

1. *Decides* to establish a Special Committee of fifteen members, each representing one of the following Member States: Afghanistan, Australia, Chile, China, Czechoslovakia, El Salvador, France, Iran, Netherlands, Norway, Philippines, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Uruguay;

2. *Requests* this Special Committee to consider the Secretary-General's memorandum and any other relevant information communicated to it by Member States and to submit its recommendations to the General Assembly at its eighth session;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the Special Committee's report to Member States for comment and to include the item in the provisional agenda of the eighth session of the General Assembly.

*410th plenary meeting,
21 December 1952.*

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The General Assembly,

Having examined the memorandum⁹ submitted by the Secretary-General on measures to limit the duration of regular sessions of the General Assembly,

Recognizing the need for adopting measures calculated to accomplish this purpose, without restricting the rights of States Members, including the right to speak fully and freely in the debates of the plenary meetings and in the various Committees,

Amends rule 2 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly to read as follows:

"On the recommendation of the General Committee, the General Assembly shall, at the beginning of each session, fix a closing date for the session".

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690 (VII). Status of claims for injuries incurred in the service of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report¹⁰ of the Secretary-

⁹ *Ibid.*

General on the status of claims for injuries incurred in the service of the United Nations,

Noting that the Secretary-General, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 365 (IV) of 1 December 1949 has presented international claims for reparation to governments in connexion with the death of agents of the United Nations,

Recommends that such claims be settled by the procedures envisaged in resolution 365 (IV).

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21 December 1952.*

691 (VII). Correction of the Chinese text of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide

The General Assembly,

Considering that the Government of China has made a request for correction of the authentic Chinese text of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, with a view to bringing the Chinese text into greater harmony with the other authentic texts of the Convention, and had for this purpose submitted a corrected text,¹¹

Considering the memorandum¹² submitted to the General Assembly by the Secretary-General,

Requests the Secretary-General to transmit a certified copy of the corrected Chinese text of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, as well as a copy of the present resolution, to all Members of the United Nations and to the non-member States contemplated in article XI of the Convention, and to request States signatories of or parties to the Convention to notify him of their acceptance or objection.

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¹⁰ See document A/2180.

¹¹ See document A/2221, annex III.

¹² See document A/2221.