



Fourteenth session

REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM IN
THE AGENDA OF THE FOURTEENTH REGULAR SESSION: ITEM
PROPOSED BY THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE QUESTION
OF HUNGARY

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Letter dated 16 November 1959 from the Special Representative on the
Question of Hungary addressed to the Secretary-General

New York, 16 November 1959

At its thirteenth session, the General Assembly, by resolution 1312 (XIII), declared that the United Nations would continue to be seized of the situation in Hungary, and appointed me to represent the United Nations for the purpose of reporting to Member States or to the General Assembly on significant developments relating to the implementation of the Assembly's resolutions on the question.

In accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, I have the honour to propose the inclusion of the following item in the agenda of the fourteenth regular session of the General Assembly as an important and urgent matter:

"The question of Hungary"

An explanatory memorandum as required by rule 20 of the rules of procedure is attached.

(Signed) Leslie K. MUNRO
Special Representative on the
Question of Hungary

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The General Assembly has had occasion, at the second emergency special session of 4-10 November 1956, and at the succeeding regular sessions, to consider the situation in Hungary which has resulted from the armed intervention of Soviet military forces to repress the effort of the Hungarian people to achieve freedom and independence. This situation has been characterized in Assembly resolutions as involving continuing repression of the political independence of Hungary and the deprivation of the Hungarian people of their fundamental human rights and freedoms.

The hope has been entertained that, in view of the universal concern to ameliorate the international situation, the Governments directly concerned would see fit to make their contribution by measures designed to achieve the objectives stated in General Assembly resolutions on this subject. This hope has not been realized. The withdrawal of foreign armed forces from Hungary has not been achieved. The framework of repression remains unchanged. Wide-spread concern has been aroused by continuing trials and executions consequent upon the uprising, and by the imminent possibility of further executions, despite solemn assurances given in the General Assembly that such trials and executions had been brought to an end. The Hungarian authorities persist in their refusal to assent to any visit to Hungary on the part of the Special Representative of the United Nations, and thus continue their refusal to collaborate in any manner whatsoever with the United Nations in this matter.

For these reasons, the situation in Hungary must now be deemed an important and urgent matter requiring the attention of the General Assembly at its fourteenth session.
