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Letter from the President of the Security Council to the President of the General Assembly

Lake Success, 1 September 1949

I have the honour to inform you that by a letter dated 6 March 1949 addressed to the Secretary-General (S/1298 and S/1298/Corr.1), the Government of the Principality of Liechtenstein expressed the desire to learn the conditions under which Liechtenstein could become a party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice.

Under Article 93, paragraph 2, of the Charter, those conditions are to be determined by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council.

The Security Council, at its meeting on 8 April 1949, decided to refer this letter to its Committee of Experts for consideration and report. After considering the Committee's report (S/1342), the Council adopted the following recommendation by a vote of nine in favour, none against, and two abstentions (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics):

"The Security Council recommends that the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 93, paragraph 2, of the Charter, determine the conditions on which Liechtenstein may become a party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice, as follows:

"Liechtenstein will become a party to the Statute on the date of the deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations of an instrument, signed on behalf of the Government of the Principality of Liechtenstein and ratified as may be required by Liechtenstein's constitutional law, containing:

- "(a) Acceptance of the provisions of the Statute of the International Court of Justice;
- "(b) Acceptance of all the obligations of a Member of the United Nations under Article 94 of the Charter; and
- "(c) An undertaking to contribute to the expenses of the Court such equitable amount as the General Assembly shall assess from time to time after consultation with the Liechtenstein Government."

(Signed) Alexander GADOGAN
President of the Security Council