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LETTER DATED 1 MARCH 1965 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
CHINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of a letter to the President of
the General Assembly.

I shall be obliged if you will be so good as to cause this letter to be
circulated as a General Assembly document relative to resolution 2006 (XIX)
adopted on 18 February 1965.

(Signed) LIU Chieh
Permanent Representative

1 March 1965

Dear Mr. President,

On 19 February 1965, I addressed to you a letter in the matter of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations to be established under paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 2006 (XIX) of 18 February 1965. In that letter, as in my conversation with you on 15 February, I urged upon you that the Republic of China, as a permanent member of the Security Council, the fifth largest contributor to the United Nations budget and a member of the Working Group of Twenty-one hitherto concerned with the financing of peace-keeping operations, should be included in the proposed negotiating machinery. I also drew your attention to the precedents and customary practices in the formation of similar bodies.

On 27 February the composition of the Special Committee was finally announced, with a membership of thirty-three nations from which the Republic of China was conspicuously excluded. It is common knowledge that the Soviet Union objected to the participation of the Republic of China and threatened to refuse payment of its arrears if its objection were not accepted. It is no surprise that the Soviet Union should have taken that position, since its objective has been to flout the authority of the General Assembly and to disrupt the orderly functioning of the Organization. But to yield to the blackmail tactics of the Soviet Union, especially in the face of its truculent attitude on the financing of peace-keeping operations, is to encourage recalcitrance at the expense of a loyal Member State which has fulfilled all its obligations under the Charter of the United Nations.

This calculated discrimination against the Republic of China as a permanent member of the Security Council and a major contributor to United Nations finances is not only contrary to the practices of the United Nations but to all sense of equity. It casts a shadow on the office of the Presidency in the impartial discharge of its functions and will in effect undermine the entire fabric of the United Nations.

On behalf of my Government, I have to register the most emphatic protest and reserve the right to review any conclusions that may be reached by the Special Committee.

Accept, Mr. President, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) LIU Chieh
Permanent Representative
