

who died with him in the service of the United Nations as a result of the air crash:

Mr. Heinrich A. Wieschhoff,
Mr. Vladimir Fabry,
Mr. William Ranallo,
Miss Alice Lalande,
Mr. Harold M. Julien,
Mr. Serge L. Barrau,
Mr. Francis Eivers,
Mr. S. O. Hjelte,
Mr. P. E. Persson,
Mr. Per Hallonquist,
Mr. Nils-Eric Aahréus,
Mr. Lars Litton,
Mr. Nils Göran Wilhelmsson,
Mr. Harold Noork,
Mr. Karl Erik Rosén;

2. Offers its sincere condolences and deep sympathy to the families of Mr. Hammarskjöld and the other victims;

3. Decides that an investigation of an international character, under the auspices of the United Nations, should be held immediately into all the conditions and circumstances surrounding this tragedy, and more particularly as to:

(a) Why the flight had to be undertaken at night without escort;

(b) Why its arrival at Ndola was unduly delayed, as reported;

(c) Whether the aircraft, after having established contact with the tower at Ndola lost that contact, and the fact of its having crashed did not become known until several hours afterwards, and if so, why;

(d) Whether the aircraft, after the damage it was reported to have suffered earlier from firing by aircraft hostile to the United Nations, was in a proper condition for use;

4. Further decides to appoint a Commission of five eminent persons to carry out such an investigation, and request the Commission to report its findings to the President of the General Assembly within three months of its appointment;

5. Requests all Governments and parties concerned and the appropriate specialized agencies of the United Nations to extend their full co-operation and assistance to the said Commission in making this investigation;

6. Decides to consider, in the appropriate Committee during the current session, the question of offering suitable remuneration to the families of the victims of this grave tragedy.

1042nd plenary meeting,
26 October 1961.

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At its 1074th plenary meeting, on 8 December 1961, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the President of the Assembly, appointed the members of the Commission established under paragraph 4 of the above resolution.

The Commission is composed as follows: Mr. S. B. Jones (Sierra Leone), Mr. Raúl Quijano (Argentina), Mr. Alfred Emil Sandström (Sweden), Mr. Rishikesh Shaha (Nepal) and Mr. Nikola Srzentić (Yugoslavia).

1630 (XVI). Admission of the Mongolian People's Republic to membership in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having received the recommendation of the Security Council of 25 October 1961 that the Mongolian People's Republic should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,³

Having considered the application for membership of the Mongolian People's Republic,⁴

Decides to admit the Mongolian People's Republic to membership in the United Nations.

1043rd plenary meeting,
27 October 1961.

1631 (XVI). Admission of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania to membership in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having received the recommendation of the Security Council of 25 October 1961 that the Islamic Republic of Mauritania should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,⁵

Having considered the application for membership of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania,⁶

Decides to admit the Islamic Republic of Mauritania to membership in the United Nations.

1043rd plenary meeting,
27 October 1961.

1640 (XVI). Appointment of an acting Secretary-General

The General Assembly,

Acting in accordance with the recommendation of the Security Council of 3 November 1961,⁷

Appoints His Excellency U Thant as Acting Secretary-General of the United Nations for a term of office ending on 10 April 1963.

1046th plenary meeting,
3 November 1961.

1650 (XVI). The status of Algerians imprisoned in France

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned at the grave international repercussions and the serious threat to the prospects of a negotiated, peaceful settlement of the Algerian question in consequence of the hunger strike of thousands of Algerians imprisoned in France,

³ Ibid., document A/4940.

⁴ See documents A/687 and Add.1; *Official Records of the Security Council, First Year, Second Series, Supplement No. 4*, annex 6, document S/95, and *Ibid.*, *Twelfth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1957*, documents S/3873 and Add.1.

⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 92, document A/4941.

⁶ Ibid., document A/4604.

⁷ Ibid., *Annexes*, separate fascicle (Appointment of an acting Secretary-General), document A/4953.