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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM IN THE AGENDA
OF THE THIRTY-SECOND SESSION

QUESTION OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE RELEVANT ORGANS
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Letter dated 28 September 1977 from the representatives of
Afghanistan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cyprus, Democratic
Yemen, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Jordan,
Kuwait, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, the
Philippines, Qatar, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Singapore,
Sri Lanka, the Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the United
Arab Emirates and Yemen to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General

We have the honour to request, in conformity with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Question of the composition of the relevant organs of the United Nations" in the agenda of the thirty-second session of the General Assembly.

In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure, an explanatory memorandum is attached.

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ANNEX

Explanatory memorandum

1. It is generally acknowledged that the composition of the various organs of the United Nations shall be such as to ensure their representative character. In view of the fact that a large increase has taken place in the membership of the United Nations, the representation of regional groups no longer accurately reflects the principle of equitable geographical distribution. It is found that in the various United Nations bodies the present level of Asian representation is not in line with its present numerical strength.
2. Furthermore, there is no longer any valid reason for providing representation for the Asian and African groups together. The time has come for these two groups to be represented separately.
3. Having regard to the above-mentioned considerations, it is proposed to revise the composition of the relevant organs of the United Nations.
