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### PUBLIC INFORMATION ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS

#### Colombia, Cuba, Peru and Venezuela: revised draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Noting with appreciation the Secretary-General's Report on Public Information Activities of the United Nations (A/4122), dated 16 June 1959,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 13 (I) dated 13 February 1946 and 595 (VI) dated 4 February 1952, setting forth the basic policy of the United Nations in its public information activities, as well as resolution 1335 (XIII) dated 13 December 1958, relating to the implementation of that policy,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1086 (XI) dated 21 December 1956 relating to the establishment of information centres,

1. Approves the policy of budgetary stabilization set forth by the Secretary-General in paragraph 18 of his report (A/4122);
2. Requests the Secretary-General to give continuing and special consideration to the importance of adequate regional representation in the Office of Public Information, particularly at the policy making and programme planning levels, in the structure and staffing of the External Relations Division and in the distribution of information centres;
3. Requests the Secretary-General within the afore-mentioned policy of stabilization to establish new information centres as appear necessary and practicable, particularly in those sections where mass information media are less developed, preferably by a further decentralization of Headquarters staff and services;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to enlist the co-operation of the Member States concerned in giving all possible facilities for the establishment of such new centres and in assisting actively in efforts to promote wider public understanding of the aims and activities of the United Nations;

5. Expresses the hope that media of information and publicity, non-governmental organizations and educational institutions in all Member States will continue their efforts to expand their commendable activities on behalf of a greater understanding of the United Nations by fuller dissemination of accurate and objective information;

6. Recalls General Assembly resolution 13 (I) of 13 February 1946 which envisaged the need for an advisory body in the field of public information, and paragraph 17 of the report (A/3945) dated 16 October 1958, in which the Secretary-General refers to such a body, and invites the Secretary-General to appoint a United Nations Advisory Board on Public Information composed of ten Member States representing the main cultural and geographic areas to meet periodically at United Nations Headquarters with the Secretary-General to discuss and consider information policies and programmes in order to ensure maximum effectiveness and minimum cost.

7. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the fifteenth session of the General Assembly on the implementation of the above recommendations and on the measures taken and planned for the further implementation of resolution 1335 (XIII).

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