

2. *Expresses the hope* that the exchange of sick and wounded prisoners of war will be speedily completed and that the further negotiations at Panmunjom will result in achieving an early armistice in Korea, consistent with the United Nations principles and objectives;

3. *Decides* to recess the present session upon completion of the current agenda items, and requests the President of the General Assembly to reconvene the present session to resume consideration of the Korean question (a) upon notification by the Unified Command to the Security Council of the signing of an armistice agreement in Korea; or (b) when, in the view of a majority of Members, other developments in Korea require consideration of this question.

*427th plenary meeting,
18 April 1953.*

706 (VII). Question of impartial investigation of charges of use by United Nations Forces of bacteriological warfare

The General Assembly,

Noting that accusations have been made by certain governments and authorities charging the use of bacteriological warfare by United Nations Forces, and that the Unified Command has repeatedly denied such charges,

Recalling that when the charges were first made the Unified Command had requested that an impartial investigation be made of them,

Noting that the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China and the North Korean authorities have so far refused to accept an offer by the International Committee of the Red Cross to carry out an investigation,

Noting that the draft resolution⁷ submitted in the Security Council by the Government of the United States of America proposing an investigation of these charges by the International Committee of the Red Cross failed to carry because of the negative vote of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,

Desiring to serve the interests of truth,

1. *Resolves* that, after the President of the General Assembly has received an indication from all the governments and authorities concerned of their acceptance of the investigation proposed in the present resolution, a Commission, composed of Brazil, Egypt, Pakistan, Sweden and Uruguay, shall be set up and shall carry out immediately an investigation of the charges that have been made;

2. *Calls upon* the governments and authorities concerned to enable the Commission to travel freely throughout such areas of North and South Korea, the Chinese mainland and Japan as the Commission may deem necessary in the performance of its task and to allow the Commission freedom of access to such persons, places and relevant documents as it considers necessary for the fulfilment of its task and to allow it to examine any witness, including prisoners of war, under such safeguards and conditions as the Commission shall determine: all prisoners of war who are alleged to have made confessions regarding the use of bacteriological warfare shall, prior to examination by the Commission, be taken to a neutral area and remain under the responsibility and custody of the Commission until the end of the Korean hostilities;

3. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to transmit the present resolution immediately to the governments and authorities concerned, requesting them to indicate their acceptance of the investigation proposed in the present resolution;

4. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to report to the General Assembly at the earliest practicable date on the results of his efforts;

5. *Directs* the Commission, when set up, to enlist the aid of such scientists of international reputation, especially epidemiologists, and such other experts as it may select;

6. *Directs* the Commission, after acceptance of the investigation proposed in the present resolution by all the governments and authorities concerned, to report to the Members of the General Assembly through the Secretary-General as soon possible and no later than 1 September 1953;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to furnish the Commission with the necessary staff and facilities.

*428th plenary meeting,
23 April 1953.*

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

The General Assembly,

Having examined the complaint⁸ by the delegation of the Union of Burma regarding the presence, hostile activities and depredations of foreign forces in the territory of the Union of Burma,

Considering that these facts constitute a violation of the territory and sovereignty of the Union of Burma,

Affirming that any assistance given to these forces which enables them to remain in the territory of the Union of Burma or to continue their hostile acts against a Member State is contrary to the Charter of the United Nations,

Considering that the refusal of these forces to submit to disarmament or interment is contrary to international law and usage,

1. *Deplores* this situation and condemns the presence of these forces in Burma and their hostile acts against that country;

2. *Declares* that these foreign forces must be disarmed and either agree to internment or leave the territory of the Union of Burma forthwith;

3. *Requests* all States to respect the territorial integrity and political independence of the Union of Burma in accordance with the principles of the Charter;

4. *Recommends* that the negotiations now in progress through the good offices of certain Member States

⁷ See document S/2671.

⁸ See document A/2375.

should be pursued, in order to put an end to this serious situation by means of the immediate disarmament and withdrawal of the said forces from the territory of the Union of Burma or by means of their disarmament and internment;

5. *Urges* all States:

(a) To afford the Government of the Union of Burma on its request all the assistance in their power to facilitate by peaceful means the evacuation of these forces from Burma; and

(b) 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;

6. *Invites* the Government of the Union of Burma to report on the situation to the General Assembly at its eighth session.

428th plenary meeting,

23 April 1953.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED WITHOUT REFERENCE TO A COMMITTEE

708 (VII). Report of the Secretary-General on personnel policy

The General Assembly,

Recalling the following provisions of Articles 100 and 101 of the Charter:

"Article 100

"1. In the performance of their duties the Secretary-General and the staff shall not seek or receive instructions from any government or from any other authority external to the Organization. They shall refrain from any action which might reflect on their position as international officials responsible only to the Organization.

"2. Each Member of the United Nations undertakes to respect the exclusively international character of the responsibilities of the Secretary-General and the staff and not to seek to influence them in the discharge of their responsibilities.

"Article 101

"1. The staff shall be appointed by the Secretary-General under regulations established by the General Assembly.

" . . .

"3. The paramount consideration in the employment of the staff and in the determination of the conditions of service shall be the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence

and integrity. Due regard shall be paid to the importance of recruiting the staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible."

and

Having reviewed and considered the report¹ of the Secretary-General on personnel policy,

1. *Expresses its confidence* that the Secretary-General will conduct personnel policy with these considerations in mind;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its eighth session a report on the progress made in the conduct and development of personnel policy, together with the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to submit, after appropriate consultations with the administrative heads of the specialized agencies, their recommendations as to any further action that may be required of the General Assembly;

4. *Calls upon* all Members of the United Nations to assist the Secretary-General in the discharge of his responsibilities as chief administrative officer of the United Nations.

422nd plenary meeting,

1 April 1953.

¹ See document A/2364.

709 (VII). Terms of appointment of the second Secretary-General of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 11 (I) of 24 January 1946 and paragraph 32 of General Assembly resolution 13 (I) of 13 February 1946,

Decides that the terms of appointment of the second Secretary-General shall be the same as those of the first Secretary-General.

423rd plenary meeting,

7 April 1953.