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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM IN THE AGENDA
OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION

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

Letter dated 1 December 1971 from the Permanent Representative of
Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the representatives of Argentina, Canada, Chile, Guinea, Iraq, Italy, the United Republic of Tanzania and Yemen, I have the honour to request the inclusion of the following additional item in the agenda of the twenty-sixth session of the General Assembly:

"Amendment to rule 156 of the rules of procedures of the General Assembly."

In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly an explanatory memorandum is attached.

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. Rule 156 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provides that the Assembly shall appoint an Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions with a membership of 12.
2. Rule 157 of the rules of procedure state that "the members of the Advisory Committee, no two of whom shall be nationals of the same State, shall be selected on the basis of broad geographical representation, personal qualifications and experience...". The present composition of the Advisory Committee is as follows:
 - (a) One member each from France, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America;
 - (b) Two members each from African, Asian and Latin American States;
 - (c) One member each from Eastern European and from Western European and other States.
3. In the light of the adoption by the General Assembly of resolution 2758 (XXVI) of 25 October 1971, it is desirable that the membership of the Advisory Committee be increased by one from 12 to 13 in order that a member from China may be included.
4. Accordingly, rule 156 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly may be amended to read as follows:

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