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SECURITY OF MISSIONS ACCREDITED TO THE UNITED NATIONS
AND SAFETY OF THEIR PERSONNEL

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. In paragraph 2 of resolution 2747 (XXV), of 17 December 1970, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General:

"... to convene the Informal Joint Committee on Host Country Relations in January 1971 and thereafter as frequently as appropriate in order that it may be in a position to examine carefully the matters specified in its terms of reference and to seek solutions to problems which fall within the broad context of relations with the host country".

In paragraph 5, the Assembly further requested him,

"... in consultation with the Committee, to report in a comprehensive manner to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session on the status of the work of the Committee with particular reference to the extent to which existing problems have been solved."

2. Pursuant to the request contained in paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 2747 (XXV), the Secretary-General, on 19 October 1971, submitted a report to the Assembly on the status of the work of the Informal Joint Committee on Host Country Relations (A/8474).

3. At its 1939th plenary meeting, held on 25 September 1971, the General Assembly included the item, entitled "Status of the work of the Informal Joint Committee on Host Country Relations: report of the Secretary-General", as item 86 of the agenda of its twenty-sixth session, and allocated it to the Sixth Committee for consideration and report (A/C.6/404).

4. At its 1980th plenary meeting, held on 8 November 1971, the General Assembly decided to include an additional item, entitled "Security of missions accredited to the United Nations and safety of their personnel", as item 99 on the agenda of its twenty-sixth session, and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee for

consideration and report (A/C.6/408). The inclusion of this item had been requested in a letter, dated 2 November 1971, from the representatives of Cuba, Iraq, Kuwait, Mauritius, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/8493). A further communication considered under item 99 was a letter, dated 28 October 1971, from the Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics addressed to the Secretary-General (A/8505), to which were annexed a note verbale, dated 22 October 1971, from the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the Government of the United States of America, and a note verbale, dated 21 October 1971, from the Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the Permanent Mission of the United States of America in connexion with the shots fired at the Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on 20 October 1971. Finally, under the same item there was also a letter, dated 12 November 1971, from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America addressed to the Secretary-General (A/8522), to which was attached a copy of a note verbale, dated 12 November 1971, from the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, concerning the shooting incident.

5. Agenda items 86 and 99 were considered by the Sixth Committee at its 1285th to 1292nd, 1296th to 1298th, and 1302nd and 1303rd meetings, held between 18 November and 7 December 1971. The Legal Counsel, as representative of the Secretary-General, made a statement at the 1290th meeting on 25 November.

6. In addition, the Committee had before it a document submitted by the Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, entitled "Violations of the immunity of the Permanent Mission of the USSR to the United Nations and safety of its personnel (November 1970 to November 1971)" (A/C.6/409).

II. PROPOSALS

7. On 25 November 1971, a draft resolution (A/C.6/L.832) was circulated by Hungary, Iraq, Kuwait, Mongolia, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics reading as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Having considered the question 'Security of missions accredited to the United Nations and safety of their personnel',

"Noting with indignation the continued criminal acts involving flagrant breaches of the inviolability of the diplomatic missions accredited to the United Nations, picketing of individual missions by groups of hooligan elements, assaults on diplomatic representatives, threats and insults with regard to these representatives, bombing attempts against some mission buildings and residences of permanent representatives,

"Expressing solidarity with those missions that have become the objects of impudent provocations, assaults, insults or threats,

"Recalling the 1946 Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, as well as the commitments assumed by the Government of the United States of America under the Agreement regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations,

"Drawing attention to its resolution 2747 (XXV) of 17 December 1970 which urges the Government of the host country to make certain that the measures taken to ensure the protection and security of diplomatic missions and their diplomatic personnel are adequate to enable permanent missions to the United Nations to perform properly the functions entrusted to them by their Governments,

"Taking into account the profound concern expressed by representatives of States at the twenty-sixth session of the United Nations General Assembly with regard to the continuing and increasingly dangerous forms of breaches of the inviolability of missions accredited to the United Nations, and over incessant threats to their personnel, acts of vandalism and hooliganism with respect to diplomatic representatives and personnel of missions,

"Being seriously concerned over the fact that the situation with respect to ensuring proper security of missions to the United Nations and safety of their personnel has of late considerably deteriorated and reached the point where shooting at and bombing of missions became possible, which raises the

question of the advisability of further stationing the United Nations Headquarters in New York City, if urgent and drastic measures to remedy the intolerable situation are not taken:

"1. Strongly condemns the acts of flagrant breaches of the inviolability of diplomatic missions accredited to the United Nations, their picketing, physical violence with respect to diplomatic representatives and insults to their honour and dignity as grossly contradicting the rules of international law and provisions of the United Nations Charter;

"2. Urges the United States Government to fulfil strictly the international commitments assumed by it in accordance with the agreements with the United Nations Organization and to ensure the effective security of missions accredited to the United Nations and safety of their personnel with the view of creating normal conditions for the performance of their functions in connexion with the Organization.

"3. Calls upon the United States Government, in its capacity as host authority, to take all measures to ensure the protection of missions and the safety of their personnel in order to fulfil completely the treaty obligations assumed by it with respect to the United Nations Headquarters and the missions accredited to it:

"4. Calls further upon the United States Government to take all possible measures to ensure a favourable atmosphere of normal functioning of the United Nations and the missions accredited to it:

"5. Decides to establish a Special Committee of _____ members to be chosen by the President of the General Assembly in consultation with regional groups and taking into consideration equitable geographical representation, to deal with the question of security of missions and the safety of their personnel, as well as all the categories of issues previously considered by the Informal Joint Committee on Host Country Relations. This Committee, which should have summary records, should convene on a regular basis and whenever a meeting is requested by one of its members. It shall consider systematically the implementation of the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations and the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations, and report on appropriate proposals to the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly:

"6. Requests the Secretary-General to solicit the views of Member States with respect to the measures needed to ensure future security and safety of missions and their personnel and to transmit such replies to the Special Committee established under paragraph 5 of this resolution:

"7. Invites the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of the Special Committee and all missions accredited to the United Nations cases involving infringements of the status of such missions and to inform representatives of the press and other media of such cases;

"8. Decides to include an item entitled 'Security of missions and the safety of their personnel' on the provisional agenda of the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly."

8. On 30 November a revised text of the draft resolution (A/C.6/L.832/Rev.1 and Corr.1) was circulated by the sponsors, which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Having considered the item 'Security of missions accredited to the United Nations and safety of their personnel',

"Noting with indignation the continued criminal acts involving flagrant breaches of the inviolability of the diplomatic missions accredited to the United Nations, violent picketing of individual missions, assaults on diplomatic representatives, threats and insults with regard to these representatives, bombing attempts against some mission buildings and residences of permanent representatives,

"Expressing solidarity with those missions and their personnel that have become the objects of impudent provocations, assaults, insults or threats,

"Recalling the responsibilities of the Government of the host country with respect to the United Nations and Missions accredited to it and their respective personnel under the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations, the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, and general international law,

"Drawing attention to its resolution 2747 (XXV) of 17 December 1970 which urges the Government of the host country to make certain that the measures taken to ensure the protection and security of diplomatic missions and their diplomatic personnel are adequate to enable permanent missions accredited to the United Nations to perform properly the functions entrusted to them by their Governments,

"Taking into account the profound concern expressed by representatives of States at the twenty-sixth session of the United Nations General Assembly with regard to the continuing and increasingly dangerous forms of breaches of the inviolability of missions accredited to the United Nations, and over incessant threats to their personnel,

"Being seriously concerned over the fact that the situation with respect to ensuring proper security of missions to the United Nations and safety of their personnel has of late considerably deteriorated and reached the point where shooting at and bombing of missions became possible,

"1. Strongly condemns the acts of flagrant breaches of the inviolability of diplomatic missions accredited to the United Nations, their violent picketing, the physical assaults on diplomatic representatives and insults to their honour and dignity as grossly violating the rules of international law;

"2. Urges the Government of the host country in accordance with the Agreement regarding the United Nations Headquarters to take all measures to ensure the effective security of missions accredited to the United Nations and safety of their personnel with the view of creating normal conditions for the performance of their functions;

"3. Calls upon the Government of the host country to take all possible measures, including information and publicity, to ensure a favourable atmosphere of normal functioning of the United Nations and the missions accredited to it.

"4. Decides to establish a Special Committee of _____ members to be chosen by the Chairman of the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly, taking into consideration equitable geographical representation thereon. This Committee, which should have summary records, should convene on a regular basis and whenever a meeting is requested by one of its members;

"5. Instructs the Special Committee to deal with the question of security of missions and the safety of their personnel, as well as all the categories of issues previously considered by the Informal Joint Committee on Host Country Relations. The Special Committee shall study the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations and consider systematically the implementation of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations, and report on appropriate proposals to the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly;

"6. Requests the Secretary-General to solicit the views of Member States with respect to the measures needed to ensure future security of missions and safety of their personnel and to transmit such replies to the Special Committee established under paragraph 4 of this resolution:

"7. Invites the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of the Special Committee cases involving infringements of the status of missions accredited to the United Nations and to inform representatives of the press and other media of such cases;

"8. Requests the Secretary-General to furnish all appropriate assistance to the Special Committee and to bring to its attention issues of mutual concern relating to the implementation of the Headquarters Agreement;

"9. Decides to include an item entitled 'Security of missions accredited to the United Nations and safety of their personnel' on the provisional agenda of the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly."

9. On 1 December, at the 1296th meeting, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic introduced draft resolution A/C.6/L.832/Rev.1 and Corr.1. The delegations of Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Yemen later joined the list of sponsors.

10. At the same meeting, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland introduced a draft resolution sponsored by Barbados, Malaysia, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (A/C.6/L.835), which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling resolution 2747 (XXV) on the work of the Informal Joint Committee on Host Country Relations,

"Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee,

"Having also considered the question 'Security of missions accredited to the United Nations and safety of their personnel',

"Noting with extreme concern the commission and repetition of violent and other criminal acts, including in some cases the use of bombs or firearms, against the premises of certain missions accredited to the United Nations and the residences of their personnel and also the uttering of threats and violent insults against such personnel and expressing its sympathy with the victims of such acts,

"Considering that the Committee should continue and intensify its consideration of matters of concern to the permanent missions to the United Nations and to the host country,

"Recalling the responsibilities of the Government of the host country with respect to the United Nations and missions accredited to it and their respective personnel under the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations, the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, and general international law,

"1. Strongly condemns the violent and other criminal acts directed against the premises of certain missions accredited to the United Nations and against their personnel as being flagrantly incompatible with the respect to which those premises and personnel are entitled;

"2. Urges that the Government of the host country should take all requisite measures to ensure the protection and security of the United Nations and of Missions accredited to it and of their respective personnel to enable them to perform properly the functions entrusted to them and to allow them to enjoy the level of security to which they are entitled in the city in which the Headquarters of the United Nations is situated;

"3. Calls further upon the United States Government to take all possible measures including information and publicity to ensure a favourable atmosphere for the normal functioning of the United Nations and the missions accredited to it;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to convene the Informal Joint Committee on Host Country Relations as frequently as appropriate;

"5. Requests the Informal Joint Committee on Host Country Relations to adopt a vigorous and constructive approach to the problems that may be brought before it, especially those concerning security of missions and the safety of their personnel, with a view to resolving them on a basis compatible with the proper performance of the functions entrusted to the United Nations and missions accredited to it and requests the Government of the host country to maintain its full co-operation with the Committee to that end;

"6. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Committee, to report in a comprehensive manner to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session on the status of the work of the Committee with particular reference to the extent to which existing problems have been resolved."

11. Amendments (A/C.6/L.839) to the draft resolution (A/C.6/L.832/Rev.1. and Corr.1) were introduced at the 1297th meeting on 1 December, by the representative of Australia, which read as follows:

"1. In the first preambular paragraph, insert the words 'the question of the status of the Informal Joint Committee on Host Country Relations and' immediately after the words 'Having considered'.

"2. Delete the second preambular paragraph and substitute the following:

'Noting with extreme concern the commission and repetition of violent and other criminal acts, including in some cases the use of bombs or fire-arms, against the premises of certain missions accredited to the United Nations and the residences of their personnel and also the uttering of threats and violent insults against such personnel and expressing its sympathy with the victims of such acts'.

"3. In the sixth preambular paragraph, delete all the words after 'General Assembly', and substitute the following:

'... over the commission and repetition of violent and increasingly dangerous attacks on the premises of certain missions accredited to the United Nations and over the repeated threats and acts of hostility and intimidation directed against their personnel.'

"4. Delete the seventh preambular paragraph.

"5. In operative paragraph 1, delete all the words after 'Strongly condemns', and substitute the following:

'... the violent and other criminal acts directed against the premises of certain missions accredited to the United Nations and against their personnel as being flagrantly incompatible with the respect to which those premises and personnel are entitled.'

"6. In operative paragraph 2

(a) Insert the word 'on' immediately after the word 'Urges';

(b) Insert the words 'the need' immediately after the words 'United Nations Headquarters'; and

(c) Delete the words 'with the view of creating', and substitute the words 'with a view to maintaining'."

12. At the same meeting, the representative of New Zealand also introduced amendments (A/C.6/L.838) to the draft resolution (A/C.6/L.832/Rev.1 and Corr.1).

The amendments, which were also sponsored by Italy read as follows:

"Delete operative paragraphs 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 and substitute the following:

'4. Requests the Secretary-General to convene the Informal Joint Committee on Host Country Relations as frequently as appropriate;

'5. Requests the Informal Joint Committee on Host Country Relations to adopt a vigorous and constructive approach to the problems that may be brought before it, especially those concerning security of missions and the safety of their personnel, with a view to resolving them on a basis compatible with the proper performance of the functions entrusted to the United Nations and missions accredited to it and requests the Government of the host country to maintain its full co-operation with the Committee to that end;

'6. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Committee, to report in a comprehensive manner to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session on the status of the work of the Committee, with particular reference to the extent to which existing problems have been solved;'. "

13. Finally, the representative of Belgium, at the same meeting, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.6/L.840), which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Having considered the questions entitled: 'Status of the work of the Informal Joint Committee on Host Country Relations: Report of the Secretary-General' and 'Security of Missions accredited to the United Nations and Safety of their Personnel',

"Noting with extreme concern the acts of violence and other criminal acts, including in some cases the use of bombs or fire-arms, committed in a repeated manner against the premises of certain missions accredited to the United Nations and the residences of their personnel and also the acts of violence perpetrated and the threats and violent insults uttered against such personnel,

"Expressing its deep sympathy with the missions and the members thereof, that have become the victims of such acts,

"Recalling the 1946 Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, as well as the commitments assumed by the Government of the United States of America under the Agreement regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations,

"Recalling resolution 2747 (XXV) on the work of the Informal Joint Committee on Host Country Relations,

"Taking into account the profound concern expressed by representatives of States at the twenty-sixth session of the General Assembly with regard to the perpetration and repetition of violent and increasingly dangerous attacks against the premises of certain missions accredited to the United Nations, and also over the repeated threats and the hostile and intimidating acts against the personnel of these missions,

"1. Strongly condemns the acts of violence and other criminal acts against the premises of certain missions accredited to the United Nations and against their personnel, as being flagrantly incompatible with the inviolability of these premises and of the persons of the members of diplomatic missions;

"2. Urges on the Government of the United States of America, host country of the United Nations, the need to take all appropriate measures to ensure, in conformity with its international obligations, the protection and security of the United Nations Headquarters, of the missions accredited to it and of their respective personnel and to create thus normal conditions for the performance of their functions;

"3. Takes note of the assurances given by the representative of the host country that it will intensify in a diligent and energetic manner its efforts, to strengthen the protection and safety of the missions accredited to the United Nations and of their personnel;

"4. Decides to establish an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Host Country Relations, composed of the Secretary-General or his representative, the host country and 25 members to be chosen by the President of the General Assembly in consultation with regional groups and taking into consideration equitable geographic representation;

"5. Charges the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee to consider in particular and systematically the problems related to the security of missions and of their personnel, as well as all the categories of issues previously considered by the Informal Committee on Host Country Relations, in view of assisting with co-operative advice the host country in the implementation of the international obligations it has assumed under the relevant instruments;

"6. Authorizes the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee to establish summary records of its meetings, and to convene on a periodical basis and whenever a meeting is requested by one of its members;

"7. Requests the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session on the status of its work, with particular reference to the extent to which existing problems have or have not been resolved;

"8. Invites the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Government of the host country, to take all possible measures, including information and publicity, to ensure a favourable atmosphere for the normal functioning of the United Nations and the missions accredited to it;

"9. Decides to include an item entitled 'Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Host Country Relations' on the provisional agenda of the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly."

14. At the 1302nd meeting, on 7 December 1971, the representative of Iraq, on behalf of the sponsors of the draft resolution (A/C.6/L.832/Rev.1 and Corr.1) introduced a revised version (A/C.6/L.832/Rev.2), which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Having considered the item 'Security of missions accredited to the United Nations and safety of their personnel' and the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Informal Joint Committee on Host Country Relations,

"Drawing attention to its resolution 2747 (XXV) of 17 December 1970 which urges the Government of the host country to make certain that the measures taken to ensure the protection and security of diplomatic missions and their diplomatic personnel are adequate to enable permanent missions to the United Nations to perform properly the functions entrusted to them by their Governments,

"Noting with extreme concern the illegal acts of individuals or groups against the inviolability of various missions accredited to the United Nations involving the commission and the repetition of violent and other criminal acts, including in some cases the use of bombs or firearms, against their premises and the residences of their personnel and also the assaults, uttering of threats and insults against such personnel, and picketing accompanied by violence,

"Expressing its deep sympathy with the missions and their personnel, that have become the victims of such acts,

"Recalling the responsibilities of the Government of the host country with respect to the United Nations and missions accredited to it and their respective personnel under the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations, the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, and general international law,

"Taking into account the profound concern expressed by representatives of States at the twenty-sixth session of the General Assembly with regard to the perpetration and repetition of violent and increasingly dangerous attacks against the premises of certain missions accredited to the United Nations, and also over the repeated threats and the hostile and intimidating acts against the personnel of these missions, and which indicates a deterioration in the security of missions and the safety of their personnel,

"1. Strongly condemns the acts of violence and other criminal acts against the premises of certain missions accredited to the United Nations and against their personnel, as being flagrantly incompatible with their status under international law;

"2. Urges that the Government of the United States of America, host country of the United Nations, should take all requisite measures to ensure, in conformity with its international obligations, the protection and security of the United Nations Headquarters, of the missions accredited to it and of their respective personnel, thereby ensuring normal conditions for the performance of their functions;

"3. Calls upon the Government of the United States, in consultation with the Secretary-General, to take all possible measures, including information and publicity, to ensure a favourable atmosphere for the normal functioning of the United Nations and the missions accredited to it;

"4. Notes with appreciation the assurances given by the representative of the host country that it will intensify in a diligent and energetic manner its efforts, to strengthen the protection and safety of the missions accredited to the United Nations and their personnel;

"5. Decides to establish a Committee on Host Country Relations composed of the host country and 14 Member States to be chosen by the President of the General Assembly in consultation with regional groups and taking into consideration equitable geographic representation thereon;

"6. Instructs the Committee to deal with the question of security of missions and the safety of their personnel, as well as all the categories of issues previously considered by the Informal Joint Committee on Host Country Relations. The Committee is authorized to study the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations and shall consider, and advise the host country on, issues arising in connexion with the implementation of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations;

"7. Authorizes the Committee to have summary records of its meetings, and to convene on a periodical basis and whenever a meeting is requested by one of its members;

"8. Requests the Secretary-General to solicit the views of Member States with respect to the measures needed to ensure future security of missions and safety of their personnel and to transmit such replies to the Committee established under paragraph 5 of this resolution;

"9. Requests the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of the Committee, if so requested by missions accredited to the United Nations, cases involving infringements of their status;

"10. Requests the Secretary-General to furnish all appropriate assistance to the Committee and to bring to its attention issues of mutual concern relating to the implementation of the Headquarters Agreement and the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations;

"11. Requests the Committee to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session on the progress of its work and to make appropriate recommendations;

"12. Decides to include an item entitled 'Report of the Committee on Host Country Relations' on the provisional agenda of the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly."

15. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Belgium introduced a revised draft resolution (A/C.6/L.840/Rev.1) which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Having considered the item 'Security of missions accredited to the United Nations and safety of their personnel' and the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Informal Joint Committee on Host Country Relations,

"Drawing attention to its resolution 2747 (XXV) of 17 December 1970 which urges the Government of the host country to make certain that the measures taken to ensure the protection and security of diplomatic missions and their diplomatic personnel are adequate to enable permanent missions to the United Nations to perform properly the functions entrusted to them by their Governments,

"Expressing its gratitude to the Secretary-General for his valuable contribution to the work of the Informal Joint Committee,

"Noting with extreme concern the illegal acts of individuals or groups against the inviolability of various missions accredited to the United Nations involving the commission and the repetition of violent and other criminal acts, including in some cases the use of bombs or firearms, against their premises and the residences of their personnel and also the assaults, uttering of threats and insults against such personnel, and picketing accompanied by violence,

"Expressing its deep sympathy with the missions and their personnel, that have become the victims of such acts,

"Recalling the responsibilities of the Government of the host country with respect to the United Nations and missions accredited to it and their respective personnel under the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations, the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, and general international law,

"Taking into account the profound concern expressed by representatives of States at the twenty-sixth session of the General Assembly with regard to the perpetration and repetition of violent and increasingly dangerous attacks against the premises of certain missions accredited to the United Nations, and also over the repeated threats and the hostile and intimidating acts against the personnel of these mission, all of which indicate a deterioration in the security of missions and the safety of their personnel,

"Considering that the problems related to the privileges and immunities of the United Nations and to the status of the diplomatic missions accredited to it are of mutual concern to Member States, including the host country, as well as to the Secretary-General,

"1. Strongly condemns the acts of violence and other criminal acts against the premises of certain missions accredited to the United Nations and against their personnel, as being flagrantly incompatible with their status under international law;

"2. Urges that the Government of the United States of America, host country of the United Nations, should take all requisite measures to ensure, in conformity with its international obligations, the protection and security of the United Nations Headquarters, of the missions accredited to it and of their respective personnel, thereby ensuring normal conditions for the performance of their functions;

"3. Calls upon the Government of the United States, in consultation with the Secretary-General, to take all possible measures, including information and publicity, to ensure a favourable atmosphere for the normal functioning of the United Nations and the missions accredited to it;

"4. Notes with appreciation the utterances given by the representatives of the host country, that it will intensify in a diligent and energetic manner its efforts to strengthen the protection and safety of the missions accredited to the United Nations and of their personnel;

"5. Decides to establish a Committee on Host Country Relations composed of the host country and 14 other Member States to be chosen by the President of the General Assembly in consultation with regional groups and taking into consideration equitable geographic representation;

"6. Requests the Secretary-General to participate fully in the work of the Committee with a view to ensuring its tripartite character;

"7. Instructs the Committee to deal with the question of security of missions and of the safety of their personnel, as well as all the categories of issues previously considered by the Informal Joint Committee on Host Country Relations. The Committee is authorized to study the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations and shall consider, and advise the host country on, issues arising in connexion with the implementation of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations;

"8. Authorizes the Committee to have summary records of its meetings, and to convene on a periodical basis and whenever a meeting is requested by one of its members or by the Secretary-General;

"9. Requests the Secretary-General to solicit the views of Member States with respect to the measures needed to ensure future security of missions and safety of their personnel and to submit such replies to the Committee;

"10. Requests the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of the Committee, if so requested by Missions to the United Nations, cases involving infringements of their status;

"11. Requests the Secretary-General to furnish all appropriate assistance to the Committee and to bring to its attention issues of mutual concern relating to the implementation of the Headquarters Agreement and the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations;

"12. Requests the Committee to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session a report on the progress of its work, together with its advice thereon;

"13. Decides to include an item entitled Report of the Committee on Host Country Relations on the provisional agenda of the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly."

16. The representative of Belgium then introduced amendments (A/C.6/L.841) to the draft resolution (A/C.6/L.832/Rev.2) and withdrew the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/L.840/Rev.1. The amendments read as follows:

"1. Add the following paragraph after the second preambular paragraph:

'Expressing its gratitude to the Secretary-General for his valuable contribution to the work of the Informal Joint Committee,'.

"2. Add the following paragraph at the end of the preamble:

'Considering that the problems relating to the privileges and immunities of the United Nations and to the status of the diplomatic missions accredited to it are of mutual concern to Member States, including the host country, as well as to the Secretary-General,'.

"3. In the operative part, insert a new paragraph 6:

'Requests the Secretary-General to participate fully in the work of the Committee with a view to ensuring its tripartite character;'.
Renumber subsequent paragraphs.

"4. Add the words 'or by the Secretary-General' at the end of present operative paragraph 7.

"5. Replace present operative paragraph 11 by the following text:

'11. Requests the Committee to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session a report on the progress of its work, together with its views thereon;'.
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17. At the same meeting, the representative of New Zealand announced, on behalf of his delegation and that of Italy, that the amendments (A/C.6/L.838) to the draft resolution (A/C.6/L.832/Rev.1 and Corr.1) would not be pressed to a vote, and the Chairman announced that the amendments submitted by Australia (A/C.6/L.839) had been withdrawn.

18. At the same meeting, the representative of Iraq, on behalf of the sponsors of the second revised version of the draft resolution (A/C.6/L.832/Rev.2), accepted the first and second Belgian amendments (A/C.6/L.841) while reserving his position in regard to the fifth amendment, and submitted the following subamendments (A/C.6/L.842) to the remaining Belgian amendments (A/C.6/L.841):

"1. In amendment 3, concerning new operative paragraph 6, delete the words 'with a view to ensuring its tripartite character'.

"2. In amendment 4, after the words 'or by the Secretary-General', add the words 'on the request of Member States not represented in the Committee'."

19. During the 1303rd meeting, on 7 December, the representative of Belgium orally revised his amendments (A/C.6/L.841) to the draft resolution (A/C.6/L.832/Rev.2),

the representative of Iraq, on behalf of the sponsors, orally revised the subamendments (A/C.6/L.842), and the representatives of Uruguay, Lebanon and Cameroon also introduced oral amendments to the same draft resolution. The representative of Iraq, on behalf of the sponsors of the draft resolution (A/C.6/L.832/Rev.2), accepted the oral amendment presented by the representative of Lebanon and part of the amendment presented by the representative of Uruguay, and orally revised the resolution. The representative of Belgium then indicated his acceptance of the text read out by the representative of Iraq and withdrew paragraph 5 of his amendments (A/C.6/L.841). The oral amendments presented by the representatives of Cameroon and Uruguay were not pressed to a vote.

20. At the suggestion of the representative of Lebanon, the Sixth Committee adopted, without objection, the draft resolution (A/C.6/L.832/Rev.2), as orally revised by the representative of Iraq (see para. 21 below). As a consequence, the four-Power draft resolution (A/C.6/L.835) was not put to a vote.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

21. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Security of missions accredited to the United Nations
and safety of their personnel and status of the work
of the Informal Joint Committee on Host Country
Relations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "Security of missions accredited to the United Nations and safety of their personnel" and the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Informal Joint Committee on Host Country Relations,^{1/}

Drawing attention to its resolution 2747 (XXV) of 17 December 1970, which urges the Government of the host country to make certain that the measures taken to ensure the protection and security of diplomatic missions and their diplomatic personnel are adequate to enable permanent missions to the United Nations to perform properly the functions entrusted to them by their Governments,

Expressing its gratitude to the Secretary-General for his valuable contribution to the work of the Informal Joint Committee on Host Country Relations,

Noting with extreme concern the illegal acts of individuals or groups against the inviolability of various missions accredited to the United Nations involving the commission and the repetition of violent and other criminal acts, including in some cases the use of bombs or firearms, against their premises and the residences of their personnel and also the assaults, uttering of threats and insults against such personnel, and picketing accompanied by violence,

Expressing its deep sympathy with the missions and their personnel that have become the victims of such acts,

Recalling the responsibilities of the Government of the host country with respect to the United Nations and missions accredited to it and their respective personnel under the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations,^{2/} the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations^{3/} and general international law,

^{1/} A/8474.

^{2/} General Assembly resolution 169 (II) of 31 October 1947.

^{3/} General Assembly resolution 22 A (I) of 13 February 1946.

Taking into account the profound concern expressed by representatives of States at the twenty-sixth session of the General Assembly with regard to the perpetration and repetition of violent and increasingly dangerous attacks against the premises of certain missions accredited to the United Nations, and also over the repeated threats and the hostile and intimidating acts against the personnel of these missions, which indicates a deterioration in the security of missions and the safety of their personnel,

Considering that the problems related to the privileges and immunities of the United Nations and to the status of the diplomatic missions accredited to it are of mutual concern to Member States, including the host country, as well as to the Secretary-General,

1. Strongly condemns the acts of violence and other criminal acts against the premises of certain missions accredited to the United Nations and against their personnel, as being flagrantly incompatible with their status under international law;

2. Urges that the Government of the United States of America, the host country of the United Nations, should take all requisite measures to ensure, in conformity with its international obligations, the protection and security of the United Nations Headquarters, of the missions accredited to it and of their respective personnel, thereby ensuring normal conditions for the performance of their functions;

3. Calls upon the Government of the United States of America, in consultation with the Secretary-General, to take all possible measures, including the use of information and publicity, to ensure a favourable atmosphere for the normal functioning of the United Nations and the missions accredited to it;

4. Notes with appreciation the assurances given by the representative of the host country that it will intensify in a diligent and energetic manner its efforts to strengthen the protection and safety of the missions accredited to the United Nations and their personnel;

5. Decides to establish a Committee on Relations with the Host Country, composed of the host country and 14 Member States to be chosen by the President of the General Assembly in consultation with regional groups and taking into consideration equitable geographic representation thereon;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to participate actively in the work of the Committee with a view to ensuring the representation of the interests concerned;
7. Instructs the Committee to deal with the question of the security of missions and the safety of their personnel, as well as all the categories of issues previously considered by the Informal Joint Committee on Host Country Relations; the Committee is authorized to study the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations and shall consider, and advise the host country on, issues arising in connexion with the implementation of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations;
8. Authorizes the Committee to have summary records of its meetings and to convene on a periodic basis and whenever it is convoked by its chairman at the request of any State Member of the United Nations or of the Secretary-General;
9. Requests the Secretary-General to solicit the views of Member States with respect to the measures needed to ensure the future security of missions and the safety of their personnel and to transmit such replies to the Committee established under paragraph 5 above;
10. Requests the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of the Committee, if so requested by missions accredited to the United Nations, cases involving infringements of their status;
11. Requests the Secretary-General to furnish all appropriate assistance to the Committee and to bring to its attention issues of mutual concern relating to the implementation of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations and the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations;
12. Requests the Committee to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session a report on the progress of its work and to make, if it deems necessary, appropriate recommendations;
13. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-seventh session an item entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country".