

PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE THIRD REGULAR SESSION

ITEMS PROPOSED BY CHILE

LETTER FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNION OF
SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Note by the Secretary-General.

The following letter has been received from the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations:

New York, 21 June 1948

From your communication of 16 June* received by the delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics it is noticed that the Government of Chile has proposed the inclusion in the agenda of the next session of the General Assembly of such questions as: departure from the Soviet Union of certain Soviet citizens whom the Chilean representative describes in his letter as wives of foreign nationals and separately the question of the refusal to permit the departure from the Soviet Union of a Soviet citizen who has become, as the communication states, a member of the family of the former Chilean Ambassador in Moscow.

In this connexion I consider it necessary to state that the proposal of the Chilean Government to include the above questions in the agenda of the General Assembly is illegal, and the assertion made in the Chilean representative's letter, to the effect that the Soviet Union is infringing basic human rights and the principles of the United Nations, is entirely unfounded.

The raising of these questions in the General Assembly and their discussion would represent interference by the United Nations in matters which are within the internal jurisdiction of States. Such interference is forbidden by the Charter, more particularly by Article 2, paragraph 7, where it is directly stated that the Charter gives no authority to the United Nations to intervene in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any State and does not require Members of the Organization to submit such matters to settlement under the Charter.

* Document A/560

On the instructions of the Government of the Soviet Union I therefore beg to protest against the inclusion of the above questions in the agenda of the General Assembly.

(Signed) A. A. GROMYKO