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The General Assembly,

Taking into account the considerable increase in the membership of the United Nations,

Taking also into account that the General Committee should be so constituted as to ensure its representative character on the basis of a balanced geographical distribution among its members,

Believing that for these reasons it is desirable to enlarge the composition of the General Committee,

Noting that the General Committee is composed of the President, the Vice-Presidents and the Chairmen of the Main Committees,

1. Decides to amend as follows rules 31 and 38 of its rules or procedure:

Rule 31

"The General Assembly shall elect a President and sixteen Vice-Presidents, who shall hold office until the close of the session at which they are elected. The Vice-Presidents shall be elected, after the election of the Chairmen of the seven Main Committees referred to in rule 101, on the basis of ensuring the representative character of the General Committee."

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Rule 38

"The General Committee shall comprise the President of the General Assembly, who shall preside, the sixteen Vice-Presidents and the Chairmen of the seven Main Committees. 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.";

2. Decides that the sixteen Vice-Presidents and the seven Chairmen of the Main Committees shall be elected as provided in the annex to the present resolution;

3. Decides to cancel all previous resolutions and stipulations in connexion with the composition of the General Committee of the General Assembly and to modify all related provisions in its rules of procedure.

ANNEX

1. The sixteen Vice-Presidents shall be elected according to the following pattern, subject to paragraph 2 below:
 - (a) Seven from African and Asian States;
 - (b) One from Eastern European States;
 - (c) Two from Latin American and Caribbean States;
 - (d) Two from Western European and other States;
 - (e) Five from the permanent members of the Security Council.
2. The region from which the President is elected will, however, reduce by one the number of Vice-Presidents allocated in paragraph 1 of the present annex.
3. The seven Chairmen of the Main Committees shall be elected according to the following pattern:
 - (a) Three representatives from African and Asian States;
 - (b) One representative from Eastern European States;
 - (c) One representative from Latin American and Caribbean States;
 - (d) One representative from Western European and other States;
 - (e) The Seventh Chairmanship shall rotate every alternate year among representatives of States mentioned in (c) and (d).
