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QUESTION OF AMENDING THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE PROCEDURE LAID DOWN IN ARTICLE 108 OF THE CHARTER, TO INCREASE
THE NUMBER OF NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE
NUMBER OF VOTES REQUIRED FOR DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Chile,
Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti,
Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Uruguay,
and Venezuela: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Having regard to the increase in the membership of the United Nations
and to the functions of the Security Council,

Considering that, in order to give due regard to the contribution of
Members of the United Nations which are not permanent members of the Security
Council to the maintenance of international peace and security and to the other
purposes of the Organization, and also to equitable geographical distribution,
it is desirable to increase the number of non-permanent members of the Security
Council,

1. Adopts the following amendments to the Charter and submits them for
ratification to the Members of the United Nations:

(a) In Article 23, paragraph 1, of the Charter, the word "eleven" in the
first sentence shall be replaced by the word "thirteen" and the word
"six" in the third sentence by the word "eight".

(b) In Article 23 the following new paragraph 3 shall be inserted, and
the former paragraph 3 shall be renumbered 4:

"3. Of the two additional non-permanent members first elected after the entry into force of the amendment increasing the membership of the Security Council from eleven to thirteen, one shall be replaced at the first, and one at the second, regular election thereafter and their terms shall expire at the same times as those of the other non-permanent members replaced at those elections."

(c) In Article 27, paragraph 2, of the Charter the word "seven" shall be replaced by the word "eight".

(d) In Article 27, paragraph 3, the word "seven" shall be replaced by the word "eight".

(e) These amendments shall be inoperative unless, within three years from the date of their adoption by the General Assembly, they are ratified as required by the Charter for entry into force.

2. Urges all Members of the United Nations to ratify the above amendments, in accordance with their respective constitutional processes, with the least possible delay;

3. Decides to fill the seats of the two non-permanent members added to the Council by the above amendments as soon as possible after the amendments have entered into force, and if necessary to hold a special session of the General Assembly for that purpose.
