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APPLICATIONS BY ITALY AND AUSTRIA
FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION
REPORT BY THE SECOND COMMITTEE

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I. TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. On 23 September 1947 the General Assembly decided to refer to the Second Committee consideration of the applications of Italy and Austria for membership in the International Civil Aviation Organization.
(documents A/352, A/386, A/392, and A/P.V.91)

II. SYNOPSIS OF DISCUSSION IN THE COMMITTEE

2. The Summary Record of statements made during the discussion of this matter is to be found in document A/C.2/SR.48.
3. The representatives of Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France, United Kingdom, United States of America, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Yugoslavia supported the application of Italy for membership in the International Civil Aviation Organization. No objection was raised to this application by any representative. The application of Italy was approved by forty votes to none, with three abstentions.
4. The representative of the Soviet Union objected to the admission of Austria to the International Civil Aviation Organization. He considered the admission of Austria into this organization premature. Austria had no civil aviation. The right of flight over Austrian territory, as well as the right of use of Austrian aerodromes belonged to the Allied Control Authorities. Control over aerodromes and of the air was carried out by the four Allied Powers. Austria could not and must not alone, nor with the consent of only one or another Allied Supreme Commander, take decisions on questions of civil aviation. The question of civil aviation was the subject of regulations in the Austrian treaty which was under consideration at present by the Council of Foreign Ministers.
5. The representative of Czechoslovakia said that he would support the admission of Austria to the International Civil Aviation Organization as soon as the international position of the former was clarified, but that he would abstain from voting at the present time.

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6. The representative of the United Kingdom said that it was in the interests of international safety in the air that the application of Austria should be approved; and that objection had not been raised by all four occupying Authorities regarding this application. The representative of the Soviet Union pointed out that his Government objected to the Austrian application and urged its rejection. The representative of Belgium, supporting Austria's application, pointed out that the rejection of this application would postpone Austria's entry into ICAO for at least a year. The representative of the United States said that all countries stood to benefit from the acceptance by Austria of international standards of safety in civil aviation. The representative of France also supported the Austrian application and argued that the objections raised were of a technical and not a political character. The application of Austria was approved by the Committee by thirty votes to four, with eight abstentions.

III. RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE SECOND COMMITTEE
TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR ACTION

The Second Committee recommends the adoption by the General Assembly of the following resolutions:

1. APPLICATION OF ITALY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL
AVIATION ORGANIZATION

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING CONSIDERED the application regarding the admission of Italy to the International Civil Aviation Organization, transmitted by that Organization to the General Assembly in accordance with article II of the Agreement between the United Nations and the International Civil Aviation Organization;

DECIDES to inform the International Civil Aviation Organization that it has no objection to the admission of Italy to the Organization.

2. APPLICATION OF AUSTRIA FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL
AVIATION ORGANIZATION

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HAVING CONSIDERED the application regarding the admission of Austria to the International Civil Aviation Organization, transmitted by that Organization to the General Assembly in accordance with article II of the Agreement between the United Nations and the International Civil Aviation Organization;

DECIDES to inform the International Civil Aviation Organization that it has no objection to the admission of Austria to the Organization.