to take them into consideration when preparing its report for the eighteenth session of the Economic and Social Council, as foreseen in paragraph 4 below;

4. *Requests* the International Bank to:

(a) Analyse in detail the questions raised and the views expressed by governments and non-governmental institutions concerning the methods of furnishing the capital for an international finance corporation, its functions and operations;

(b) Conduct its consultations in a more intensive manner on the question of the creation of an international finance corporation and on the prospects of financial support for it;

(c) Report to the Economic and Social Council at its eighteenth session on the subjects referred to it in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) above;

5. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to review at its eighteenth session the reports of the International Bank on the question of creating an international finance corporation and to report thereon to the General Assembly during its ninth session;

II

Recognizing the importance of finding means to stimulate the flow of external private capital to the under-developed countries in order to accelerate their development,

Mindful of General Assembly resolution 622 C (VII) of 21 December 1952,

Requests that the study which is being prepared by the Secretary-General, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 622 C (VII), on the general role of private external capital be examined by the Economic and Social Council during its seventeenth session, with a view to ascertaining under what conditions the flow into under-developed countries of private capital can effectively contribute to the harmonious and adequate integration of the economies of those countries and to their economic and social development;

III

Recognizing the importance of fluctuations in the terms of trade and the effect of these fluctuations on the financing of the economic development of the under-developed countries,

Requests the Economic and Social Council to consider at its seventeenth session the report prepared by the group of experts appointed pursuant to General Assembly resolution 623 (VII) of 21 December 1952 and to make such recommendations as it may find desirable for consideration by the General Assembly at its ninth session.

*468th plenary meeting,
7 December 1953.*

725 (VIII). The Korean question: report of the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency

The General Assembly,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 410 (V) of 1 December 1950,

Taking note of the report³ of the Agent General on the work of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency for the period 15 September 1952 to 30 September 1953,

Noting that the work undertaken by the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency is bringing substantial benefits to the distressed people of Korea,

Noting with satisfaction that the programmes of the Agency are implemented in close co-operation with the Government of the Republic of Korea and the United Nations Command and in consultation with the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea,

1. *Commends* the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency for his work;

2. *Approves*, subject to consultation between the Agent General and the Advisory Committee, the programmes for the periods 1 July 1953 to 1 July 1954 and 1 July 1954 to 1 July 1955 set forth in paragraphs 122, 123 and 124 of the Agent General's report to the General Assembly at its eighth session;

3. *Notes with concern* that sufficient funds are not available to implement such programmes, urges all governments to give immediate consideration to the prompt payment of pledges already made or to the making of contributions within their financial possibilities if they have not already taken such action; and recommends that specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations furnish all possible assistance to the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency;

4. *Requests* the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds, appointed pursuant to General Assembly resolution 759 (VIII) of 5 October 1953, to undertake, in addition to already assigned tasks, negotiations with governments regarding their pledges to the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency.

*468th plenary meeting,
7 December 1953.*

726 (VIII). Question of assistance to Libya

The General Assembly,

Recalling the part played by the United Nations in the creation of the independent State of the United Kingdom of Libya, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 289 A (IV) of 21 November 1949 recommending that Libya, comprising Cyrenaica, Tripolitania and the Fezzan should be constituted as an independent and sovereign State, and that this independence was achieved on 24 December 1951, in accordance with that resolution,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 515 (VI) of 1 February 1952 by which the Assembly requested the Economic and Social Council to study, in consultation with the Government of the United Kingdom of Libya, ways and means by which the United Nations, with the co-operation of all governments and the competent specialized agencies, and upon the request of the Government of Libya, could furnish additional assistance to the United Kingdom of Libya with a view to financing its fundamental and urgent programmes of economic and social development, giving consideration to the possibility of opening a special account of voluntary contributions to that end, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its seventh session,

³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 14*, document A/2543 and Corr. 1.

Recalling further its resolution 529 (VI) of 29 January 1952 on the problem of war damages in Libya,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 398 (V) of 17 November 1950 which recognizes the special responsibility assumed by the United Nations for the future of Libya,

Bearing in mind the recommendations submitted by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 493 (XVI) of 3 August 1953,

Having heard the statement⁴ made by the representative of the United Kingdom of Libya concerning the needs of Libya for economic and financial assistance,

1. *Invites* all governments willing and in a position to do so to provide financial assistance to the United Kingdom of Libya through the appropriate mechanisms within the United Nations Organization available for receiving voluntary contributions, in order to assist Libya in the financing of its fundamental and urgent programmes of reconstruction and of economic and social development;

⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Second Committee*, 286th meeting.

2. *Recommends* that, if and when further means become available for assisting in the financing of the development of under-developed areas, due consideration be given by the United Nations and the specialized agencies to the specific development needs of Libya;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies concerned to continue to waive local costs and to give all possible favourable consideration to the requests of Libya for technical assistance, taking into account the special needs of Libya and the principles of the technical assistance programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies enumerated in Economic and Social Council resolution 222 (IX) of 15 August 1949;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of the governments of Members and to take the necessary measures to facilitate the implementation of paragraph 1 above;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make a special report on the question of United Nations assistance to Libya in time to be placed on the agenda of the tenth session of the General Assembly.

469th plenary meeting,
8 December 1953.

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727 (VIII). Prolongation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 319 (IV) of 3 December 1949 and 428 (V) of 14 December 1950, by which the Assembly decided to establish the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and adopted the Statute governing the operation of that Office,

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

1. *Decides* to continue the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a period of five years from 1 January 1954 on the basis of the

Statute of the Office contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 428 (V);

2. *Decides* to review, not later than at the twelfth regular session of the Assembly, the arrangements for the Office of the High Commissioner with a view to determining whether the Office should be continued beyond 31 December 1958;

3. *Decides* that the High Commissioner shall be elected for a period of five years from 1 January 1954, and that the High Commissioner shall appoint a Deputy High Commissioner of a nationality other than his own.

*453rd plenary meeting,
23 October 1953.*

Following upon the adoption of the above resolution, the General Assembly at its 454th plenary meeting on 23 October 1953, on the nomination of the Secretary-General in accordance with chapter III, paragraph 13, of the Statute, elected Mr. G. J. van Heuven Goedhart (Netherlands) to the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

728 (VIII). Work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Having considered the problems of refugees who are the concern of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the light of his report¹ to the General Assembly at its eighth session and of the Secretary-General's memorandum,²

Having noted with appreciation the work being done on behalf of these refugees,

Having noted with concern the precarious situation of certain groups of refugees within the High Commissioner's mandate, in particular those in need of emergency aid, the considerable number still living in camps, and those requiring special care for whom no satisfactory arrangements have yet been made,

1. *Invites* the High Commissioner to concern himself in particular with these groups of refugees in carrying out his functions as defined in the Statute of his Office and to pay special attention to them in his report to the General Assembly at its ninth session;

2. *Appeals* to the governments of States Members and non-members of the United Nations to intensify their efforts to promote, in co-operation with the High Commissioner, solutions for the problems of refugees, through repatriation, resettlement and integration in accordance with General Assembly resolution 538 B (VI) of 2 February 1952;

3. *Takes note* of the relations which the High Commissioner has established with interested organizations, expresses the hope that appropriate consultations will take place in the drawing up of all programmes of international action designed to improve the situation of refugees within his mandate and invites the High Commissioner to give an account of such consultations in his reports.

*453rd plenary meeting,
23 October 1953.*

729 (VIII). Technical assistance in promoting and safeguarding the rights of women

The General Assembly,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 504 J II (XVI) of 23 July 1953 concerning technical assistance in promoting and safeguarding the rights of women,

Approves the decision of the Council authorizing the Secretary-General to render, at the request of Member States, services which do not fall within the scope of existing technical assistance programmes, in order to assist these States in promoting and safeguarding the rights of women.

*453rd plenary meeting,
23 October 1953.*

730 (VIII). Technical assistance in the fields of prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities

The General Assembly,

Having considered the recommendation contained in paragraph 2 of Economic and Social Council reso-

lution 502 G (XVI) of 3 August 1953 on technical assistance in the fields of prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities,

1. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to render, at the request of any State Member of the United Nations, technical advice and other services which do not fall within the scope of existing technical assistance programmes, in order to assist the government of that State within its territory in the eradication of discrimination or in the protection of minorities or both;

2. *Decides* that the services so authorized may include, but need not be restricted to, technical advice regarding the drafting of legislation and the establishment of administrative and judicial machinery and appropriate services in such matters of fundamental importance as education, subject to arrangements within existing agreements with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other competent specialized agencies.

*453rd plenary meeting,
23 October 1953.*

731 (VIII). Development of political rights of women in Territories where these rights are not fully enjoyed

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 56 (I) of 11 December 1946 relating to the political rights of women, which was reaffirmed in resolution 640 (VII) of 20 December 1952,

Having considered Economic and Social Council resolution 504 F (XVI) of 23 July 1953,

Urges States to take all necessary measures, particularly educational and legislative measures, leading to the development of the political rights of women in all Territories in which women do not enjoy full political rights, including Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories.

*454th plenary meeting,
23 October 1953.*

732 (VIII). Programme of concerted practical action in the social field of the United Nations and the specialized agencies

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the principles contained in its resolution 535 (VI) of 2 February 1952,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the efforts made to establish the programme of concerted practical action in the social field of the United Nations and the specialized agencies adopted in Economic and Social Council resolution 496 (XVI) of 31 July 1953;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies to keep particularly in mind, in the implementation of the projects of the programme of concerted practical action, the general principles, methods and techniques defined in Economic and Social Council resolution 496 (XVI), special consideration being given to the needs of the under-developed countries;

3. *Recommends* that the Economic and Social Council should supplement the programme of concerted practical action in the social field of the United Nations and the specialized agencies as set forth in reso-

¹ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 11.

² See document A/2457.

lution 496 (XVI), by the insertion of a new paragraph 8 (i) reading as follows:

"Improve the situation with respect to health, education and social welfare in the Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories;"

4. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council:

(a) To keep the development of the programme under consideration with a view to its progressive improvement;

(b) To consider, as appropriate, further practical measures which may be undertaken in accordance with General Assembly resolution 535 (VI) and Economic and Social Council resolution 496 (XVI) with the addition thereto recommended to the Economic and Social Council by the General Assembly at its eighth session;

(c) To report to the General Assembly on the progress achieved.

*454th plenary meeting,
23 October 1953.*

733 (VIII). Studies on internal migration

The General Assembly,

Considering the close connexion existing between internal movements of population and economic and social progress in the economically less developed countries,

Noting with satisfaction that the Economic and Social Council, in examining the work of the Population Commission, has recently paid attention to the problems of internal migration (resolution 471 D (XV) of 14 April 1953) which have generally not been sufficiently studied,

1. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council, in co-operation with the International Labour Organisation and other interested agencies, to develop, within available resources, an appropriate programme of studies on internal migration, especially in the economically less developed countries, to be carried out at the request of the countries concerned;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to communicate to the Economic and Social Council, for its guidance and information, the records of the debate on this question in the General Assembly at its eighth session.

*460th plenary meeting,
28 November 1953.*

734 (VIII). Recognition and enforcement abroad of maintenance obligations

The General Assembly,

Having noted that the question of the reciprocal recognition and enforcement abroad of maintenance obligations has been before the Economic and Social Council which, at its fifteenth session, decided³ to postpone consideration until its seventeenth session,

Being aware of the urgent need to improve the situation of members of families whose legal supporters living in another country fail to comply with their maintenance obligations,

Requests the Economic and Social Council to do its utmost to complete, if possible, its work on this question in such time as to enable it to report on

³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 1*, page 32.

the results to the General Assembly at its next regular session.

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735 (VIII). The Social Commission

The General Assembly,

Mindful of the provisions of Articles 61 and 68 of the Charter,

Considering that one of the aims of the United Nations is to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom and to this end to be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations,

Considering that the General Assembly at its present session has adopted⁴ a programme of concerted practical action in the social field,

Recalling that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 414 (XIII) of 18, 19 and 20 September 1951 decided that the Social Commission should meet biennially instead of annually,

Bearing in mind that, in accordance with its resolution 414 (XIII), the Economic and Social Council must review in 1954 the question of organization of its functional commissions,

Having considered the draft proposals⁵ made with a view to the possible revision of the pattern of meetings of the Social Commission, as well as to the expansion of its membership to provide improved representation of under-developed areas and various economic and cultural patterns,

1. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council, in its review of this question, to consider the aforementioned draft proposals, as well as the suggestions made in the discussion of this matter during the eighth session of the General Assembly;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to communicate to the Economic and Social Council the records of the debate on the question during the eighth session of the General Assembly.

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28 November 1953.*

736 (VIII). Freedom of information

A

The General Assembly,

Recalling the decisions contained in the resolutions⁶ on freedom of information adopted at its seventh session,

Regretting that the Economic and Social Council was unable⁷ to give consideration at its sixteenth session to the subject of freedom of information, including the report⁸ of its Rapporteur,

Noting that, at its sixteenth session, the Economic and Social Council postponed consideration of the question of freedom of information to its seventeenth session and decided, in agreement with the Rapporteur, that the Rapporteur would present his report at the seventeenth session,

⁴ See resolution 732 (VIII).

⁵ See documents A/C.3/L.376, A/C.3/L.382, A/C.3/L.384 and A/C.3/L.386.

⁶ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventh Session, Supplement No. 20*.

⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 1*, page 25.

⁸ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12.

Noting that the General Assembly has not studied the draft Convention on Freedom of Information at its sixth, seventh and eighth sessions and that the Economic and Social Council, at its sixteenth session, did not consider the draft Convention on Freedom of Information concurrently with the report of the Rapporteur,

1. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to give priority, at its seventeenth session, to discussion of freedom of information, including the report of the Rapporteur, and to the formulation, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 631 (VII) of 16 December 1952, of recommendations for the consideration of the General Assembly at its ninth session;

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, in its discussion of freedom of information, to take into account the views expressed on this subject at the seventh and eighth sessions of the General Assembly;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to complete the report on a programme of concrete action for the development of information facilities in under-developed regions of the world, requested in General Assembly resolution 633 (VII) of 16 December 1952, in time for consideration at the seventeenth session of the Economic and Social Council.

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28 November 1953.*

B

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 635 (VII) of 16 December 1952 in which it requested the Secretary-General, if a representative group of information enterprises and of national and international professional associations expressed a desire to do so, to co-operate with it in organizing an international professional conference for the purpose of preparing the final text of an International Code of Ethics for the use of information personnel,

Noting that replies have already been received from a number of the information enterprises and professional associations consulted by the Secretary-General in pursuance of the aforementioned resolution,

Considering that to await replies from all the information enterprises and professional associations consulted would unnecessarily delay the conference and the preparation of the final text of the Code,

1. *Invites* the Secretary-General to address a further communication to the enterprises and associations which have not yet replied, requesting them to do so **within a reasonable period**, and, provided that a **representative group** of enterprises and associations expresses a desire to do so, to co-operate with the group in organizing an international professional conference for the purpose of preparing the final text of the Code and measures for its implementation;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To bring the text of the present resolution to the notice of the information enterprises and national and international associations to which he communicated the draft Code;

(b) To report to the General Assembly at its ninth session on any progress achieved.

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28 November 1953.*

737 (VIII). Draft International Covenants on Human Rights and measures of implementation

A

FEDERAL CLAUSE

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 421 (V), section C, of 4 December 1950,

Having discussed the draft resolutions contained in documents A/C.3/L.366 and A/C.3/L.374 and the amendment contained in document A/C.3/L.388,

1. *Decides* to transmit these draft resolutions and the amendment to the Commission on Human Rights, together with the records of the meetings of the Third Committee relating to the federal clause;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to ensure that the members of the Commission on Human Rights receive the above-mentioned documents not less than two weeks before the opening of the tenth session of the Commission.

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28 November 1953.*

B

RIGHT OF PETITION

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 421 (V), section F, of 4 December 1950 and 547 (VI) of 5 February 1952,

Having discussed the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/L.372/Rev.1 on the right of petition,

Decides to transmit the draft resolution to the Commission on Human Rights, at its tenth session, together with the records of the discussion thereon in the Third Committee.

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28 November 1953.*

738 (VIII). The right of peoples and nations to self-determination

The General Assembly,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 637 C (VII) of 16 December 1952 and Economic and Social Council resolution 472 (XV) of 1 April 1953 inviting the Commission on Human Rights to make recommendations concerning international respect for the right of peoples and nations to self-determination,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 648 (VII) of 10 December 1952,

Considering that the Commission on Human Rights had been unable due to lack of time to prepare such recommendations at its ninth session,

Considering the importance of the observance of and respect for the right of self-determination in the promotion of world peace and of friendly relations between peoples and nations,

1. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to give due priority at its tenth session to the preparation of such recommendations;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Commission on Human Rights the summary records of the debate on this matter.

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28 November 1953.*

739 (VIII). Development of the work of the United Nations for wider observance of, and respect for, human rights and fundamental freedoms throughout the world

The General Assembly,

Considering that, under Articles 55 and 56 of the Charter, the Members of the United Nations have pledged themselves to take joint and separate action to promote universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Desiring to advance as rapidly as possible respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms and to stimulate Member States to press forward toward attaining the goals set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Noting that the Commission on Human Rights, at its ninth session, considered three draft resolutions⁹ concerning the development of the work of the United Nations for wider observance of, and respect for, human rights and fundamental freedoms throughout the world,

Noting that the Economic and Social Council, in resolution 501 C (XVI) of 3 August 1953, requested Member States and specialized agencies to submit their comments on the draft resolutions and the amendments thereto to the Secretary-General in so far as possible by 1 October 1953,

Requests the Economic and Social Council to ask the Commission on Human Rights:

(a) To consider, at its tenth session, the three draft resolutions concerning the development of the work of the United Nations for wider observance of, and respect for, human rights and fundamental freedoms throughout the world, and to prepare, if possible, to supplement the provisions of the Covenants on Human Rights, recommendations thereon, in order that these recommendations may be considered by the Economic and Social Council at its eighteenth session;

(b) To take account, at its tenth session, of the comments made by Member States and specialized agencies and of the views expressed on this subject at the eighth session of the General Assembly.

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28 November 1953.*

740 (VIII). Evidence of existence of forced labour

The General Assembly,

Recalling the determination of the peoples of the United Nations under the Charter to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights and in the dignity and worth of the human person,

Regretting that the Economic and Social Council at its sixteenth session was unable to consider the conclusions contained in the report¹⁰ of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Forced Labour,

Considering that systems of forced labour constitute a serious threat to fundamental human rights and jeopardize the freedom and status of workers in contravention of the obligations and provisions of the Charter of the United Nations,

⁹ See documents E/CN.4/L.266/Rev.2, E/CN.4/L.267/Rev.1 and E/CN.4/L.268.

¹⁰ See document E/2431.

Observing that the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Forced Labour has now been placed on the agenda of the seventeenth session of the Economic and Social Council and of the 123rd session of the Governing Body of the International Labour Office,

Considering that in view of this delay there is still time for certain governments which have not yet done so to provide information in response to the *Ad Hoc* Committee's request for comments and observations on the allegations concerning them,

1. *Affirms* the importance which it attaches to the abolition of all systems of forced or "corrective" labour, whether employed as a means of political coercion or punishment for holding or expressing political views or on such a scale as to constitute an important element in the economy of a country;

2. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council and the International Labour Organisation, as a matter of urgency, to give early consideration to the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Forced Labour at their next sessions with this aim in view;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult with governments which have not yet found it possible to provide information in response to the *Ad Hoc* Committee's request to the effect that they submit such information before the seventeenth session of the Economic and Social Council so that these replies may be brought to the attention of the Council;

4. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to report on forced labour to the General Assembly at its ninth session.

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7 December 1953.*

741 (VIII). Measures for the peaceful solution of the problem of prisoners of war

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 427 (V) of 14 December 1950 on measures for the peaceful solution of the problem of prisoners of war,

Reaffirming its belief that all prisoners having originally come within the control of the Allied Powers as a consequence of the Second World War should either have been repatriated long since or have been otherwise accounted for as required both by recognized standards of international conduct and the Geneva Convention¹¹ of 1949 relative to the treatment of prisoners of war, and by specific agreements between the Allied Powers,

Having examined the progress report¹² to the Secretary-General on the work of the *Ad Hoc* Commission on Prisoners of War,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* that some progress has taken place in the repatriation of prisoners of war in the course of the last two years, and expresses the hope that those governments and Red Cross Societies which have contributed to that progress will continue their efforts;

2. *Reiterates* its grave and continuing concern at the evidence that large numbers of prisoners taken in the course of the Second World War have not yet been repatriated or otherwise accounted for;

¹¹ See *Treaty Series, Treaties and international agreements registered or filed and recorded with the Secretariat of the United Nations*, Volume 75, 1950, No. 972, page 135.

¹² See document A/2482.

3. *Urgently appeals* to all governments and authorities which continue to hold prisoners of the Second World War to act in conformity with the recognized standards of international conduct and with the above-mentioned international agreements and the Geneva Convention of 1949 which require that, upon the cessation of active hostilities, all prisoners should, with the least possible delay, be given an unrestricted opportunity of repatriation;

4. *Expresses its sincere appreciation* to the *Ad Hoc* Commission on Prisoners of War for its efforts to assist in a solution of the problem of prisoners of war; and requests the Commission to continue its efforts to assist in a solution of the problem of prisoners of war under the terms of reference contained in General Assembly resolution 427 (V) of 14 December 1950;

5. *Notes with satisfaction* that a large amount of valuable information was made available to the *Ad Hoc* Commission concerning prisoners of war; but notes with concern that certain governments and authorities mentioned in the report of the Commission have so far refused to co-operate with the Commission,

which refusal represents the main obstacle by which the best efforts of the Commission have been frustrated;

6. *Urgently appeals* to all governments and authorities which have not already done so to give their full co-operation to the *Ad Hoc* Commission to supply the information requested by it on all prisoners of the Second World War who are still under their control and on such prisoners who have died while under their control; and to grant the Commission access to areas in which such prisoners are detained;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to furnish the *Ad Hoc* Commission with the staff and facilities necessary for the effective accomplishment of its task;

8. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Commission to report as soon as practicable the results of its further work and possible suggestions to the Secretary-General for transmission to the Members of the United Nations.

468th plenary meeting,
7 December 1953.

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742 (VIII). Factors which should be taken into account in deciding whether a Territory is or is not a Territory whose people have not yet attained a full measure of self-government

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the principles embodied in the Declaration regarding Non-Self-Governing Territories and the objectives set forth in Chapter XI of the Charter,

Recalling the provisions of resolutions 567 (VI) and 648 (VII), adopted by the General Assembly on 18 January and 10 December 1952 respectively, indicating the value of establishing a list of factors which should be taken into account in deciding whether a

Territory has or has not attained a full measure of self-government,

Having regard to the competence of the General Assembly to consider the principles that should guide the United Nations and the Member States in the implementation of obligations arising from Chapter XI of the Charter and to make recommendations in connexion with them,

Having examined the report¹ of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Factors (Non-Self-Governing Territories) set up by resolution 648 (VII),

¹ See document A/2428.

1. *Takes note* of the conclusions of the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Factors (Non-Self-Governing Territories);

2. *Approves* the list of factors as adopted by the Fourth Committee;

3. *Recommends* that the annexed list of factors should be used by the General Assembly and the Administering Members as a guide in determining whether any Territory, due to changes in its constitutional status, is or is no longer within the scope of Chapter XI of the Charter, in order that, in view of the documentation provided under resolution 222 (III) of 3 November 1948, a decision may be taken by the General Assembly on the continuation or cessation of the transmission of information required by Chapter XI of the Charter;

4. *Reasserts* that each concrete case should be considered and decided upon in the light of the particular circumstances of that case and taking into account the right of self-determination of peoples;

5. *Considers* that the validity of any form of association between a Non-Self-Governing Territory and a metropolitan or any other country essentially depends on the freely expressed will of the people at the time of the taking of the decision;

6. *Considers* that the manner in which Territories referred to in Chapter XI of the Charter can become fully self-governing is primarily through the attainment of independence, although it is recognized that self-government can also be achieved by association with another State or group of States if this is done freely and on the basis of absolute equality;

7. *Reaffirms* that the factors, while serving as a guide in determining whether the obligations as set forth in Chapter XI of the Charter shall exist, should in no way be interpreted as a hindrance to the attainment of a full measure of self-government by a Non-Self-Governing Territory;

8. *Further reaffirms* that, for a Territory to be deemed self-governing in economic, social or educational affairs, it is essential that its people shall have attained a full measure of self-government;

9. *Instructs* the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to study any documentation transmitted hereafter under resolution 222 (III) in the light of the list of factors approved by the present resolution, and other relevant considerations which may arise from each concrete case of cessation of information;

10. *Recommends* that the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories take the initiative of proposing modifications at any time to improve the list of factors, as may seem necessary in the light of circumstances.

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27 November 1953.

ANNEX

List of Factors

FACTORS INDICATIVE OF THE ATTAINMENT OF INDEPENDENCE OR OF OTHER SEPARATE SYSTEMS OF SELF-GOVERNMENT

First part

FACTORS INDICATIVE OF THE ATTAINMENT OF INDEPENDENCE

A. International status

1. *International responsibility.* Full international responsibility of the Territory for the acts inherent in the exercise of

its external sovereignty and for the corresponding acts in the administration of its internal affairs.

2. *Eligibility for membership in the United Nations.*

3. *General international relations.* Power to enter into direct relations of every kind with other governments and with international institutions and to negotiate, sign and ratify international instruments.

4. *National defence.* Sovereign right to provide for its national defence.

B. Internal self-government

1. *Form of government.* Complete freedom of the people of the Territory to choose the form of government which they desire.

2. *Territorial government.* Freedom from control or interference by the government of another State in respect of the internal government (legislature, executive, judiciary, and administration of the Territory).

3. *Economic, social and cultural jurisdiction.* Complete autonomy in respect of economic, social and cultural affairs.

Second part

FACTORS INDICATIVE OF THE ATTAINMENT OF OTHER SEPARATE SYSTEMS OF SELF-GOVERNMENT

A. General

1. *Opinion of the population.* The opinion of the population of the Territory, freely expressed by informed and democratic processes, as to the status or change in status which they desire.

2. *Freedom of choice.* Freedom of choosing on the basis of the right of self-determination of peoples between several possibilities, including independence.

3. *Voluntary limitation of sovereignty.* Degree of evidence that the attribute or attributes of sovereignty which are not individually exercised will be collectively exercised by the larger entity thus associated and the freedom of the population of a Territory which has associated itself with the metropolitan country to modify at any time this status through the expression of their will by democratic means.

4. *Geographical considerations.* Extent to which the relations of the Non-Self-Governing Territory with the capital of the metropolitan government may be affected by circumstances arising out of their respective geographical positions, such as separation by land, sea or other natural obstacles; and extent to which the interests of boundary States may be affected, bearing in mind the general principle of good-neighbourliness referred to in Article 74 of the Charter.

5. *Ethnic and cultural considerations.* Extent to which the populations are of different race, language or religion or have a distinct cultural heritage, interests or aspirations, distinguishing them from the peoples of the country with which they freely associate themselves.

6. *Political advancement.* Political advancement of the population sufficient to enable them to decide upon the future destiny of the Territory with due knowledge.

B. International status

1. *General international relations.* Degree or extent to which the Territory exercises the power to enter freely into direct relations of every kind with other governments and with international institutions and to negotiate, sign and ratify international instruments freely. Degree or extent to which the metropolitan country is bound, through constitutional provisions or legislative means, by the freely expressed wishes of the Territory in negotiating, signing and ratifying international conventions which may influence conditions in the Territory.

2. *Change of political status.* The right of the metropolitan country or the Territory to change the political status of that Territory in the light of the consideration whether that Territory is or is not subject to any claim or litigation on the part of another State.

3. *Eligibility for membership in the United Nations.*

C. Internal self-government

1. *Territorial government.* Nature and measure of control or interference, if any, by the government of another State in

respect of the internal government, for example, in respect of the following:

Legislature: The enactment of laws for the Territory by an indigenous body whether fully elected by free and democratic processes or lawfully constituted in a manner receiving the free consent of the population;

Executive: The selection of members of the executive branch of the government by the competent authority in the Territory receiving consent of the indigenous population, whether that authority is hereditary or elected, having regard also to the nature and measure of control, if any, by an outside agency on that authority, whether directly or indirectly exercised in the constitution and conduct of the executive branch of the government;

Judiciary: The establishment of courts of law and the selection of judges.

2. *Participation of the population.* Effective participation of the population in the government of the Territory: (a) Is there an adequate and appropriate electoral and representative system? (b) Is this electoral system conducted without direct or indirect interference from a foreign government?^a

3. *Economic, social and cultural jurisdiction.* Degree of autonomy in respect of economic, social and cultural affairs, as illustrated by the degree of freedom from economic pressure as exercised, for example, by a foreign minority group which, by virtue of the help of a foreign Power, has acquired a privileged economic status prejudicial to the general economic interest of the people of the Territory; and by the degree of freedom and lack of discrimination against the indigenous population of the Territory in social legislation and social developments.

Third part

FACTORS INDICATIVE OF THE FREE ASSOCIATION OF A TERRITORY ON EQUAL BASIS WITH THE METROPOLITAN OR OTHER COUNTRY AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THAT COUNTRY OR IN ANY OTHER FORM

A. *General*

1. *Opinion of the population.* The opinion of the population of the Territory, freely expressed by informed and democratic processes, as to the status or change in status which they desire.

2. *Freedom of choice.* The freedom of the population of a Non-Self-Governing Territory which has associated itself with the metropolitan country as an integral part of that country or in any other form to modify this status through the expression of their will by democratic means.

3. *Geographical considerations.* Extent to which the relations of the Territory with the capital of the central government may be affected by circumstances arising out of their respective geographical positions, such as separation by land, sea or other natural obstacles. The right of the metropolitan country or the Territory to change the political status of that Territory in the light of the consideration whether that Territory is or is not subject to any claim or litigation on the part of another State.

4. *Ethnic and cultural considerations.* Extent to which the population are of different race, language or religion or have a distinct cultural heritage, interests or aspirations, distinguishing them from the peoples of the country with which they freely associate themselves.

5. *Political advancement.* Political advancement of the population sufficient to enable them to decide upon the future destiny of the Territory with due knowledge.

6. *Constitutional considerations.* Association by virtue of a treaty or bilateral agreement affecting the status of the Territory, taking into account (i) whether the constitutional guarantees extend equally to the associated Territory, (ii) whether there are powers in certain matters constitutionally reserved to the Territory or to the central authority, and (iii) whether there is provision for the participation of the Territory on a basis of equality in any changes in the constitutional system of the State.

B. *Status*

1. *Legislative representation.* Representation without discrimination in the central legislative organs on the same basis as other inhabitants and regions.

2. *Participation of the population.* Effective participation of the population in the government of the Territory: (a) Is there an adequate and appropriate electoral and representative system? (b) Is this electoral system conducted without direct or indirect interference from a foreign government?^a

3. *Citizenship.* Citizenship without discrimination on the same basis as other inhabitants.

4. *Government officials.* Eligibility of officials from the Territory to all public offices of the central authority, by appointment or election, on the same basis as those from other parts of the country.

C. *Internal constitutional conditions*

1. *Suffrage.* Universal and equal suffrage, and free periodic elections, characterized by an absence of undue influence over and coercion of the voter or of the imposition of disabilities on particular political parties.^b

2. *Local rights and status.* In a unitary system equal rights and status for the inhabitants and local bodies of the Territory as enjoyed by inhabitants and local bodies of other parts of the country; in a federal system an identical degree of self-government for the inhabitants and local bodies of all parts of the federation.

3. *Local officials.* Appointment or election of officials in the Territory on the same basis as those in other parts of the country.

4. *Internal legislation.* Local self-government of the same scope and under the same conditions as enjoyed by other parts of the country.

5. *Economic, social and cultural jurisdiction.* Degree of autonomy in respect of economic, social and cultural affairs, as illustrated by the degree of freedom from economic pressure as exercised, for example, by a foreign minority group which, by virtue of the help of a foreign Power, has acquired a privileged economic status prejudicial to the general economic interest of the people of the Territory; and by the degree of freedom and lack of discrimination against the indigenous population of the Territory in social legislation and social developments.

^a For example, the following questions would be relevant:

(i) Has each adult inhabitant equal power (subject to special safeguards for minorities) to determine the character of the government of the Territory?

(ii) Is this power exercised freely, i.e., is there an absence of undue influence over and coercion of the voter and of the imposition of disabilities on particular political parties?

Some tests which can be used in the application of this factor are as follows:

(a) The existence of effective measures to ensure the democratic expression of the will of the people;

(b) The existence of more than one political party in the Territory;

(c) The existence of a secret ballot;

(d) The existence of legal prohibitions on the exercise of undemocratic practices in the course of elections;

(e) The existence for the individual elector of a choice between candidates of differing political parties;

(f) The absence of "martial law" and similar measures at election times;

(iii) Is each individual free to express his political opinions, to support or oppose any political party or cause, and to criticize the government of the day?

^b For example, the following tests would be relevant:

(a) The existence of effective measures to ensure the democratic expression of the will of the people;

(b) The existence of more than one political party in the Territory;

(c) The existence of a secret ballot;

(d) The existence of legal prohibitions on the exercise of undemocratic practices in the course of elections;

(e) The existence for the individual elector of a choice between candidates of differing political parties;

(f) The absence of "martial law" and similar measures at election times;

(g) Freedom of each individual to express his political opinions, to support or oppose any political party or cause, and to criticize the government of the day.

743 (VIII). Educational conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Considering that, by resolution 445 (V) adopted on 12 December 1950, it approved the special report² on education drawn up in 1950 as a brief but considered indication of the importance of educational advancement and of the problems still to be faced in the Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Noting the further report prepared in 1953 by the Committee on Information³ from Non-Self-Governing Territories on educational conditions in these Territories,

1. *Approves* this further report of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories as a supplement to the report approved in 1950;

2. *Emphasizes* that the objectives of education in Non-Self-Governing Territories are:

(a) To develop moral and civic consciousness and responsibility among the peoples, and to enable them to take an increasing share of responsibility in the conduct of their own affairs;

(b) To raise the standards of living of the peoples by helping them to improve their economic productivity and standards of health;

(c) To promote the social progress of the Territories, taking into account the basic cultural values and the aspirations of the peoples concerned;

(d) To secure the extension of the intellectual development of the peoples so as to provide for them access to all levels of culture;

3. *Affirms* that, in accordance with the above objectives, the process of education should be designed to familiarize the inhabitants with and train them in the use of the tools of economic, social and political progress, with a view to the attainment of a full measure of self-government;

4. *Recommends* to the Administering Members that, in order to carry out the said objectives and in general to solve the educational problems of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, they should seek the technical advice of the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration and make the greatest possible use of the facilities of the specialized agencies;

5. *Recommends further* to the Administering Members that they similarly make the greatest possible use of offers that may be made to them by other States Members of the United Nations through the Secretary-General or through the specialized agencies concerned or in other appropriate ways, for the purpose of facilitating the educational advancement of the Non-Self-Governing Territories by such means as making available fellowships, scholarships and internships to qualified students from these Territories;

6. *Invites* the Secretary-General to communicate the report on education and the present resolution 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.

*459th plenary meeting,
27 November 1953.*

² See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifth Session, Supplement No. 17, part II.*

³ *Ibid.*, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 15, part II.

744 (VIII). Association of representatives from Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Whereas the direct association of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies has been considered as an effective means of promoting the progress of the populations of these Territories towards a status of equality with the States Members of the United Nations,

Whereas it has been recognized that the direct association of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories can be of further assistance in promoting the progress of these Territories and their peoples towards the goals set forth in Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations,

Whereas the Administering Members have been invited to make possible the association of qualified representative inhabitants of the Territories in the work of the Committee,

Considering the technical difficulties advanced by the Administering Members on the question of accepting the collaboration in the work of the Committee of Non-Self-Governing Territories as "associate members",

Considering that the principle of unity of representation must be maintained,

Noting that the Member States administering Non-Self-Governing Territories have from time to time attached representative inhabitants of the Territories to their delegations,

Considering that this practice should be stimulated and developed,

1. *Invites* the Member States administering Non-Self-Governing Territories, the inhabitants of which have attained a large measure of responsibility for economic, social and educational policies, to attach to their delegations, without prejudice to the principle stated in the fifth paragraph of the preamble, indigenous representatives specially qualified to speak on these matters as they relate to these Territories;

2. *Requests* the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to continue, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 647 (VII) of 10 December 1952, the study of means of securing a progressive increase in the participation of duly qualified representatives of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in its work.

*459th plenary meeting,
27 November 1953.*

745 (VIII). Representation on the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Noting that the work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories, particularly in relation to the special studies of certain functional fields initiated under General Assembly resolution 333 (IV) of 2 December 1949, has been materially assisted by the action of States members of the Committee, including certain non-administering Members, in associating with their delegations persons with special

qualifications in the functional fields studied by the Committee,

Considering that this is a practice which might be extended with advantage to the work of the Committee, in that the pooling and exchange of knowledge and experience thus achieved will enable it more efficaciously to assess the economic, social and educational problems of Non-Self-Governing Territories in the light of the solutions being found to those problems elsewhere in the world,

1. *Commends* the action of those Members which have included specialist advisers in their delegations to the Committee;

2. *Expresses the hope* that those Members which have not hitherto found it possible to do so, will find it appropriate to associate with their delegations persons specially qualified in the functional fields within the Committee's purview.

*459th plenary meeting,
27 November 1953.*

746 (VIII). Employment of international staff from Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Considering that the paragraph 3 of Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations, regarding the employment of the staff of the United Nations, states that, in addition to the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity in employment of Secretariat staff, due regard should be paid to the importance of recruiting the staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible,

Having regard to the objectives set forth in Chapters XI and XII of the Charter in respect of the advancement of the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories,

Considering that the services of individuals from Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories in the Secretariat of the United Nations will contribute to a wider geographical coverage in the recruitment of staff,

Considering the statement⁴ made by the Secretary-General that he has already taken note of the wishes expressed in the Fourth Committee on this matter,

1. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General consider the desirability of continuing and increasing the recruitment of suitably qualified inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories for the Secretariat of the United Nations;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to draw the attention of the specialized agencies to the present resolution with a view to a similar policy being followed as far as possible in the secretariats of those agencies.

*459th plenary meeting,
27 November 1953.*

747 (VIII). Cessation of the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter in respect of the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam

The General Assembly,

Recalling that in its resolution 650 (VII) of 20 December 1952 it invited the Committee set up to study

⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Fourth Committee, 342nd meeting.*

the factors which should be taken into account in deciding whether a Territory is or is not a Territory whose people have not yet attained a full measure of self-government to examine carefully the documents submitted by the Netherlands Government relating to the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam in the light of resolution 648 (VII) of 10 December 1952,

Having received and considered the report⁵ of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Factors (Non-Self-Governing Territories) established by resolution 648 (VII),

Having taken note of the statement⁶ of the representative of the Netherlands that the negotiations between representatives of the Netherlands, the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam, which were adjourned in the year 1952, will shortly be resumed,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the progress made by the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam towards self-government;

2. *Considers* that the new status of the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam can only be rightly appraised after the said negotiations have led to a final result and this has been embodied in constitutional provisions;

3. *Expresses* to the Netherlands Government its confidence that, as a result of the negotiations, a new status will be attained by the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam representing a full measure of self-government in fulfilment of the objectives set forth in Chapter XI of the Charter;

4. *Invites* the Government of the Netherlands to communicate to the Secretary-General the result of these negotiations as well as the provisions mentioned in paragraph 2 above;

5. *Invites* the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to examine these communications in connexion with the information already transmitted and to report thereon to the General Assembly;

6. *Requests* the Government of the Netherlands to transmit regularly to the Secretary-General the information specified in Article 73 e of the Charter in regard to the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam until such time as the General Assembly takes a decision that the transmission of information in regard to these Territories should be discontinued.

*459th plenary meeting,
27 November 1953.*

748 (VIII). Cessation of the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter in respect of Puerto Rico

The General Assembly,

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

Having received the communications⁷ dated 19 January and 20 March 1953 informing the United Nations

⁵ See document A/2428.

⁶ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Fourth Committee, 343rd meeting, para. 70.*

⁷ See document A/AC.35/L.121.

of the establishment of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, as a result of the entry into force on 25 July 1952 of the Constitution of Puerto Rico, and stating that, in consequence of these constitutional changes, the Government of the United States of America would cease to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter,

Having studied the report⁸ prepared by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories, during its session of 1953, on the question of the cessation of the transmission of information on Puerto Rico, and presented to the General Assembly in conformity with paragraph 2 of resolution 448 (V) of 12 December 1950,

Having examined the communications of the Government of the United States of America in the light of the basic principles embodied in Chapter XI of the Charter and of all the other elements of judgment pertinent to the issue,

Considering that the agreement reached by the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, in forming a political association which respects the individuality and the cultural characteristics of Puerto Rico, maintains the spiritual bonds between Puerto Rico and Latin America and constitutes a link in continental solidarity,

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

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

2. *Recognizes* that the people of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, by expressing their will in a free and democratic way, have achieved a new constitutional status;

3. *Expresses the opinion* that it stems from the documentation provided that the association of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico with the United States of America has been established as a mutually agreed association;

4. *Recognizes* that, when choosing their constitutional and international status, the people of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico have effectively exercised their right to self-determination;

5. *Recognizes* that, in the framework of their Constitution and of the compact agreed upon with the United States of America, the people of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico have been invested with attributes of political sovereignty which clearly identify the status of self-government attained by the Puerto Rican people as that of an autonomous political entity;

6. *Considers* that, due to these circumstances, the Declaration regarding Non-Self-Governing Territories and the provisions established under it in Chapter XI of the Charter can no longer be applied to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;

7. *Takes note* of the opinion of the Government of the United States of America as to the cessation of the transmission under Article 73 e of the Charter of information on Puerto Rico;

8. *Considers it appropriate* that the transmission of this information should cease;

9. *Expresses its assurance* that, in accordance with the spirit of the present resolution, the ideals embodied in the Charter of the United Nations, the traditions of the people of the United States of America and the political advancement attained by the people of Puerto Rico, due regard will be paid to the will of both the Puerto Rican and American peoples in the conduct of their relations under their present legal statute, and also in the eventuality that either of the parties to the mutually agreed association may desire any change in the terms of this association.

459th plenary meeting,
27 November 1953.

749. (VIII). Question of South West Africa

A

The General Assembly,

Having accepted, by resolution 449 A (V) of 13 December 1950 and by resolution 570 (VI) of 19 January 1952, the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice with respect to South West Africa,

Recalling that the advisory opinion¹⁰ of the International Court of Justice with respect to the Territory of South West Africa sets forth, *inter alia*, that:

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

(c) The Union of South Africa continues to have the international obligations stated in Article 22 of the Covenant of the League of Nations and in the Mandate for South West Africa as well as the obligation to transmit petitions from the inhabitants of that Territory, the supervisory functions to be exercised by the United Nations to which the annual reports and the petitions are to be submitted,

Considering that, in accordance with the opinion of the International Court of Justice, the Union of South Africa is under an obligation to accept the compulsory jurisdiction of the Court as provided by Article 37 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, by Article 80, paragraph 1, of the Charter of the United Nations and by article 7 of the Mandate for South West Africa,

Having reconstituted the *Ad Hoc* Committee on South West Africa, consisting of the representatives of Norway, Syria, Thailand, the United States of America and Uruguay, by General Assembly resolution 570 A (VI) of 19 January 1952 and, by General Assembly resolution 651 (VII) of 20 December 1952, having continued it on the same basis as before,

Having considered the reports of the aforesaid *Ad Hoc* Committee, i.e., document A/2261 submitted on 21 November 1952 and documents A/2475 and Add.1 and 2 submitted on 16 September, 8 October and 9 November 1953,

⁸ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 15*, part I, section VII.

⁹ *Ibid.*, page 6.

¹⁰ See *International Status of South West Africa, Advisory Opinion*: I.C.J. Reports 1950, page 128.

1. *Commends* the *Ad Hoc* Committee on South West Africa for its earnest and constructive efforts to find a mutually satisfactory basis of agreement;

2. *Records with deep regret* that the Government of the Union of South Africa continues in its refusal to assist in the implementation of the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice concerning South West Africa, and continues to maintain that the Union of South Africa has no international commitments as the result of the demise of the League of Nations, and that the Government of the Union of South Africa is prepared only to enter into new arrangements for the Territory of South West Africa with the Principal Allied and Associated Powers of the First World War (France, the United Kingdom and the United States of America), and not with the United Nations;

3. *Notes with concern* that, as required by paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 570 A (VI), the *Ad Hoc* Committee was unable to examine reports on the administration of the Territory of South West Africa because again no such reports were submitted by the Government of the Union of South Africa;

4. *Notes with further regret* that the Union of South Africa has refused to co-operate with the United Nations concerning the submission of petitions in accordance with the procedures of the Mandates System;

5. *Notes* the contents of the communications relating to South West Africa received by the *Ad Hoc* Committee in 1951, 1952 and 1953 from sources within and outside the Territory of South West Africa and contained in the aforesaid reports of the *Ad Hoc* Committee;

6. *Affirms* that, in order to implement the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice with regard to South West Africa,

(a) The supervision of the administration of South West Africa, though it should not exceed that which applied under the Mandates System, should be exercised by the United Nations; judicial supervision by the International Court of Justice, which the Union Government is prepared to accept, is not in accordance with the advisory opinion expressed by that Court and accepted by the General Assembly;

(b) The Union Government should assume its obligations to the United Nations and not, as proposed by the Union Government, to the three Powers (France, the United Kingdom and the United States of America) as principals;

7. *Appeals solemnly* to the Government of the Union of South Africa to reconsider its position, and urges it to continue negotiations with the Committee on South West Africa, established under paragraph 12 below, in accordance with the aforesaid principles for the purpose of concluding an agreement providing for the full implementation of the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice; and urges it further to resume submission of reports on the administration of the Territory of South West Africa and to transmit to the United Nations petitions from individuals or groups of the population of the Territory;

8. *Recalls and reaffirms* that the Territory of South West Africa is a Territory under the international Mandate assumed by the Union of South Africa on 17 December 1920;

9. *Reaffirms further* that the Union of South Africa continues to have the international obligations

stated in Article 22 of the Covenant of the League of Nations and in the Mandate for South West Africa as well as the obligation to transmit petitions from the inhabitants of that Territory, the supervisory functions to be exercised by the United Nations to which the annual reports and the petitions are to be submitted;

10. *Considers* that without United Nations supervision the inhabitants of the Territory are deprived of the international supervision envisaged by the Covenant of the League of Nations;

11. *Believes* that it would not fulfil its obligation towards the inhabitants of South West Africa if it were not to assume the supervisory responsibilities with regard to the Territory of South West Africa which were formerly exercised by the League of Nations;

12. *Establishes*, until such time as an agreement is reached between the United Nations and the Union of South Africa, a Committee on South West Africa, consisting of seven Members, and requests this Committee to:

(a) Examine, within the scope of the Questionnaire adopted by the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations in 1926, such information and documentation as may be available in respect of the Territory of South West Africa;

(b) Examine, as far as possible in accordance with the procedure of the former Mandates System, reports and petitions which may be submitted to the Committee or to the Secretary-General;

(c) Transmit to the General Assembly a report concerning conditions in the Territory taking into account, as far as possible, the scope of the reports of the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations;

(d) Prepare, for the consideration of the General Assembly, a procedure for the examination of reports and petitions which should conform as far as possible to the procedure followed in this respect by the Assembly, the Council and the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations;

13. *Authorizes* the Committee to continue negotiations with the Union of South Africa in order to implement fully the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice regarding the question of South West Africa;

14. *Requests* the Committee to submit reports on its activities to the General Assembly at its regular sessions.

460th plenary meeting,
28 November 1953.

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At its 467th plenary meeting on 3 December 1953, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fourth Committee to the President, approved the nomination of the following Members to serve on the Committee on South West Africa: Brazil, Mexico, Norway, Pakistan, Syria, Thailand and Uruguay.

B

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 and 570 B (VI) of 19 January 1952, 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 resolution 449 A (V) of 13 December 1950, the advisory opinion of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice concerning South West Africa, *inter alia*, to the effect that:

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

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

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

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

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

460th plenary meeting,
28 November 1953.

750 (VIII). The Togoland unification problem

A

The General Assembly,

Having examined the special report¹¹ of the Trusteeship Council on the Ewe and Togoland unification problem,

Taking into account the conclusion contained in the special report¹² of the 1952 United Nations Visiting Mission (T/1034) that "the people of the Trust Territories desire in principle unification of the two Trust Territories",

Recalling that the General Assembly based its resolution 652 (VII) of 20 December 1952 upon the consideration, *inter alia*, that the unification of the two parts of Togoland is the manifest aspiration of the majority of the population of the two Trust Territories,

Considering that the best means of achieving a form of unification acceptable to all groups of the population is through direct and continuous interchange of opinions among the representatives of those groups, and that such interchange of opinions could be realized in a reconstituted Joint Council for Togoland Affairs with

ample powers to examine all aspects of the problem of unification of both Territories and to formulate pertinent recommendations,

Having heard the declarations¹³ of the representatives of the All-Ewe Conference, of the Joint Togoland Congress and of the Parti togolais du progrès,

Having heard also the declarations¹⁴ of the representatives of the Administering Authorities concerned,

1. *Regrets* that the Joint Council for Togoland Affairs has not yet been re-established;

2. *Reaffirms* the principles and aims of its resolutions 555 (VI) and 652 (VII) approved on 18 January and 20 December 1952 respectively;

3. *Recommends* that, in order to ensure that the Joint Council will faithfully reflect the wishes of all sections of the population of the two Trust Territories, its members should be directly elected by universal adult suffrage and secret ballot;

4. *Recommends* that the Administering Authorities establish, in consultation with the representatives of the different political parties, the rules concerning the structure which the Joint Council for Togoland Affairs should assume;

5. *Recommends* that the Administering Authorities assist the representatives of the different political parties to explain freely throughout Togoland their views on the problem of unification and, to this effect, that they take all necessary measures to ensure freedom of speech, movement and assembly in all parts of the Territories;

6. *Recommends* that the Administering Authorities disseminate throughout the two Trust Territories the complete texts of the pertinent resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Trusteeship Council in the main vernacular languages as well as in French or in English;

7. *Recommends* to the Administering Authorities the re-establishment of the Joint Council with the power to consider and make recommendations on the question of unification, as well as on all political, economic, social and educational matters affecting the two Trust Territories, and to serve as a means of ascertaining the opinions of the inhabitants of the Territories concerning any proposed changes in the terms of the Trusteeship Agreement for either of the Territories;

8. *Re-emphasizes* its recommendation that, through the Joint Council and in other ways, the Administering Authorities adopt measures to promote common policies on political, economic and social matters of mutual concern to the two Trust Territories, and expresses the opinion that the implementation of this recommendation requires that the Administering Authorities accord to each Territory simultaneously a large measure of progress towards the objectives of Article 76 of the Charter and harmonize in all major respects the political, economic, social and educational policies and systems applying in the two Trust Territories;

9. *Invites* the Trusteeship Council to submit to the General Assembly at its ninth session a special report concerning the steps which have been taken towards the implementation of the present resolution;

10. *Expresses the hope* that the different political parties of both Territories will co-operate to achieve

¹¹ See document A/2424.

¹² See document T/1034, page 127.

¹³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Fourth Committee*, 365th, 366th and 367th meetings.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, 365th meeting.

a formula acceptable to all which will facilitate the unification of the two Trust Territories.

*469th plenary meeting,
8 December 1953.*

B

The General Assembly,

Considering that there is an urgent need to develop fully in the two parts of Togoland a system of universal suffrage and that it is consequently essential to establish effective facilities for electoral registration, with a view to the formation of an electoral body truly representative of the population of each Territory as a whole,

Noting paragraph (b) of the text of the announcement¹⁵ made by the two Administering Authorities on 12 June 1953 concerning the re-establishment of the Joint Council for Togoland Affairs,

Noting further the observations made on this matter by the petitioners heard by the Fourth Committee of the General Assembly, as well as the statements made by the representatives of the Administering Authorities,

1. *Urgently invites* the Administering Authorities to revise the system of electoral qualifications in force in the Territories and to put into effect a method of electoral registration based on personal identification which shall permit all adult persons to qualify for the right to vote and shall ensure that electoral consultations be carried out in accordance with the democratic principles of universal, direct and secret suffrage so as to reflect the opinion of the population as a whole;

2. *Recommends* that the political parties in the two Territories collaborate closely with the respective Administering Authorities with a view to carrying out the identification of the adult persons for electoral purposes.

*469th plenary meeting,
8 December 1953.*

C

The General Assembly,

Noting that Togoland under British administration is administered as an integral part of the Gold Coast, the Government of which has published a series of proposals¹⁶ for constitutional changes designed to effect a further transfer of executive and legislative powers from the Administering Authority to the Gold Coast Government and to serve as an interim measure leading towards full self-government for the Gold Coast within the British Commonwealth of Nations,

Noting that in the course of these proposals the Government of the Gold Coast expressed confidence that "the United Nations Organization will not fail to give satisfaction to the frequently reiterated and unanimous demand of the people of the Northern Section for their area to become part of the Northern Territories of the Gold Coast" and stated further that "there is a growing opinion in Southern Togoland in favour of integration with the Gold Coast",

Noting also that, in anticipation of further constitutional changes in the Gold Coast, the 1952 United Nations Visiting Mission, in its report¹⁷ on Togoland under British administration, raised with some urgency the question of the compatibility of the provisions of the Trusteeship Agreement with any further appre-

ciable transfer of executive and legislative authority to the Government of the Gold Coast, and expressed the opinion that the prospect of a further constitutional advance in the Gold Coast may require the position of the Trust Territory to be reviewed with particular care within a relatively short period of time,

Recalling further that the Visiting Missions of 1949 and 1952 and the Trusteeship Council at its eleventh session have recognized that the question of the future constitutional association of Togoland with the Gold Coast depends to a large extent upon the settlement of the unification problem,

1. *Expresses the opinion* that further changes in the Constitution of the Gold Coast, with which Togoland under British administration is administered as an integral part, may, to the extent that they provide for an increased measure of self-government, necessitate revision of the existing Trusteeship Agreement in respect of the Trust Territory in so far as concerns the existing administrative union;

2. *Considers* that, in view of the manifest aspiration of the majority of the population of both the Trust Territories of Togoland for the unification of those Territories, any change in the Trusteeship Agreement for Togoland under British administration will necessarily affect the interests of the inhabitants of Togoland under French administration;

3. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council, at its thirteenth session, to re-examine in all aspects the problem of achieving in the two Trust Territories the basic objectives of the International Trusteeship System as set forth in Article 76 of the Charter and, in particular, the progressive development of the inhabitants towards self-government or independence as may be appropriate to the particular circumstances of the Territories and their peoples and their freely expressed wishes, having particular regard to the special circumstances created by the constitutional and political situation in the Gold Coast as it affects both Togoland under British administration and Togoland under French administration;

4. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to submit to the General Assembly at its ninth session a special report on this problem.

*469th plenary meeting,
8 December 1953.*

751 (VIII). Revision of the Questionnaire relating to Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Noting that the Trusteeship Council has adopted the revised Questionnaire,¹⁸

Considering that, under Article 88 of the Charter, the Administering Authorities shall make an annual report to the General Assembly, upon the basis of a questionnaire formulated by the Trusteeship Council, on the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the inhabitants of each Trust Territory,

Considering that, in approving the Provisional Questionnaire, the Trusteeship Council emphasized that it would be adapted, if necessary, to specific Trust Territories,

Considering that the revised Questionnaire is not applicable in its entirety to all Trust Territories,

¹⁸ See document T/1010.

¹⁵ See document T/1067/Rev.1.

¹⁶ See document A/C.4/249.

¹⁷ See document T/1040.

1. *Instructs* a Sub-Committee, consisting of representatives of El Salvador, Haiti, India and Syria, to examine the Questionnaire formulated by the Trusteeship Council, to study such changes as may be necessary to adapt it to the special conditions of each Territory, and to submit its conclusions to the Trusteeship Council;

2. *Invites* the Trusteeship Council to undertake, on the basis of the work of the Sub-Committee established under the preceding paragraph, the preparation of separate questionnaires adapted to the particular circumstances of each Trust Territory.

471st plenary meeting,
9 December 1953.

752 (VIII). Attainment by the Trust Territories of the objective of self-government or independence

The General Assembly,

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

Having received from the Administering Authorities concerned annual reports covering periods subsequent to 18 January 1952 in respect of all except one of the Trust Territories, namely, the Territories of Western Samoa, New Guinea, Nauru, Tanganyika, Ruanda-Urundi, Togoland under British administration, Togoland under French administration and the Cameroons under French administration,

Noting that the Administering Authorities have not provided in these annual reports the information requested in resolution 558 (VI),

Noting, however, that the Administering Authority of Western Samoa has declared its intention¹⁹ to initiate in 1954 consultations among the representatives of the inhabitants leading to the establishment of a self-governing State,

1. *Reaffirms* resolution 558 (VI) of 18 January 1952;

2. *Commends* to the Administering Authorities of the other Trust Territories the example provided by the Administering Authority of Western Samoa in inviting the inhabitants themselves in 1954 to formulate proposals for the establishment of a self-governing State;

3. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to include in its next and succeeding reports to the General Assembly a separate section dealing with the implementation of resolution 558 (VI) and the present resolution, specifying in particular the measures taken in respect of:

(a) Consultations with the inhabitants of each Trust Territory in regard to the measures taken or contemplated towards self-government;

(b) The development in each Trust Territory of representative, executive and legislative organs and the extension of their powers;

¹⁹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 4*, page 64.

(c) The development in each Trust Territory of universal adult suffrage and direct elections;

(d) The training and appointment of indigenous persons in each Trust Territory for positions of responsibility in the administration;

(e) The development of adequate public revenue; and stating in each case its conclusions and recommendations in the light of resolution 558 (VI) and the present resolution.

471st plenary meeting,
9 December 1953.

753 (VIII). Educational advancement in Trust Territories: offers by Member States of study and training facilities

The General Assembly,

Noting from the report²⁰ of the Trusteeship Council the results to date of the project of fellowships, scholarships and internships offered by Member States to students from the Trust Territories pursuant to General Assembly resolution 557 (VI) of 18 January 1952,

Considering that the offers thus far made by Member States relate to study and training of university standard and that the inability of the Administering Authorities of the Trust Territories to provide a sufficient number of candidates is due in part to the generally low levels of education prevailing in the Territories and, in particular, to the inadequacy of facilities for post-primary education,

Considering further that the relatively small number of students qualified to take up such fellowships and scholarships requires that the most effective measures be taken to ensure that all potential candidates be given the opportunity to apply and that their applications be duly considered,

1. *Endorses* the tribute paid by the Trusteeship Council to the generosity of those Member States which have offered facilities, and expresses the hope that additional offers will be forthcoming;

2. *Expresses regret* that, in the absence of a sufficient number of qualified candidates, only a small proportion of the fellowships and scholarships offered have been utilized;

3. *Invites* Member States, in renewing or initiating offers of facilities, to take into account the special needs of the Trust Territories arising from their generally low levels of education, and to contemplate the provision of facilities not only for university study but also for post-primary and technical education and training of kinds which may most effectively further the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the Territories;

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

5. *Recommends* that all Administering Authorities which have not done so give the fullest publicity in the Trust Territories under their administration to all offers of study and training facilities and take such other measures as will ensure that the greatest possible advantage is taken of the offers;

²⁰ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 4*.

6. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to undertake such amendment of its procedure for the administration of the project as may be necessary to permit applications to be made through the Secretary-General as well as through the territorial authorities, it being understood that upon receipt of any such applications the Secretary-General will transmit them simultaneously to the Administering Authorities and the offering States concerned;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in United Nations information material prepared for dissemination in the Trust Territories details of all such offers and of the procedures to be followed in submitting applications.

471st plenary meeting,
9 December 1953.

754 (VIII). Dissemination of information on the United Nations and on the International Trusteeship System in Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the opinion expressed in its resolution 556 (VI) of 18 January 1952 that it is essential that the peoples of Trust Territories should receive adequate information concerning the United Nations,

Observing that the existing arrangements for the supply of such information are based on Trusteeship Council resolution 36 (III) of 8 July 1948, which invites the Administering Authorities to furnish the Secretary-General (a) with the names and addresses of officials in the Trust Territories to whom suitable material should be sent for information, and (b) with suggestions as to the appropriate channels through which information concerning the United Nations may be communicated to the general public,

Noting, however, from the most recent report²¹ submitted to the Council by the Secretary-General on the implementation of the above-mentioned resolution, that while the Administering Authorities have submitted lists of names and addresses in accordance with the first part of the resolution, they have in no case made any specific suggestions concerning the dissemination of information to the inhabitants of the Trust Territories and to the general public,

Noting from the report that, as the Secretary-General had pointed out in his previous reports on the subject, and as had been emphasized by the observations of the Visiting Missions to West Africa and to the Pacific, which are summarized in the report, the dissemination of information on the United Nations to the peoples of the Trust Territories is still far from satisfactory,

1. *Expresses the opinion* that the existing arrangements for the dissemination in the Trust Territories of information on the United Nations are, in general, inadequate and of limited effectiveness;

2. *Invites* the Administering Authorities to furnish the Secretary-General, in accordance with Trusteeship Council resolution 36 (III) of 8 July 1948, with suggestions as to the appropriate channels through which information on the United Nations and on the International Trusteeship System may be communicated to the general public in the Trust Territories (e.g., Press, radio, non-governmental organizations, trade unions, libraries, cultural, educational and religious institutions, teachers, missionaries, etc.);

²¹ See document T/1073.

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to initiate at the earliest possible date, on the basis of the suggestions furnished by the Administering Authorities or his own knowledge of appropriate information channels, or by making use of both of these sources together, a direct flow of information material addressed to the General public in the Trust Territories;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his periodic reports on this matter to the Trusteeship Council lists of the channels of dissemination which he has established in pursuance of the present resolution.

471st plenary meeting,
9 December 1953.

755 (VIII). Attainment of independence by the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration by 1960

The General Assembly,

Taking into consideration the fact that, under General Assembly resolution 289 A (IV), adopted on 21 November 1949, the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration is to attain complete independence by 1960,

Mindful that it is necessary for that purpose that the people of Somaliland shall be prepared for self-government,

Considering that it is the duty of both the United Nations and the Administering Authority to take the necessary measures for the implementation of that decision,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts made by the Administering Authority in Somaliland to fulfil the obligations laid down in the Charter and in the Trusteeship Agreement;

2. *Recommends* that the Administering Authority, in consultation with the Advisory Council, should continue to take the necessary steps to prepare the Somali people progressively for the attainment of complete independence, and to that end:

(a) The Territorial Council should be granted the powers of a legislative organ and its members should be elected by the people on the basis of universal adult suffrage;

(b) The administration of Somaliland should be progressively transferred to the indigenous inhabitants as a necessary preliminary to its assumption of independence;

(c) A general economic plan for the Territory should be completed without delay, taking into account the recommendations²² of the United Nations Technical Assistance Mission to the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration, particular attention being paid to methods for developing basic economic resources such as agriculture and stock-breeding, and to possibilities for improving and expanding existing industries;

(d) Efforts should be made to increase the revenue in order to balance the budget as soon as possible, and to that effect expenditures for military and police forces should be reduced to the indispensable minimum;

(e) Use of technical assistance facilities provided by the United Nations and the specialized agencies to assist in economic development and the improvement of social and educational conditions in the Territory should be encouraged;

²² See United Nations Publication, Sales Number: 1953.II.H.2.

(f) Efforts should be intensified to increase the number and improve the quality of public elementary and secondary schools; training for indigenous teachers should be expedited; a mass education programme should be instituted; attention should be devoted to vocational training, particularly in agricultural and veterinary science; and facilities for further studies should be expanded by granting an adequate number of scholarships to enable Somalis to take advanced training courses abroad;

(g) Review should be continued of all special legislation relating to Somaliland which was enacted prior to the trusteeship administration and which is still in effect, with a view to revising legislation found to be inconsistent with the letter or the spirit of the Trusteeship Agreement;

3. *Recommends* also to the Governments of Italy and Ethiopia that they should intensify their efforts to achieve a final, just, equitable and friendly settlement of the question of the frontier between the State of Ethiopia and the Trust Territory of Somaliland in order that this problem may be finally settled before the date appointed for the attainment of independence by Somaliland;

4. *Requests* the Advisory Council, in its annual report, to give precise information on the implementation of the present resolution, together with its observations, comments or suggestions as to the means of carrying out the recommendations contained in the resolution.

*471st plenary meeting,
9 December 1953.*

756 (VIII). Report of the Trusteeship Council

The General Assembly,

1. *Takes note* of the report²³ of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 4 December 1952 to 21 July 1953;

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 of the Council at the eighth session of the General Assembly.

*471st plenary meeting,
9 December 1953.*

757 (VIII). Petitions from the Ngoa-Ekéle Community, Cameroons under French administration, concerning adjustment of their land complaint

The General Assembly,

Having heard the declaration²⁴ and answers²⁵ of the representative of the Ngoa-Ekéle Community, Cameroons under French administration,

Bearing in mind the observations and explanations²⁶ given by the Administering Authority,

1. *Notes* the steps already taken by the Administering Authority to assist the Ngoa-Ekéle Community to settle on other lands;

2. *Suggests* to the Administering Authority to take all necessary steps which can in a satisfactory manner

²³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 4.*

²⁴ See document A/C.4/255.

²⁵ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Fourth Committee, 382nd and 387th meetings.*

²⁶ *Ibid.*

alleviate the difficulties experienced by the Ngoa-Ekéle Community in the process of their re-establishment;

3. *Recommends* that assistance be also given by the Administering Authority to the Ngoa-Ekéle Community for it to avail itself of whatever legal recourse remains open in connexion with the lands on which they were originally settled and whatever further compensation might be possible;

4. *Recommends* to the Administering Authority to further its purpose of allotting to the Ngoa-Ekéle Community an adequate area of lands by delimiting these lands in accordance with the legal procedures obtaining in the Trust Territory;

5. *Invites* the Trusteeship Council to examine this question in the light of the present resolution and to include in its next report to the General Assembly the results of its examination.

*471st plenary meeting,
9 December 1953.*

758 (VIII). Hearing of petitioners from the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under French administration

The General Assembly,

Considering that the Trusteeship Council has not yet considered the problems concerning the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under French administration, which are referred to in resolution 655 (VII) adopted by the General Assembly on 21 December 1952,

Bearing in mind that the Council has stated in its report²⁷ that it will consider this matter at its next regular session,

Having again heard representatives of the organizations of the Cameroons under French administration,²⁸

1. *Reaffirms* resolution 655 (VII) adopted on 21 December 1952;

2. *Recommends* to the Trusteeship Council to give preferential attention to this matter at its next regular session;

3. *Also recommends* to the Council that, in considering this matter, it should also take into consideration the statements of the petitioners and the comments made by the members of the Fourth Committee at the current session of the General Assembly; and that it should include a special study of this matter in its report to the General Assembly for consideration at the ninth session.

*471st plenary meeting,
9 December 1953.*

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NOTE

ELECTION OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION FROM NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES

In accordance with the terms of resolutions 332 (IV) and 646 (VII), the Fourth Committee, at its 395th meeting on 7 December 1953, elected, on behalf of the General Assembly, two members to the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to fill the vacancies created by the expiration of the terms of office of Cuba and Pakistan.

The States elected were: BURMA and GUATEMALA.

²⁷ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 4.*

²⁸ *Ibid.*, Fourth Committee, 388th, 393rd and 394th meetings.

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759 (VIII). Appointment of a Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds

The General Assembly,

Noting the report¹ of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds appointed at the seventh session of the General Assembly,

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

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

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

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

*451st plenary meeting,
5 October 1953.*

In accordance with the terms of the above resolution, the President of the General Assembly, at the same plenary meeting, announced that she had appointed a Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds composed of the following Member States:

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

¹ See document A/2478.

760 (VIII). United Nations: financial report and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1952, and report of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

1. Accepts the financial report and accounts of the United Nations for the financial year ended 31 December 1952, and the certificate of the Board of Auditors;²

2. Concurs in the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in paragraphs 248 to 250³ of its first report to the eighth session of the General Assembly.

*451st plenary meeting,
5 October 1953.*

761 (VIII). United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund: financial report and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1952, and report of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

1. Accepts the financial report and accounts of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund for the financial year ended 31 December 1952, and the certificate of the Board of Auditors;⁴

² See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 6.*

³ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 7, page 37.

⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 6A.*

2. Takes note of the observations ⁵ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions with respect to the report of the Board of Auditors.

451st plenary meeting,
5 October 1953.

762 (VIII). 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:

Mr. Rafik Asha;
Mr. André Ganem;
Mr. G. R. Kamat;

2. Declares Mr. Asha, Mr. Ganem and Mr. Kamat to be appointed for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1954.

456th plenary meeting,
3 November 1953.

763 (VIII). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Contributions

The General Assembly

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

Mr. O. Strauch;
Mr. A. H. Clough;
Mr. K. E. Book;

2. Declares Mr. Strauch, Mr. Clough and Mr. Book to be appointed for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1954.

456th plenary meeting,
3 November 1953.

764 (VIII). Report of the Committee on Special Administrative Questions

The General Assembly

Takes note of the report ⁶ of the Committee on Special Administrative Questions and of the observations ⁷ thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

456th plenary meeting,
3 November 1953.

765 (VIII). Scale of assessment for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions

The General Assembly

Resolves

1. That the scale of assessment for the 1954 budget shall be as follows:

Member State	Per cent
Afghanistan	0.08
Argentina	1.40
Australia	1.75
Belgium	1.38
Bolivia	0.06

⁵ See document A/2455.

⁶ See document A/2429.

⁷ See document A/2464.

Member State	Per cent
Brazil	1.40
Burma	0.13
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic.....	0.50
Canada	3.30
Chile	0.33
China	5.62
Colombia	0.41
Costa Rica	0.04
Cuba	0.34
Czechoslovakia	1.05
Denmark	0.78
Dominican Republic	0.05
Ecuador	0.04
Egypt	0.47
El Salvador	0.06
Ethiopia	0.10
France	5.75
Greece	0.21
Guatemala	0.07
Haiti	0.04
Honduras	0.04
Iceland	0.04
India	3.40
Indonesia	0.60
Iran	0.28
Iraq	0.12
Israel	0.17
Lebanon	0.05
Liberia	0.04
Luxembourg	0.06
Mexico	0.75
Netherlands	1.25
New Zealand	0.48
Nicaragua	0.04
Norway	0.50
Pakistan	0.75
Panama	0.05
Paraguay	0.04
Peru	0.18
Philippines	0.45
Poland	1.73
Saudi Arabia	0.07
Sweden	1.65
Syria	0.08
Thailand	0.18
Turkey	0.65
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic.....	1.88
Union of South Africa	0.78
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.....	14.15
United Kingdom of Great Britain and North- ern Ireland	9.80
United States of America	33.33
Uruguay	0.18
Venezuela	0.39
Yemen	0.04
Yugoslavia	0.44

TOTAL 100.00

2. That, notwithstanding the provision of rule 159 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the scale of assessment for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations shall be reviewed by the Committee on Contributions in 1954 and a report submitted for the consideration of the General Assembly at its next regular session;

3. That, notwithstanding the terms of financial regulation 5.5, the Secretary-General shall be empowered

to accept, at his discretion and after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions, a portion of the contributions of Member States for the financial year 1954 in currencies other than United States dollars;

4. That Switzerland shall contribute 1.50 per cent and the Principality of Liechtenstein 0.04 per cent of the expenses of the International Court of Justice for the year 1954, these assessments having been established after consultation with the respective Governments, in accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolutions 91 (I) of 11 December 1946 and 363 (IV) of 1 December 1949;

5. That non-member States which are signatories of international instruments relating to the control of narcotic drugs shall be called upon to make contributions towards the annual expenses, commencing with the year 1953, resulting from obligations placed on the United Nations by those instruments, in accordance with the following rates:

Country	Per cent
Albania	0.04
Austria	0.34
Bulgaria	0.19
Cambodia	0.04
Ceylon	0.13
Federal Republic of Germany	4.30
Finland	0.42
Hashemite Kingdom of the Jordan....	0.04
Hungary	0.48
Ireland	0.30
Italy	2.20
Japan	1.95
Laos	0.04
Liechtenstein	0.04
Monaco	0.04
Portugal	0.30
Romania	0.60
San Marino	0.04
Switzerland	1.26
Viet-Nam	0.17

6. That, if any non-member States should become Parties to the Convention on the Declaration of Death of Missing Persons during 1953, they should be assessed retroactively in respect of the 1953 expenses of the International Bureau for Declarations of Death in accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 493 (V) of 16 November 1950.

*458th plenary meeting,
27 November 1953.*

766 (VIII). United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: accounts for the financial year ended 30 June 1953, and report of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

1. *Accepts* the accounts of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for the financial year ended 30 June 1953, and the certificate of the Board of Auditors;⁸

⁸ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 6B*.

2. *Takes note* of the observations⁹ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

*458th plenary meeting,
27 November 1953.*

767 (VIII). United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency: financial report and accounts for the financial year ended 30 June 1953, 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 1953 and the certificate of the Board of Auditors;¹⁰

2. *Takes note* of the observations¹¹ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

*458th plenary meeting,
27 November 1953.*

768 (VIII). Review of audit procedures of the United Nations and the specialized agencies

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the report¹² of the Secretary-General on the question of a review of audit procedures of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and of the observations¹³ thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

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

*458th plenary meeting,
27 November 1953.*

769 (VIII). 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 reports¹⁴ relating to expenditure by specialized agencies of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account, for the financial year ended 31 December 1952, and of the observations¹⁵ thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

*458th plenary meeting,
27 November 1953.*

770 (VIII). Annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board for the year ended 31 December 1952

The General Assembly

Takes note of the report¹⁶ of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board for the year ended 31 December 1952.

*458th plenary meeting,
27 November 1953.*

⁹ See document A/2541.

¹⁰ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 6C*.

¹¹ See document A/2542.

¹² See document A/2479.

¹³ See document A/2546.

¹⁴ See document A/C.5/546.

¹⁵ See document A/2545.

¹⁶ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 8*.

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

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the interim report¹⁷ presented by the Secretary-General, pursuant to paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 678 (VII) of 21 December 1952;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report further through the Joint Staff Pension Board on the action taken by the appropriate governing organs of the specialized agencies concerned in response to the recommendation of the General Assembly that they accept the jurisdiction of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal in matters involving applications alleging non-observance of the regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.

*458th plenary meeting,
27 November 1953.*

772 (VIII). Amendments to the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

The General Assembly,

Having considered the recommendations¹⁸ proposed by the Joint Staff Pension Board in pursuance of article XXXVII of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, with respect to amendments and additions to be made to articles V, VII, XI, XVI and XXVII of the Regulations,

1. *Approves* the amendments and additions to articles V, VII and XVI of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund as set forth in the annex to the present resolution and decides that the articles so amended shall take effect as from 1 January 1954;

2. *Approves* the amendment to article XXVII of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund as set forth in the annex to the present resolution and decides that the article so amended shall take effect as from 1 January 1955;

3. *Decides* that article XI of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund shall be retained in its present form for the time being and requests the Joint Staff Pension Board to re-examine its provisions and to report to the General Assembly at its tenth session.

*458th plenary meeting,
27 November 1953.*

ANNEX

Revised Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

REVISED ARTICLE V

Disability benefits

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 im-

pairment 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-sixtieth of his final average remuneration multiplied by the number of years of his contributory service not exceeding thirty years. This disability benefit shall be not less than the smaller of:

(a) Three-tenths of the final average remuneration;

or

(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.

REVISED ARTICLE VII

Death benefits

1. 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. This benefit shall cease on the widow's re-marriage.

2. (a) If a married man who is a recipient of a retirement benefit as provided under article IV dies, his widow, provided she was his wife at the time of the cessation of his service with the member organization, shall be entitled, except as provided in paragraph 3 below, to a widow's benefit half as large as the benefit which was being paid to the deceased at the time of his death. However, if the deceased at the time of his retirement had received a lump sum as provided in article IV, in lieu of part of the retirement benefit to which he was entitled, the widow's benefit shall be half of the total retirement benefit to which the staff member was entitled at the cessation of his service. This benefit shall cease on the widow's re-marriage.

(b) If a married man who is a recipient of a disability benefit dies, his widow, provided she was his wife six months before he qualified for a disability benefit, shall be entitled, except as provided in paragraph 3 below, to a widow's benefit half as large as the benefit being paid to the deceased at the time of his death. This benefit shall cease on the widow's re-marriage.

(c) Notwithstanding sub-paragraph (b) above, when the disability of the deceased was the result of an accident or of damage to health arising from service in an unhealthy area, his widow, provided she was his wife at the time he qualified for the disability benefit, shall be entitled to a widow's benefit half as large as the benefit which was being paid to the deceased at the time of his death. This benefit shall cease on the widow's re-marriage.

3. If a widow eligible for a benefit under paragraph 1 or 2 is younger than the deceased by more than twenty years, the annual amount of the benefit shall be reduced so that the value of the benefit shall be the actuarial equivalent of the benefit which would have been payable to a widow twenty years younger than the deceased.

4. Upon ceasing to be entitled to a widow's benefit by reason of re-marriage, the widow shall be entitled to a lump-sum payment equal to twice the annual amount of her widow's benefit.

5. Upon the death of a participant who does not leave a widow entitled to a widow's benefit, there shall be paid to his designated recipient a sum equal to:

(a) His own contributions to the Pension Fund, with compound interest at 2½ per cent per annum, plus

(b) Such amount as may have been transferred on his account to the Pension Fund from the Provident Fund of a member organization at the time of his entry into the Pension Fund, without interest.

If a designated recipient does not survive a participant or

¹⁷ See document A/2463.

¹⁸ See document A/2422.

if a participant has not made, or has revoked, a designation, such sum shall be paid to the participant's estate.

6. A widow whose annual benefit under this article is less than 120 dollars may, prior to the first payment of such benefit and with the consent of the Joint Staff Pension Board, receive in lieu thereof a lump sum which is the actuarial equivalent of such benefit.

7. Should a married woman participant die and her widower be found by the Joint Staff Pension Board on the basis of a medical examination to be totally and permanently incapable either physically or mentally of providing for his own support, at the time of her death, he shall be entitled to the same benefits as set forth in this article, as would a widow of a male participant.

REVISED ARTICLE XVI

Contributions on account of participants

1. Seven per cent of the pensionable remuneration of each participant shall be deducted from his remuneration and paid each month to the Pension Fund.

2. During any period of sick leave on full or partial pay, a participant shall continue to contribute to the Pension Fund by deduction from such payments on the basis of his full pensionable remuneration, and any benefit under these regulations to which he becomes entitled during such period shall be calculated on the basis of his full pensionable remuneration.

3. (a) A participant on leave without pay, granted for reasons other than the performance of military service, shall be covered by the full benefits provided under these regulations if full contributions on his account are received on the dates on which they would normally become due.

(b) A participant on leave without pay, granted for reasons other than the performance of military service, on whose account full contributions are not so received, shall be covered by the full benefits provided under these regulations for a period of four months, or for such longer period as the Board, upon the application of the participant, may allow; thereafter he shall be covered only by the benefits provided in paragraph 5 of this article.

4. A participant on leave without pay, granted for the performance of military service, shall be covered only by the benefits provided in paragraph 5 of this article, and the Joint Staff Pension Board shall not accept contributions on his account during the period of such leave.

5. (a) A participant on leave without pay who is not covered by the full benefits provided under these regulations, who reaches the age of sixty and retires, shall be entitled to a retirement benefit as provided under article IV.

(b) Any such participant who before reaching the age of sixty becomes disabled or withdraws from the Fund shall become entitled to a withdrawal benefit under article X.

(c) If such a participant dies, his designated recipient shall become entitled to a benefit calculated in the same manner as a withdrawal benefit under article X.

(d) If a participant on leave without pay, granted for the performance of military service, becomes disabled or dies before reaching the age of sixty, the benefit payable under subparagraph (b) or (c) of this paragraph shall not be less than the individual actuarial reserve of such participant calculated at the time disability or death occurred.

6. A period of leave without pay shall not be included in a participant's contributory service unless full contributions are received during the currency of such leave or unless, within a period of twelve months from the participant's return to work, full contributions in respect of such period, with interest at the rate of 2½ per cent per annum, are received by the Fund.

7. Payment of full contributions in accordance with the provisions of this article on behalf of a participant who is or has been on leave without pay may be made either (a) in full by the participant, or (b) in full by the member organization, or (c) by the participant and the member organization in such shares as they may determine.

8. For the purpose of this article, "full contributions" means the sum of the contributions payable by a participant under paragraph 1 of this article, and the contributions payable by a member organization under article XVII in respect of his participation.

REVISED ARTICLE XXVII

Administrative expenses

1. Expenses incurred in the administration of these regulations by the Joint Staff Pension Board shall be met by the Fund.

2. Estimates of the administrative expenses referred to in paragraph 1 shall be submitted annually to the General Assembly of the United Nations for approval.

3. Expenses incurred in the administration of these regulations by the staff pension committee of a member organization shall be met out of the general budget of that organization.

773 (VIII). Admission of staff members of the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the report¹⁹ of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board regarding the participation of the staff of the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund,

Taking note of the comments²⁰ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its ninth report to the eighth session of the General Assembly,

1. *Decides* that, upon request of the competent authority, the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization may be admitted to participation in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund but without representation with voting rights on the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board;

2. *Requests* that, upon the receipt of such a request on behalf of the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization, the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board prepare amendments to the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund which would give effect to this decision and report to the General Assembly at its ninth session.

*458th plenary meeting,
27 November 1953.*

774 (VIII). Assumption by organs of the United Nations of functions and responsibilities assigned to them under the terms of the Protocol for Limiting and Regulating the Cultivation of the Poppy Plant, the Production of, International and Wholesale Trade in, and Use of Opium, 1953, and of the financial burdens resulting therefrom

The General Assembly,

Having regard to resolution 505 I (XVI) adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 28 July 1953,

Decides:

1. To approve the assumption by organs of the United Nations of the functions and responsibilities assigned to them by the Protocol,²¹ adopted by the

¹⁹ See document A/2422, part II.

²⁰ See document A/2524.

²¹ See United Nations Publication, Sales No.: 1953.XI.6.

United Nations Opium Conference (1953), for Limiting and Regulating the Cultivation of the Poppy Plant, the Production of, International and Wholesale Trade in, and Use of Opium;

2. To include this Protocol among the multilateral treaties relating to the control of narcotic drugs for the purpose of assessing, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 455 (V) of 16 November 1950, non-member States which are Parties to such treaties for their fair share of the expenses borne by the United Nations in connexion with the international control of narcotic drugs.

*458th plenary meeting,
27 November 1953.*

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

The General Assembly,

Noting resolution 505 F III (XVI), adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 28 July 1953, concerning the question of the remuneration of members of the Permanent Central Opium Board and the Drug Supervisory Body,

Noting also the intention of the Secretary-General to undertake,²² during 1954, a comprehensive study of the system of allowances to members of commissions, committees and other subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly or other organs of the United Nations, and to submit proposals to the General Assembly at its ninth session,

Requests the Secretary-General to circulate his proposals, together with the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to all Members four weeks before the opening of the ninth session of the General Assembly.

*458th plenary meeting,
27 November 1953.*

776 (VIII). Appointment to fill a vacancy in the membership of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

Appoints the Auditor-General (or officer holding equivalent title) of Colombia as a member of the Board of Auditors for a three-year term to commence on 1 July 1954.

*471st plenary meeting,
9 December 1953.*

777 (VIII). 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. Jacques Rueff as a member of the Investments Committee for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1954.

*471st plenary meeting,
9 December 1953.*

778 (VIII). 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:

The Right Honourable Lord Crook;
Mr. Jacob Mark Lashly;

2. Declares the Right Honourable Lord Crook and Mr. Jacob Mark Lashly to be appointed for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1954.

*471st plenary meeting,
9 December 1953.*

779 (VIII). Administrative and budgetary co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies

The General Assembly

1. Takes note of the report²³ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions dealing with the administrative budgets of the specialized agencies for 1954;

2. Invites the attention of the specialized agencies to the recommendations and suggestions made in the Advisory Committee's report.

*471st plenary meeting,
9 December 1953.*

780 (VIII). Headquarters of the United Nations

The General Assembly

1. Takes note of the report²⁴ of the Secretary-General on the Headquarters of the United Nations;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its ninth session a final report on the construction of the Headquarters.

*471st plenary meeting,
9 December 1953.*

781 (VIII). Staff Regulations of the United Nations: question of a probationary period

The General Assembly

Adopts as an amendment to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations the text annexed to the present resolution. This amendment shall become effective from 1 January 1954.

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9 December 1953.*

ANNEX

Staff regulation 4.5 (additional paragraph to become sub-paragraph (b))

.....

(b) The Secretary-General shall prescribe which staff members are eligible for permanent appointments. The probationary period for granting or confirming a permanent appointment shall normally not exceed two years, provided that in individual cases the Secretary-General may extend the probationary period for not more than one additional year.

²³ See document A/2582.

²⁴ See document A/2544.

²² See document A/2528.

782 (VIII). Personnel policy of the United Nations

A

AMENDMENTS TO THE STAFF REGULATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS

The General Assembly

Adopts, as amendments to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations, the text annexed to the present resolution. These amendments shall become effective from the date of their adoption.

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9 December 1953.*

ANNEX

Staff regulation 1.4 (amended text)

Members of the Secretariat shall conduct themselves at all times in a manner befitting their status as international civil servants. They shall not engage in any activity that is incompatible with the proper discharge of their duties with the United Nations. They shall avoid any action and in particular any kind of public pronouncement which may adversely reflect on their status, or on the integrity, independence and impartiality which are required by that status. While they are not expected to give up their national sentiments or their political and religious convictions, they shall at all times bear in mind the reserve and tact incumbent upon them by reason of their international status.

Staff regulation 1.7 (amended text)

Staff members may exercise the right to vote but shall not engage in any political activity which is inconsistent with or might reflect upon the independence and impartiality required by their status as international civil servants.

Staff regulation 9.1 (a) (additional provisions)

The Secretary-General may also, giving his reasons therefor, terminate the appointment of a staff member who holds a permanent appointment:

(i) If the conduct of the staff member indicates that the staff member does not meet the highest standards of integrity required by Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter;

(ii) If facts anterior to the appointment of the staff member and relevant to his suitability come to light which, if they had been known at the time of his appointment, should, under the standards established in the Charter, have precluded his appointment.

No termination under sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) shall take place until the matter has been considered and reported on by a special advisory board appointed for that purpose by the Secretary-General.

Finally, the Secretary-General may terminate the appointment of a staff member who holds a permanent appointment if such action would be in the interest of the good administration of the Organization and in accordance with the standards of the Charter, provided that the action is not contested by the staff member concerned.

Staff regulation 9.3 (additional paragraph to become sub-paragraph (b))

(b) The Secretary-General may, where the circumstances warrant and he considers it justified, pay to a staff member terminated under the final paragraph of staff regulation 9.1

(a) a termination indemnity payment not more than 50 per cent higher than that which would otherwise be payable under the Staff Regulations.

B

AMENDMENT TO THE STATUTE OF THE UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

The General Assembly

Adopts, as an amendment to the Statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal, the text annexed to the present resolution. This amendment shall become effective from the date of its adoption.

*471st plenary meeting,
9 December 1953.*

ANNEX

Article 9 (amended text)

1. If the Tribunal finds that the application is well founded, it shall order the rescinding of the decision contested or the specific performance of the obligation invoked. At the same time the Tribunal shall fix the amount of compensation to be paid to the applicant for the injury sustained should the Secretary-General, within thirty days of the notification of the judgment, decide, in the interest of the United Nations, that the applicant shall be compensated without further action being taken in his case; provided that such compensation shall not exceed the equivalent of two years' net base salary of the applicant. The Tribunal may, however, in exceptional cases, when it considers it justified, order the payment of a higher indemnity. A statement of the reasons for the Tribunal's decision shall accompany each such order.

2. Should the Tribunal find that the procedure prescribed in the Staff Regulations or Staff Rules has not been observed, it may, at the request of the Secretary-General and prior to the determination of the merits, order the case remanded for institution or correction of the required procedure. Where a case is remanded the Tribunal may order the payment of compensation, not to exceed the equivalent of three months' net base salary, to the applicant for such loss as may have been caused by the procedural delay.

3. In all applicable cases, compensation shall be fixed by the Tribunal and paid by the United Nations or, as appropriate, by the specialized agency participating under article 12.

C

REVIEW OF THE STAFF REGULATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, INCLUDING THE PRINCIPLES AND STANDARDS APPLIED IN THEIR IMPLEMENTATION

The General Assembly

1. *Decides* to undertake, at its tenth session in 1955, on the basis of a report to be submitted by the Secretary-General and of the comments thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, including their recommendations as to such further action as may be required of the General Assembly, a review both of the principles and standards progressively developed and applied by the Secretary-General in his implementation of the Staff Regulations and of the Staff Regulations themselves;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to circulate to the governments of Member States, not later than four weeks before the opening date of the tenth session of the General Assembly, the report and comments referred to in paragraph 1 above.

*471st plenary meeting,
9 December 1953.*

783 (VIII). Question of a change in the opening date of regular sessions of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Noting the report²⁵ of the Secretary-General concerning the question of a change in the opening date of regular sessions of the General Assembly,

Noting also the observations²⁶ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as contained in its twentieth report to the eighth session of the General Assembly,

Concurs in the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions that the existing provision in the rules of procedure concerning the opening date of regular sessions of the General Assembly should be maintained.

*471st plenary meeting,
9 December 1953.*

784 (VIII). Organization of the Secretariat

The General Assembly

1. Takes note of the proposals of the Secretary-General in his report²⁷ on organization of the Secretariat and of his statement to the Fifth Committee at its 427th meeting;

2. Recommends that the Secretary-General should, to the extent possible, proceed along the lines he has proposed and prepare his 1955 budget estimates within the broad framework of these proposals, taking account of the observations and suggestions of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its thirty-sixth report²⁸ to the eighth session of the General Assembly and of the views

expressed in the Fifth Committee at its 427th and 428th meetings held on 8 December 1953.

*471st plenary meeting,
9 December 1953.*

785 (VIII). Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1953

A

The General Assembly,

Considering the request for a supplementary appropriation of \$179,420, made by the Secretary-General in his report²⁹ for the purpose of covering the awards made by the United Nations Administrative Tribunal in eleven cases numbered 26, and 37 to 46 inclusive,

Considering the concurrence in that appropriation by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its twenty-fourth report³⁰ to the eighth session of the General Assembly,

Considering, nevertheless, that important legal questions have been raised in the course of debate in the Fifth Committee with respect to that appropriation,

Decides

To submit the following legal questions to the International Court of Justice for an advisory opinion:

"(1) Having regard to the Statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal and to any other relevant instruments and to the relevant records, has the General Assembly the right on any grounds to refuse to give effect to an award of compensation made by that Tribunal in favour of a staff member of the United Nations whose contract of service has been terminated without his assent?"

"(2) If the answer given by the Court to question (1) is in the affirmative, what are the principal grounds upon which the General Assembly could lawfully exercise such a right?"

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(See next page for resolution B)

²⁵ See document A/2436.

²⁶ See document A/2553.

²⁷ See document A/2554.

²⁸ See document A/2606.

²⁹ See document A/2534.

³⁰ See document A/2580.

B

The General Assembly

Resolves that the amount of \$48,327,700 appropriated for the financial year 1953 by resolution 674 (VII), adopted on 21 December 1952, is increased by \$1,541,750 as follows:

	Amount appro- priated under resolution 674 (VII) as adjusted	Supplementary appropriation, increase or decrease	Revised amounts of appropriation
<i>In dollars (US)</i>			
A. UNITED NATIONS			
<i>Part I. Sessions of the General Assembly, the Councils, Commissions and Committees</i>			
<i>Section</i>			
1. The General Assembly, Commissions and Committees	603,400	120,000	723,400
2. The Security Council, Commissions and Committees	—	—	—
3. The Economic and Social Council, Commissions and Committees	263,200	—(17,000)	246,200
(a) Permanent Central Opium Board and Narcotic Drugs Supervisory Body	20,000	4,000	24,000
(b) Regional Economic Commissions	96,000	—	96,000
4. The Trusteeship Council, Commissions and Committees	59,900	—	59,900
TOTAL, PART I	<u>1,042,500</u>	<u>107,000</u>	<u>1,149,500</u>
<i>Part II. Investigations and inquiries</i>			
5. Investigations and inquiries	2,140,700	—(25,000)	2,115,700
(a) United Nations Field Service	546,200	—	546,200
TOTAL, PART II	<u>2,686,900</u>	<u>—(25,000)</u>	<u>2,661,900</u>
<i>Part III. Headquarters, New York</i>			
6. Executive Office of the Secretary-General	375,100	15,900	391,000
(a) Library	471,000	—(10,000)	461,000
7. Department of Political and Security Council Affairs ..	753,200	—(20,000)	733,200
8. Military Staff Committee secretariat	136,900	—(15,000)	121,900
9. Technical Assistance Administration	386,700	—	386,700
10. Department of Economic Affairs	2,269,100	—(140,000)	2,129,100
11. Department of Social Affairs	1,685,900	—(20,000)	1,665,900
12. Department for Trusteeship and Information from Non- Self-Governing Territories	936,000	—(36,000)	900,000
13. Department of Public Information	2,734,900	—(50,000)	2,684,900
14. Department of Legal Affairs	451,400	—(6,000)	445,400
15. Conference and General Services	9,614,350	—(140,000)	9,474,350
16. Administrative and Financial Services	1,564,200	29,000	1,593,200
17. Common staff costs	4,479,500	1,885,850	6,365,350
18. Common services	3,854,800	—(76,200)	3,778,600
19. Permanent equipment	252,050	—	252,050
TOTAL, PART III	<u>29,965,100</u>	<u>1,417,550</u>	<u>31,382,650</u>
<i>Part IV. United Nations Office at Geneva</i>			
20. United Nations Office at Geneva (excluding direct costs, chapter III, joint secretariat of the Permanent Central Opium Board and Narcotic Drugs Supervisory Body) ..	4,407,800	69,200	4,477,000
Chapter III, joint secretariat of the Permanent Central Opium Board and Narcotic Drugs Supervisory Body ..	47,100	—	47,100
(a) Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	650,000	—	650,000
TOTAL, PART IV	<u>5,104,900</u>	<u>69,200</u>	<u>5,174,100</u>

	Amount appro- priated under resolution 674 (VII) as adjusted	Supplementary appropriation, increase or decrease	Revised amounts of appropriation
<i>In dollars (US)</i>			
<i>Part V. Information centres</i>			
<i>Section</i>			
21. Information centres (other than information services, United Nations Office at Geneva)	862,300	—	862,300
TOTAL, PART V	862,300	—	862,300
<i>Part VI. Regional Economic Commissions (other than the Economic Commission for Europe)</i>			
22. Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East	1,030,000	115,000	1,145,000
23. Economic Commission for Latin America	866,000	—(47,000)	819,000
TOTAL, PART VI	1,896,000	68,000	1,964,000
<i>Part VII. Hospitality</i>			
24. Hospitality	20,000	—	20,000
TOTAL, PART VII	20,000	—	20,000
<i>Part VIII. Contractual printing</i>			
25. Official Records (excluding chapter VI, Permanent Central Opium Board and Narcotic Drugs Supervisory Body)	752,220	—(25,000)	727,220
Chapter VI, Permanent Central Opium Board and Nar- cotic Drugs Supervisory Body	11,780	—	11,780
26. Publications	812,800	—(50,000)	762,800
TOTAL, PART VIII	1,576,800	—(75,000)	1,501,800
<i>Part IX. Technical programmes</i>			
27. Social activities	768,500	—	768,500
28. Economic development	479,400	—	479,400
29. Public administration	145,000	—	145,000
TOTAL, PART IX	1,392,900	—	1,392,900
<i>Part X. Special expenses</i>			
30. Transfer of the assets of the League of Nations to the United Nations	649,500	—	649,500
31. Amortization of the Headquarters construction loan...	1,500,000	—	1,500,000
(a) Headquarters construction costs	1,000,000	—	1,000,000
TOTAL, PART X	3,149,500	—	3,149,500
B. THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE			
<i>Part XI. The International Court of Justice</i>			
32. The International Court of Justice.....	630,800	—(20,000)	610,800
TOTAL, PART XI	630,800	—(20,000)	610,800
GRAND TOTAL	\$48,327,700	\$1,541,750	\$49,869,450

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786 (VIII). Budget appropriations for the financial year 1954*The General Assembly**Resolves that for the financial year 1954:*

1. Appropriations totalling \$US 47,827,110 are hereby voted for the following purposes:

A. UNITED NATIONS*Part I. Sessions of the General Assembly, the Councils, Commissions and Committees*

<i>Section</i>		<i>Dollars (US)</i>	
1. The General Assembly, Commissions and Committees		541,750	
2. The Security Council, Commissions and Committees		—	
3. The Economic and Social Council, Commissions and Committees	164,180		
(a) Permanent Central Opium Board and Narcotic Drugs Supervisory Body	21,400		
(b) Regional Economic Commissions	72,000	257,580	
4. The Trusteeship Council, Commissions and Committees		50,000	
	TOTAL, PART I		849,330

Part II. Investigations and inquiries

5. Investigations and inquiries	2,061,000		
(a) United Nations Field Service	566,300		
	TOTAL, PART II		2,627,300

Part III. Headquarters, New York

6. Executive Office of the Secretary-General	394,000		
(a) Library	479,130	873,130	
7. Department of Political and Security Council Affairs...	758,500		
8. Military Staff Committee secretariat	136,900		
9. Technical Assistance Administration	386,700		
10. Department of Economic Affairs	2,263,700		
11. Department of Social Affairs	1,704,000		
12. Department for Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories	938,400		
13. Department of Public Information	2,713,400		
14. Legal Department	460,300		
15. Conference and General Services	9,399,700		
(a) United Nations Postal Administration	143,400		
16. Administrative and Financial Services	1,590,000		
17. Common staff costs	4,478,000		
18. Common services	3,786,800		
19. Permanent equipment	176,400		
(a) Improvements to premises	565,000	29,501,200	
	TOTAL, PART III		30,374,330

Part IV. European Office of the United Nations

20. European Office of the United Nations (excluding direct costs, chapter III, joint secretariat of the Permanent Central Opium Board and Narcotic Drugs Supervisory Body)	4,627,200		
Chapter III, joint secretariat of the Permanent Central Opium Board and Narcotic Drugs Supervisory Body ..	53,800	4,681,000	
(a) Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees		685,000	
	TOTAL, PART IV		5,366,000

*Part V. Information centres**Section**Dollars (US)*

21. Information centres (other than information services, European Office of the United Nations)	877,400	
TOTAL, PART V		877,400

*Part VI. Regional Economic Commissions (other than
the Economic Commission for Europe)*

22. Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East	1,123,900	
23. Economic Commission for Latin America	958,700	
TOTAL, PART VI		2,082,600

Part VII. Hospitality

24. Hospitality	20,000	
TOTAL, PART VII		20,000

Part VIII. Contractual printing

25. Official Records (excluding chapter V, Permanent Cen- tral Opium Board and Narcotic Drugs Supervisory Body)	718,300	
Chapter V, Permanent Central Opium Board and Nar- cotic Drugs Supervisory Body	12,500	730,800
26. Publications		734,970
TOTAL, PART VIII		1,465,770

Part IX. Technical programmes

27. Social activities	768,500	
28. Economic development	479,400	
29. Public administration	145,000	
TOTAL, PART IX		1,392,900

Part X. Special expenses

30. Transfer of the assets of the League of Nations to the United Nations	649,500	
31. Amortization of the Headquarters construction loan....	1,500,000	
TOTAL, PART X		2,149,500

B. THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE*Part XI. The International Court of Justice*

32. The International Court of Justice	621,980	
TOTAL, PART XI		621,980
GRAND TOTAL		47,827,110

2. The appropriations voted by paragraph 1 above shall be financed by contributions from Members after adjustment as provided by the Financial Regulations, subject to the provision of paragraph 1 of the resolution⁸¹ relating to the Working Capital Fund. For this purpose, miscellaneous income for the financial year 1954 is estimated at \$US 6,760,000;

3. The Secretary-General is authorized:

(i) To administer as a unit the following appropriations:

(a) Provisions under section 3 (a); section 20, chapter III; and section 25, chapter V;

(b) Provisions under section 13; section 20, chapter II; section 21; and in respect of section 26 for items relating to public information;

(ii) With the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to transfer credits between sections of the budget;

4. In addition to the appropriations voted by paragraph 1 above, an amount of \$US 13,000 is hereby appropriated for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment, from the income of the Library Endowment Fund, in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

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⁸¹ See resolution 788 (VIII), page 46.

787 (VIII). Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the financial year 1954

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the financial year 1954,

The Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, is authorized to enter into commitments to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses; provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(a) Such commitments not exceeding a total of \$US 2 million if the Secretary-General certifies that they relate to the maintenance of peace and security or to urgent economic rehabilitation;

(b) Such commitments not exceeding a total of \$50,000 as are required for the United Nations Good Offices Commission on the treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa;

(c) Such commitments not exceeding a total of \$50,000 as may be required for the United Nations Commission on the Racial Situation in the Union of South Africa;

(d) Such additional commitments as are required for the *Ad Hoc* Commission on Prisoners of War;

(e) Such commitments not exceeding a total of \$184,000 as are required for the purchase of Korean service medals and ribbons;

(f) Such commitments, duly certified by the President of the International Court of Justice, relating to expenses occasioned:

(i) By the designation of *ad hoc* judges (Statute, Article 31),

(ii) By the appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30), or by the calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Article 50),

(iii) By the holding of sessions of the Court away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22),

and not exceeding \$24,000, \$25,000 and \$75,000 respectively, under each of the above three headings;

The Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee and to the General Assembly at its next regular session all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the General Assembly in respect of such commitments.

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788 (VIII). Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1954

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. The Working Capital Fund shall be maintained to 31 December 1954 at the amount of \$US 21,500,000, to be derived:

(a) As to \$20,000,000 from cash advances by Members in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of the present resolution;

(b) As to \$1,500,000 by previous transfer from surplus account as follows:

(i) \$1,239,203 being the balance of surplus account as at 31 December 1950 not already applied against Members' assessments for 1951, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 585 A (VI) of 21 December 1951;

(ii) \$260,797 as part of the balance of surplus account as at 31 December 1951 not already applied against Members' assessments for 1952, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 676 (VII) of 21 December 1952;

2. Members shall make cash advances to the Working Capital Fund as required under paragraph 1 (a) above in accordance with the scale adopted³² by the General Assembly for contributions of Members to the ninth 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 1953 under paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 674 (VII) of 21 December 1952, provided that, should the advance paid by any Member to the Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1953 exceed the amount of that Member's advance under the provision of paragraph 2 hereof, the excess shall be set off against the amount of contributions payable by that Member in respect of the ninth annual budget, or any previous budget;

4. The Secretary-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund:

(a) Such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for the purpose;

(b) Such sums as may be necessary to finance commitments which may be duly authorized under the provisions of the resolution³³ 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 \$3,000,000 and for any issue which would

³² See resolution 765 (VIII), page 55.

³³ See resolution 787 (VIII), above.

increase the balance outstanding (including amounts previously advanced and outstanding) in respect of any one agency to an amount in excess of \$1,000,000, provided that, notwithstanding the above provisions, the Interim Commission of the International Trade Organization shall be authorized to postpone until 31 December 1954 repayment of the outstanding balance of the loans made to the Interim Commission;

(e) Such sums not exceeding \$45,000 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.

*471st plenary meeting,
9 December 1953.*

789 (VIII). Control and limitation of documentation

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 593 (VI) of 4 February 1952 on the control and limitation of documentation,

Noting the observations and suggestions of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its first report³⁴ to the eighth session of the General Assembly, and the action taken by the Secretary-General, *inter alia*, by his instruction³⁵ of 20 August 1953, to ensure a more effective control of documentation,

Noting further the steps initiated by the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 497 D (XVI) of 29 July 1953, to reduce the number and volume of certain categories of documents required by it,

Considering that this reduction can be carried out in full only with the co-operation of Member States,

Expressing the wish that Member States should co-operate in giving effect to the present resolution,

³⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 7.*

³⁵ See document ST/AFS/AI/99.

1. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to pursue and intensify its efforts to reduce further the documentation required by it, and also by its functional and regional commissions;

2. *Invites* all organs of the United Nations likewise to scrutinize their existing documentation and effect such reduction therein as may be feasible, and to co-operate with the Secretary-General in his efforts to reduce the volume and at the same time to improve the quality of the documentation of the United Nations.

*471st plenary meeting,
9 December 1953.*

790 (VIII). Programme of conferences at Headquarters and Geneva

The General Assembly,

Having noted the recommendations³⁶ of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination in its thirteenth report to the Economic and Social Council to the effect that the regular four-year pattern of conferences approved³⁷ by the General Assembly at its seventh session can only fulfil its purpose if it is strictly adhered to by all the organs concerned,

Noting also the opinion³⁸ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its fifth report to the eighth session of the General Assembly to the effect that the Advisory Committee regards the programme as firmly fixed for the period 1954 to 1957 and that any variations will presumably be authorized only by a special decision of the General Assembly,

1. *Endorses* the opinion of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

2. *Reaffirms* its recommendation that all organs of the United Nations arrange their meetings in accordance with the dates and places set forth in the pattern presented by the Secretary-General and that the specialized agencies concerned be invited to give due consideration to this pattern in drawing up their own programmes of meetings.

*471st plenary meeting,
9 December 1953.*

³⁶ See document E/2446, para. 88.

³⁷ See resolution 694 (VII).

³⁸ See document A/2501, para. 37.

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791 (VIII). Measures to limit the duration of regular sessions of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Having regard to General Assembly resolution 689 (VII) of 21 December 1952,

Having regard to the report¹ of the Special Committee on Measures to Limit the Duration of Regular Sessions of the General Assembly,

1. *Takes note* of the above-mentioned report;
2. (a) *Amends* rule 38 of its rules of procedure to read as follows:

"The General Committee shall comprise the President of the General Assembly, who shall preside, the seven Vice-Presidents, the Chairmen of the six Main Committees and the Chairman of the *Ad Hoc* Political Committee when one is established. 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";

- (b) *Amends* the second sentence of rule 39 of its rules of procedure to read as follows:

¹ See document A/2402.

"The Chairman of a Main Committee or of the *Ad Hoc* Political Committee shall, in case of absence, designate the Vice-Chairman of the Committee as his substitute";

3. *Amends* rule 98 of its rules of procedure to read as follows:

"Each Main Committee, taking into account the closing date for the session fixed by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the General Committee, shall adopt its own priorities and meet as may be necessary to complete the consideration of the items referred to it."

*453rd plenary meeting,
23 October 1953.*

792 (VIII). Continuation of the United Nations Tribunal in Libya

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 388 (V) of 15 December 1950 on the economic and financial provisions relating to Libya, article X of which set up a United Nations Tribunal in Libya and defined its functions,

Noting that the Governments of Italy and Libya are conducting negotiations for the conclusion of the various agreements provided for in resolution 388 (V),

Noting that both those Governments, in their replies² to a letter from the Secretary-General, state that they

² See document A/2459.

consider that the Tribunal should be continued for a further period,

Having noted the explanatory memorandum³ by the Secretary-General concerning the continuation of the functions of the Tribunal,

1. *Resolves* that the United Nations Tribunal in Libya shall continue in existence;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, after consultation with the Governments concerned regarding the future of the Tribunal, to report to the General Assembly at its tenth session.

453rd plenary meeting,
23 October 1953.

793 (VIII). Invitation to non-member States to become Parties to the Convention on the Political Rights of Women

The General Assembly,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 504 E (XVI) dated 23 July 1953,

Considering that articles IV and V of the Convention on the Political Rights of Women provide, *inter alia*, that the Convention shall be open for signature and ratification or for accession on behalf of any non-member State to which an invitation has been addressed by the General Assembly,

Decides to request the Secretary-General to dispatch such an invitation to each non-member State which is or hereafter becomes a member of one or more of the specialized agencies of the United Nations, or which is or hereafter becomes a Party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice.

453rd plenary meeting,
23 October 1953.

794 (VIII). Transfer to the United Nations of the functions exercised by the League of Nations under the Slavery Convention of 25 September 1926

The General Assembly,

Considering Economic and Social Council resolution 475 (XV), adopted on 27 April 1953, concerning the transfer to the United Nations of the functions exercised by the League of Nations under the Slavery Convention of 25 September 1926,

Desirous of continuing international co-operation relating to the elimination of slavery,

1. *Approves* the Protocol which accompanies the present resolution;

2. *Urges* all States Parties to the Slavery Convention to sign or accept this Protocol;

3. *Recommends* all other States to accede at their earliest opportunity to the Slavery Convention as amended by the present Protocol.

453rd plenary meeting,
23 October 1953.

Protocol amending the Slavery Convention signed at Geneva on 25 September 1926

The States Parties to the present Protocol,

Considering that under the Slavery Convention signed at Geneva on 25 September 1926 (hereinafter called "the Con-

vention") the League of Nations was invested with certain duties and functions, and

Considering that it is expedient that these duties and functions should be continued by the United Nations,

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

The States Parties to the present Protocol undertake that as between themselves they will, in accordance with the provisions of the Protocol, attribute full legal force and effect to and duly apply the amendments to the Convention set forth in the annex to the Protocol.

Article II

1. The present Protocol shall be open for signature or acceptance by any of the States Parties to the Convention to which the Secretary-General has communicated for this purpose a copy of the Protocol.

2. States may become Parties to the present Protocol by:

- (a) Signature without reservation as to acceptance;
- (b) Signature with reservation as to acceptance, followed by acceptance;
- (c) Acceptance.

3. Acceptance shall be effected by the deposit of a formal instrument with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Article III

1. The present Protocol shall come into force on the date on which two States shall have become Parties thereto, and shall thereafter come into force in respect of each State upon the date on which it becomes a Party to the Protocol.

2. The amendments set forth in the annex to the present Protocol shall come into force when twenty-three States shall have become Parties to the Protocol, and consequently any State becoming a Party to the Convention, after the amendments thereto have come into force, shall become a Party to the Convention as so amended.

Article IV

In accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations and the regulations pursuant thereto adopted by the General Assembly, the Secretary-General of the United Nations is authorized to effect registration of the present Protocol and of the amendments made in the Convention by the Protocol on the respective dates of their entry into force and to publish the Protocol and the amended text of the Convention as soon as possible after registration.

Article V

The present Protocol, of which the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited in the archives of the United Nations Secretariat. The texts of the Convention to be amended in accordance with the annex being authentic in the English and French languages only, the English and French texts of the annex shall be equally authentic, and the Chinese, Russian and Spanish texts shall be translations. The Secretary-General shall prepare certified copies of the Protocol, including the annex, for communication to States Parties to the Convention, as well as to all other States Members of the United Nations. He shall likewise prepare for communication to States, including States not Members of the United Nations, upon the entry into force of the amendments as provided in article III, certified copies of the Convention as so amended.

In witness whereof the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, signed the present Protocol on the date appearing opposite their respective signatures.

Done at the Headquarters of the United Nations, New York, this..... day of..... one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

* The above Protocol was opened for signature or acceptance at United Nations Headquarters on 7 December 1953.

³ Ibid.

ANNEX TO THE PROTOCOL AMENDING THE SLAVERY CONVENTION SIGNED AT GENEVA ON 25 SEPTEMBER 1926

In *article 7* "the Secretary-General of the United Nations" shall be substituted for "the Secretary-General of the League of Nations".

In *article 8* "the International Court of Justice" shall be substituted for "the Permanent Court of International Justice", and "the Statute of the International Court of Justice" shall be substituted for "the Protocol of December 16th, 1920, relating to the Permanent Court of International Justice".

In the first and second paragraphs of *article 10* "the United Nations" shall be substituted for "the League of Nations".

The last three paragraphs of *article 11* shall be deleted and the following substituted:

"The present Convention shall be open to accession by all States, including States which are not Members of the United Nations, to which the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall have communicated a certified copy of the Convention.

"Accession shall be effected by the deposit of a formal instrument with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall give notice thereof to all States Parties to the Convention and to all other States contemplated in the present article, informing them of the date on which each such instrument of accession was received in deposit."

In *article 12* "the United Nations" shall be substituted for "the League of Nations".

795 (VIII). Appeal to States to accelerate their ratifications of, or accessions to, the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, and measures designed to ensure the widest possible diffusion of the nature, contents and purposes of the Convention

The General Assembly,

Considering its resolution 260 A (III) of 9 December 1948, by which it approved the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, and believing that the Convention represents a valuable contribution to the development of international law,

1. *Reiterates* its appeal to States to accelerate their ratifications of, or accessions to, the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take all necessary measures designed to ensure the widest possible diffusion of the nature, contents and purposes of the Convention.

*455th plenary meeting,
3 November 1953.*

796 (VIII). Publication of documents concerning the drafting and application of the Charter: Preparatory work with regard to the possible holding of a General Conference of the Members of the United Nations in accordance with Article 109 of the Charter

The General Assembly,

Having regard to the provisions of Article 109 of the Charter under which a proposal to hold a General Conference of the Members of the United Nations for the purpose of reviewing the Charter is to be placed on the agenda of the tenth annual session of the General Assembly if such a conference has not been held before that session,

Considering that the examination of such a proposal will require considerable preparation on the part of both the Secretary-General and Member States,

Considering that study of the legislative history of the Charter and of the practice followed by the various organs of the United Nations is one of the best methods of acquiring knowledge of the Charter and will greatly facilitate the General Assembly's consideration, at its tenth annual session, of the question of calling a General Conference,

Having regard to the memorandum by the Secretary-General,⁴

Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, publish and circulate among the Member States during 1954, or shortly thereafter:

(a) A systematic compilation of the documents of the United Nations Conference on International Organization not yet published;

(b) A complete index of the documents of that Conference on the lines envisaged in part II and part III C of the memorandum by the Secretary-General;

(c) A repertory of the practice of United Nations organs appropriately indexed.

*458th plenary meeting,
27 November 1953.*

797 (VIII). Arbitral procedure

The General Assembly,

Noting the draft⁵ on arbitral procedure prepared by the International Law Commission at its fifth session,

Considering that the said draft includes certain important elements with respect to the progressive development of international law on arbitral procedure,

Considering that, having regard to the importance of the topic, the governments of Member States should have an opportunity of making known their views on the draft on arbitral procedure in the light of the discussion which has taken place at the current session of the General Assembly,

1. *Decides* to transmit to Member States the draft on arbitral procedure prepared by the International Law Commission together with the observations made thereon in the Sixth Committee at the current session of the General Assembly, with a view to the submission by governments of whatever comments they may deem appropriate, if possible, before 1 January 1955;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to circulate to Member States any comments he may receive, and to include the question in the provisional agenda of the tenth session of the General Assembly.

*468th plenary meeting,
7 December 1953.*

798 (VIII). Régime of the high seas

The General Assembly,

Considering that at its fourth session the General Assembly recommended⁶ that the International Law Commission study simultaneously the régime of the high seas and the régime of territorial waters,

⁴ See document A/C.6/343.

⁵ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 9, page 9.*

⁶ See resolution 374(IV).

Having regard to the fact that the problems relating to the high seas, territorial waters, contiguous zones, the continental shelf and the superjacent waters are closely linked together juridically as well as physically,

Decides not to deal with any aspect of the régime of the high seas or of the régime of territorial waters until all the problems involved have been studied by the International Law Commission and reported upon by it to the General Assembly.

*468th plenary meeting,
7 December 1953.*

799 (VIII). Request for the codification of the principles of international law governing State responsibility

The General Assembly,

Considering that it is desirable for the maintenance and development of peaceful relations between States

that the principles of international law governing State responsibility be codified,

Noting that the International Law Commission at its first session included¹ the topic "State responsibility" in its provisional list of topics of international law selected for codification,

Requests the International Law Commission, as soon as it considers it advisable, to undertake the codification of the principles of international law governing State responsibility.

*468th plenary meeting,
7 December 1953.*

¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourth Session, Supplement No. 10*, para. 16.

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800 (VIII). Question of the representation of China in the General Assembly

The General Assembly

Decides to postpone for the duration of its eighth regular session in the current year consideration of all proposals to exclude the representatives of the Government of the Republic of China and to seat representatives of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China.

*432nd plenary meeting,
15 September 1953.*

801 (VIII). Establishment of an *Ad Hoc* Political Committee

Whereas it has been the practice at previous regular sessions to establish an *Ad Hoc* Political Committee on which each Member may be represented by one person as provided in rules 96 and 100 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly,

Whereas at its seventh session the General Assembly decided¹ that the Chairman of the *Ad Hoc* Political Committee should be a member of the General Committee for that session and should be accorded full rights of membership, including the right to vote,

Whereas the Special Committee on Measures to Limit the Duration of Regular Sessions of the General Assembly, in its report dated 26 June 1953, recommended² that the practice referred to in the preceding paragraph should be made permanent,

Whereas rule 38 of the rules of procedure requires that the General Committee be constituted so as to ensure its representative character,

¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventh Session, 377th plenary meeting.*

² *Ibid.*, Eighth Session, document A/2402, para. 51.

The General Assembly, without prejudice to any action it may take on paragraph 51 of the report of the Special Committee on Measures to Limit the Duration of Regular Sessions of the General Assembly,

Resolves:

1. That an *Ad Hoc* Political Committee be established for the duration of the eighth session;

2. That the Chairman of the *Ad Hoc* Political Committee be accorded, for that session, full rights of membership in the General Committee, including the right to vote.

*432nd plenary meeting,
15 September 1953.*

802 (VIII). United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

The General Assembly,

Considering the world-wide disproportion between the magnitude of social service tasks to be undertaken and the available means of implementation,

Considering the role that the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund plays in the whole international programme for the protection of the child,

Considering that the Fund's activities are useful, not only because they realize some of the high objectives which have been adopted by the United Nations, but also because they create favourable conditions for the development of the long-range economic and social programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, particularly the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,

Considering the urgent need for continuing the work of UNICEF, particularly in the under-developed regions of the world,

Considering that the number of governments making contributions to UNICEF has increased constantly since 1950,

1. *Affirms* that the regulations which govern the activity of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund have enabled it to achieve satisfactory techniques, to acquire valuable experience and to accomplish its task successfully;

2. *Reaffirms* the pertinent provisions of General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 417 (V), with the exception of any reference to time-limits contained in these resolutions;

3. *Decides* to change the name of the organization to the *United Nations Children's Fund*, retaining the symbol UNICEF;

4. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to continue to review periodically the work of UNICEF and to make recommendations to the General Assembly as appropriate;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To ensure that the programmes carried on by UNICEF continue to be co-ordinated effectively with the regular and technical assistance programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies;

(b) To report thereon to the Economic and Social Council in 1954 and subsequently as appropriate;

6. *Commends* UNICEF, the United Nations Secretariat and the specialized agencies concerned for the close working relations which have developed progressively and requests them to strengthen those relations in giving full effect to the desires of the Assembly as expressed in resolution 417 (V) and the present resolution.

452nd plenary meeting,
6 October 1953.

803 (VIII). Report of the Security Council

The General Assembly

Takes note of the report³ of the Security Council to the General Assembly covering the period from 16 July 1952 to 15 July 1953.

455th plenary meeting,
3 November 1953.

804 (VIII). Question of atrocities committed by the North Korean and Chinese Communist forces against United Nations prisoners of war in Korea

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item "Question of atrocities committed by the North Korean and Chinese Communist forces against United Nations prisoners of war in Korea" proposed by the United States of America in documents A/2531 and A/2531/Add. 1 of 30 and 31 October 1953,

Recalling that basic legal requirements for humane treatment of prisoners of war and civilians in connexion with the conduct of hostilities are established by general international law and find authoritative reaffirmation

³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 2.*

in the Geneva Conventions of 1929⁴ and 1949⁵ relative to the treatment of prisoners of war and in the Geneva Convention of 1949⁶ relative to the protection of civilian persons in time of war,

Recalling that these Conventions also embody precise and detailed provisions for giving effect to the basic legal requirements referred to above, and that these provisions, to the extent that they have not become binding as treaty law, have been accorded most general support by the international community,

Desiring to secure general and full observance of the requirements of international law and of universal standards of human decency,

1. *Expresses its grave concern* at reports and information that North Korean and Chinese Communist forces have, in a large number of instances, employed inhuman practices against the heroic soldiers of forces under the United Nations Command in Korea and against the civilian population of Korea;

2. *Condemns* the commission by any governments or authorities of murder, mutilation, torture, and other atrocious acts against captured military personnel or civilian populations, as a violation of rules of international law and basic standards of conduct and morality and as affronting human rights and the dignity and worth of the human person.

467th plenary meeting,
3 December 1953.

805 (VIII). Application of Japan to become a party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice

Whereas the Government of Japan, by a communication⁷ dated 24 October 1953 addressed to the Secretary-General, has expressed the desire to learn the conditions under which Japan could become a party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice,

Whereas Article 93, paragraph 2, of the Charter provides that a State which is not a Member of the United Nations may become a party to the Statute of the Court on conditions to be determined in each case by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council,

Whereas the Security Council has adopted a recommendation⁸ on this matter,

The General Assembly

Determines, in pursuance of Article 93, paragraph 2, of the Charter and upon the recommendation of the Security Council, the conditions on which Japan may become a party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice, as follows:

"Japan will become a party to the Statute on the date of the deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations of an instrument, signed on behalf of the Government of Japan and ratified as may be required by the constitutional law of Japan, containing:

⁴ See *League of Nations Treaty Series, Publication of Treaties and International Engagements Registered with the Secretariat of the League of Nations*, Volume CXVIII, 1931-1932, No. 2734, page 343.

⁵ See *Treaty Series, Treaties and international agreements registered or filed and recorded with the Secretariat of the United Nations*, Volume 75, 1950, No. 972, page 135.

⁶ *Ibid.*, No. 973, page 287.

⁷ See document S/3126.

⁸ See document A/2600.

"(a) Acceptance of the provisions of the Statute of the International Court of Justice;

"(b) Acceptance of all the obligations of a Member of the United Nations under Article 94 of the Charter;

"(c) An undertaking to contribute to the expenses of the Court such equitable amount as the General Assembly shall assess from time to time after consultation with the Government of Japan."

*471st plenary meeting,
9 December 1953.*

806 (VIII). Application of San Marino to become a party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice

Whereas the Government of the Republic of San Marino, by a communication⁹ dated 6 November 1953 addressed to the Secretary-General, has expressed the desire to learn the conditions under which San Marino could become a party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice,

Whereas Article 93, paragraph 2, of the Charter provides that a State which is not a Member of the United Nations may become a party to the Statute of the Court on conditions to be determined in each case

⁹ See document S/3137.

by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council,

Whereas the Security Council has adopted a recommendation¹⁰ on this matter,

The General Assembly

Determines, in pursuance of Article 93, paragraph 2, of the Charter and upon the recommendation of the Security Council, the conditions on which San Marino may become a party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice, as follows:

"San Marino will become a party to the Statute on the date of the deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations of an instrument, signed on behalf of the Government of the Republic of San Marino and ratified as may be required by the constitutional law of San Marino, containing:

"(a) Acceptance of the provisions of the Statute of the International Court of Justice;

"(b) Acceptance of all the obligations of a Member of the United Nations under Article 94 of the Charter;

"(c) An undertaking to contribute to the expenses of the Court such equitable amount as the General Assembly shall assess from time to time after consultation with the Government of San Marino."

*471st plenary meeting,
9 December 1953.*

¹⁰ See document A/2601.