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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL SUB-ITEM IN THE AGENDA
OF THE FORTY-FIFTH SESSION

ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES IN SUBSIDIARY ORGANS AND OTHER ELECTIONS:
ELECTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

Note by the Secretary-General

1. By its resolution 42/108 of 7 December 1987, the General Assembly decided to continue the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a further period of five years from 1 January 1989.
2. By its decision 44/312 of 20 November 1989, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/44/748), elected Mr. Thorvald Stoltenberg as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1990.
3. On 2 November 1990, the Secretary-General accepted with regret the decision of Mr. Thorvald Stoltenberg to resign with immediate effect from the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.
4. In light of the foregoing, the General Assembly is requested to include in the agenda of its forty-fifth session, under item 16 (Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs), a new sub-item entitled "Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees", and also to amend the title of agenda item 16 to read "Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections".
5. In conformity with the procedure established by paragraph 13 of the statute of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Secretary-General proposes to the General Assembly that it elect Mrs. Sadako Ogata (Japan) as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a period of three years beginning on 1 January 1991.
