

## DATE OF THE REGULAR ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

Rapporteur: Mr. Th. AGNIDES (GREECE)

1. In accordance with instructions given by the General Assembly at its forty-sixth plenary meeting on 31 October 1946, the question of amending rule 1 of the provisional rules of procedure in order to change the date of the regular annual session of the General Assembly was referred to the Fifth Committee. The Fifth Committee was instructed to determine, in consultation with the Chairman of the Sixth Committee, the legal aspects of the question and to refer these to the Sixth Committee. The Secretary-General submitted a proposal (document A/183) to amend rule to postpone the opening date of the regular session of the General Assembly to one month later than is now provided, i.e., to the first Tuesday after 2 October.
2. After consultation between the Chairman of the Fifth and Sixth Committees, the item was referred to a Joint Sub-Committee of these Committees on 8 November. The Sub-Committee reported to the two Committees on 28 November (document A/C.5/98 - A/C.6/103) on the administrative and legal implications of the proposal with its recommendations.
3. At the thirty-second meeting of the Fifth Committee the report of the Joint Sub-Committee was considered. The Delegations of Belgium and Colombia indicated that the date proposed by the Joint Sub-Committee was not satisfactory to them and that, because of the time of meeting of their parliaments, they preferred an earlier date. The Delegation of France presented a compromise resolution recommending the Tuesday falling between 12 and 13 September of each year. The Delegation of the United Kingdom, however, believed that, in view of the necessity for agreement between the t

Committees, the third Tuesday in September, which was proposed by the report of the Joint Sub-Committee and which varies by only a few days from the proposal made by the Delegation of France, should be accepted. After thorough consideration of these points of view, the Fifth Committee adopted the report of the Joint Sub-Committee by thirty-four votes to six.

4. The Fifth Committee recommends, therefore, that the General Assembly adopt the following resolution:

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLVES THAT rule 1 of the provisional rules of procedure shall be amended to read:

"The General Assembly shall meet every year in regular session commencing on the third Tuesday in September."

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