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AMENDMENT TO RULE 156 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 1475th and 1476th meetings held on 8 December 1971, the Fifth Committee had before it for consideration the request for the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda of the twenty-sixth session (A/8495) concerning the question of amending rule 156 of the rules of procedure, in light of the adoption by the General Assembly of resolution 2758 (XXVI) on 25 October 1971 on the restoration of the lawful rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations. It was proposed to increase the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions from 12 to 13 in order to include a member from China.
2. The representative of Pakistan introduced a draft resolution (A/C.5/L.1077) on behalf of the delegations of Canada, Chile, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Iraq, Italy, Kenya, Pakistan, Romania, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Republic of Tanzania, Yugoslavia and Zambia. In the operative paragraphs of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would decide to increase the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions from 12 to 13, and to amend rule 156 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly accordingly.
3. The representative of the Secretary-General informed the Fifth Committee of the financial implications of such a decision, and that any additional expenditure to be incurred in this regard would be met in 1972 within the total credits already approved in first reading under the relevant sections of the budget.

Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

4. At its 1476th meeting, the Fifth Committee decided, without objection, to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2758 (XXVI) of 25 October 1971 on the restoration of the lawful rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations,

1. Decides to increase the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions from 12 to 13 members;

2. Decides to amend, with effect from 1 January 1972, rule 156 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly as follows:

"Rule 156

The General Assembly shall appoint an Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (hereinafter called the 'Advisory Committee'), with a membership of 13, including at least three financial experts of recognized standing."
