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DESIGNATION OF NON-MEMBER STATES TO WHICH A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE REVISED GENERAL ACT FOR THE PACIFIC SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES (SHALL BE COMMUNICATED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCESSION TO THIS ACT.

### Report by the Sixth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. E. FERRER VIEYRA (Argentina)

1. In his report of 17 August (A/941) the Secretary-General drew the General Assembly's attention to Article 43, first paragraph, and Article 46 of the Revised General Act for the pacific settlement of international disputes, which on the one hand provide that the Act shall be open to accession by non-Member States to which the General Assembly has communicated a copy for this purpose, and on the other hand instruct the Secretary-General to transmit a certified true copy of the revised General Act to the non-Member States indicated by the General Assembly. The Secretary-General accordingly pointed out that it rested with the General Assembly to give him such instructions as it deemed fit for that purpose.

2. The General Assembly decided at its 224th plenary meeting on 22 September 1949 to refer this question to the Sixth Committee for examination.

3. The Sixth Committee studied the question at its 210th and 211th meetings held on 29 November 1949.

4. Belgium submitted a draft resolution (A/C.6/L.108) which she slightly amended in the course of presentation, inviting the Secretary-General to communicate a certified true copy of the revised General Act to non-Member States which were or had become on 1 January 1950 active members of one or more specialized agencies.

5. In the course of the discussion Belgium accepted a United Kingdom proposal to delete the words "on 1 January 1950" from the draft resolution.

6. Chile proposed that this question be deferred to the next session of the General Assembly (A/C.6/L.109) in view of the fact that the revised General Act had not yet entered into force although the accession of two Contracting Parties was sufficient for this purpose. Greece suggested that the examination of the question be deferred sine die.

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7. On the preliminary question of the principle of deferring the examination of the item to a later session of the General Assembly, the Committee decided in favour of deferment by 27 votes to 7 with 9 abstentions.

8. After discussion Chile agreed to delete the first paragraph of its draft resolution.

9. Greece proposed a fresh wording of the two remaining paragraphs of the Chilean draft resolution.

10. The first of these two paragraphs, as amended by Greece, was approved by the Committee by 24 votes to 4 with 11 abstentions. The Committee adopted the second paragraph, as amended by Greece, by 21 votes to 9 with 10 abstentions. The draft resolution as a whole was adopted by 23 votes to 4 with 13 abstentions.

12. The Sixth Committee accordingly submits the following draft resolution to the General Assembly for approval:

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The General Assembly,

Noting that no State Member of the United Nations has as yet adhered to the Revised General Act for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes (General Assembly resolution 268 (III) A of 28 April 1949),

Decides to defer to a later date the consideration of the item "Designation of non-Member States to which a certified copy of the Revised General Act for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes shall be communicated by the Secretary-General for the purpose of accession to this Act".

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