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METHODS FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE WORK OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Report of the General Committee

The General Committee, at its 51st, 52nd and 53rd meetings, discussed methods for the completion of the work of the General Assembly.

During its consideration of this question, the General Committee considered the possibility of continuing the present session in Paris until all items on the agenda had been disposed of, or setting a date for the closing of the present session in Paris, with the possibility of referring the remaining items on the agenda of the fourth session; of reconvening the third session at the headquarters of the United Nations in New York to dispose of remaining agenda items; and of summoning a special session at New York to deal with such items remaining on the Assembly agenda as the special session should then determine.

After considerable debate, four proposals were put to the vote in the General Committee with the result indicated:

1. A proposal of the United Kingdom to continue the present session in Europe until it had disposed of its agenda (defeated by 6 votes to 5, with 3 abstentions);
2. A proposal of the United States of America that the present session in Paris adjourn on 11-12 December 1948 (adopted by 8 votes to 4, with 2 abstentions);
3. A proposal of Poland that all items remaining on the agenda on 11-12 December be referred to the fourth regular session (defeated by 12 votes to 2);
4. A proposal of Chile that a second part of the present session be held in New York to complete consideration of the remaining items on the agenda (adopted by 9 votes to 2, with 3 abstentions).

In view of the adoption of the proposal of Chile, it became unnecessary to vote on a proposal of Canada that a special session be convened in New York in February to complete consideration of such items on the agenda of the present session as the special session decides should be dealt with before the fourth regular session.

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In accordance with the two proposals approved by the General Committee, namely, the proposal of the United States of America and the proposal of Chile, the following resolution is submitted by the President to the General Assembly as the recommendation of the General Committee:

"THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

"DECIDES that the present session in Paris adjourn on 11-12 December 1948, and that a second part of the session be held at the headquarters of the United Nations in New York to complete consideration of the items on the agenda, the resumption in New York to take place on 1 February 1949.