

TEXT OF RESOLUTION A (197 [III]) REGARDING THE ADMISSION OF NEW
MEMBERS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS 177TH PLENARY
MEETING HELD ON 8 DECEMBER 1948

Note by the Secretary-General

By note dated 7 January 1949, the Secretary-General transmitted the following resolution regarding the Admission of New Members adopted by the General Assembly at its 177th plenary meeting held on 8 December 1948, to the members of the Security Council and of the General Assembly:

"WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Article 4, paragraph 2, of the Charter, admission to membership in the United Nations will be effected by a decision of the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council, and

WHEREAS the International Court of Justice in an advisory opinion of 28 May 1948 declared that:

(a) A Member of the United Nations which is called upon, in virtue of Article 4 of the Charter, to pronounce itself by its vote, either in the Security Council or in the General Assembly, on the admission of a State to membership in the United Nations, is not juridically entitled to make its consent to the admission dependent on conditions not expressly provided by paragraph 1 of the said Article; and

(b) In particular, a Member of the Organization cannot, while it recognizes the conditions set forth in that provision to be fulfilled by the State concerned, subject its affirmative vote to the additional condition that other States be admitted to membership in the United Nations together with that State,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RECOMMENDS that each member of the Security Council and of the General Assembly, in exercising its vote on the admission of new Members, should act in accordance with the foregoing opinion of the International Court of Justice.