

Third session

UNITED NATIONS GUARD

Report of the ad hoc Political Committee

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1. The General Assembly, at its 150th meeting on 15 November 1948, decided to refer the item proposed by the Secretary-General, entitled "United Nations Guard" (A/656), to the ad hoc Political Committee for consideration and report.
2. At the 30th meeting of the Committee a statement was read on the subject by a representative of the Secretary-General. The Committee discussed the question at its 31st and 32nd meetings.
3. At the 31st meeting, the representative of the Philippines introduced a draft resolution proposing the creation by the General Assembly of a special committee to study the establishment of a United Nations Guard in all its relevant aspects and to report to the fourth regular session of the General Assembly (A/AC.24/42).
4. Statements were made by the representatives of Sweden, Union of South Africa, Dominican Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom, Ecuador, Yugoslavia, United States of America, Belgium, Haiti, El Salvador, Greece, France, Chile, China, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, India, Peru, Iran, Brazil and Poland.
5. Most representatives endorsed the proposal of the Philippines delegation on the ground that the question of a United Nations Guard needed further study as regards all its implications before a decision regarding its establishment could be taken.
6. The representative of France, while not opposing the creation of a special committee, expressed serious doubt that the United Nations Guard would serve a practical purpose. The representative of the Union of South Africa urged that the special committee which was to study the Secretary-General's proposal should give full consideration to the feasibility of utilizing for guard duties the national police of countries concerned.
7. The representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Yugoslavia, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic and Poland held that the

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proposal of the Secretary-General was contrary to the Charter.

8. An amendment to the original Philippines draft resolution was introduced by the representative of the Dominican Republic (A/AC.24/43) which was later replaced by a new amendment (A/AC.24/43/Rev.1). An amendment was also proposed by Ecuador, which was withdrawn before it came to a vote (A/AC.24/44).

9. On the suggestion of El Salvador, the following countries were nominated as members of the proposed special committee, in addition to the five permanent members of the Security Council: Australia, Brazil, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Pakistan and Sweden. The representative of France recommended the addition of Haiti and the representative of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic suggested that Poland be added to the list. All these proposals were accepted by the representative of the Philippines.

10. The original draft resolution, as amended, was adopted at the 32nd meeting on 11 April 1949 by votes 41 to 6, with 3 abstentions.

11. The ad hoc Political Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

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The General Assembly,

Having Considered the proposal made by the Secretary-General for the creation of a United Nations Guard for the purposes set forth in his report of 28 September 1948 (A/656),

Realizing the need for a thorough study of the matter before concrete action can be taken thereon,

Resolves to establish a Special Committee of specially qualified representatives of the five permanent members of the Security Council and of Australia, Brazil, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Haiti, Pakistan, Poland and Sweden.

The Special Committee shall study the proposal for the establishment of a United Nations Guard in all its relevant aspects including the technical, budgetary and legal problems involved, and such other proposals as may be made by Member States and by the Secretary-General with regard to other similar means of increasing the effectiveness of the services provided to the United Nations missions by the Secretary-General and prepare a report embodying its observations and recommendations for consideration during the fourth regular session of the General Assembly.