

HEADQUARTERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE

Rapporteur: Mr. N. ENTEZAM (Iran)

1. The Permanent Headquarters Committee has considered Item 15 of the agenda for the second part of the first session of the General Assembly as amended by the Assembly on 9 November 1946:

"Report of the Headquarters Commission and consideration of possible alternative sites for permanent headquarters in the New York area, in the San Francisco Bay area, or in other parts of the United States of America, which may be available without cost or at reasonable cost; and appointment of a Planning Commission of Experts."

2. In the carrying out of its task, the Committee appointed a Sub-Committee, whose terms of reference are contained in document A/SITE/23/Rev.2. This Sub-Committee (Sub-Committee 1) studied and inspected alternative sites in the New York area, the San Francisco Bay area, the Boston area, and the Philadelphia area. The report of the Sub-Committee, (document A/SITE/Sub.1/3) recommended:

"In the first instance, the site of Belmont-Roxborough, Philadelphia, and the site of the Presidio, San Francisco, these two sites being regarded as of equal merit; in the second instance, the White Plains-Harrison site, in Westchester County, New York."

3. During the consideration of the recommendations of Sub-Committee 1, the Committee received an offer from Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. of the sum of \$8,500,000 on certain terms and conditions, to make possible the acquisition by the United Nations of a site in New York City in an area bounded by First Avenue, East 48th Street, the East River, and East 42nd Street. A second Sub-Committee (Sub-Committee 2) was formed for
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the purpose of studying and inspecting this area. The report of Sub-Committee 2 (document A/SITE/Sub.2/1) concluded that this site would be excellent for the construction of a vertical type of urban headquarters for the United Nations in Manhattan.

4. At its twenty-sixth meeting, the Committee considered the report of Sub-Committee 2.

The Delegation of the United States of America proposed a resolution (document A/SITE/48) recommending acceptance of the offer of the New York site by Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. as an amendment to the report of Sub-Committee 1. This resolution was adopted by the Committee by thirty-three to seven with six abstentions.

5. Therefore, after full consideration of the report of the Headquarters Commission (document A/69), the report of Sub-Committee 1 (document A/SITE/Sub.1/3) and the report of Sub-Committee 2 (document A/SITE/Sub.2/1), the General Headquarters Committee recommends the adoption by the General Assembly of the following resolution:

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

TAKES NOTE with a feeling of sincere gratitude of the offer made by Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., in a letter dated 10 December 1946, (document A/SITE/50) to give to the United Nations the sum of \$8,500,000, on certain terms and conditions, to make possible the acquisition by the United Nations of a tract of land in New York City in the area bounded by First Avenue, East 48th Street, the East River and East 42nd Street.

NOTES also the assurance given by the City of New York to fulfill the terms and conditions applicable to it on which the aforesaid offer has been made, and the assurances given by the representative of the United States of America with respect to certain other terms and conditions of the aforesaid gift.

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THEREFORE RESOLVES:

1. That the offer of Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., hereinabove mentioned, be accepted subject to the terms and conditions therein stated;
 2. That the permanent headquarters of the United Nations shall be established in New York City in the area bounded by First Avenue, East 48th Street, the East River and East 42nd Street;
 3. That the Secretary-General be authorized to take all steps necessary to acquire the land hereinabove described together with all appurtenant rights, and to receive the aforesaid gift of \$8,500,000, and to apply the said gift to the acquisition of the land as provided in the terms of the offer;
 4. That the Secretary-General be authorized to lease the structures now on the site until the work of demolition is undertaken, or to undertake demolition, as appears more appropriate;
 5. Nothing in this resolution shall be deemed to restrict the authority of the Secretary-General to take any action which he may otherwise be authorized to take;
 6. Part I of the resolution adopted at the thirty-third plenary meeting of the General Assembly on 14 February 1946 relating to the permanent headquarters of the United Nations, is hereby repealed.
5. The Secretary-General has been informed by the Mayor of New York that at a special meeting held on 13 December the Board of Estimates of the City of New York unanimously adopted a resolution to carry out the terms of the gift which relate to the City.

6. Regarding the second part of the amended Item 15 of the agenda of the second part of the first session of the General Assembly regarding the appointment of a Planning Commission of experts, the Committee has considered the headquarters planning and development problems in the light of the selection of the New York site and recommends the adoption by the General Assembly of the following resolution:

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. That the Secretary-General is hereby requested to prepare recommendations with respect to the matters set forth below pertaining to the establishment of the permanent headquarters. He is further requested to prepare a report on these matters to be distributed to the Members of the United Nations on or before 1 July 1947 for consideration at the next regular session of the General Assembly;
 - (a) General plans and requirements for official buildings and other necessary facilities;
 - (b) Arrangements for accommodations, housing developments and related facilities on or off the site for personnel of the Secretariat, specialized agencies and national delegations and their staffs, and for the families of such personnel;
 - (c) Approximate costs of construction and development;
 - (d) Financial and other arrangements;
 - (e) Any other matters pertaining to the development of the site which the Secretary-General feels the General Assembly should consider at its next regular session.
2. In carrying out the responsibilities set forth in paragraph 1 of this resolution, the Secretary-General shall be assisted by:

- (a) An Advisory

(a) An advisory committee consisting of representatives
of the following Members:

Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China,
Colombia, France, Greece, India, Norway,
Poland, Syria, United Kingdom, United States of America,
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and
Yugoslavia.

(b) Consultants and experts who, at the request of the
Secretary-General, shall be designated by the
Government of the United States of America, or by
Governments of other Member States, or local authorities.
