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Agenda item 55

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QUESTION OF THE FULL PARTICIPATION OF ITALY
IN THE WORK OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

Report of the Fourth Committee

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1. The question of the full participation of Italy in the work of the Trusteeship Council was placed on the agenda of the sixth session of the General Assembly at its 341st meeting on 13 November 1951, at the request of the Council in its resolution 310 (VIII). At its 342nd meeting on the same date, the General Assembly referred the question to the Fourth Committee.
2. The Committee considered and completed this item at its 212th and 213th meetings. In accordance with a previous decision taken at its 209th meeting, the Committee at its 212th meeting invited the representative of Italy to take a seat at the Committee's table for the purpose of participating in the discussion.
3. At the same meeting the delegation of France introduced a draft resolution (A/C.4/L.142) by which the General Assembly would express the opinion that in order that Italy should be enabled to exercise its responsibilities for the administration of the Trust Territory of Somaliland with complete effectiveness, it was necessary for Italy to become a member of the Trusteeship Council and for that purpose to be admitted to the United Nations; and would recommend that the Security Council give urgent consideration to the resolution with a view to recommending the immediate admission of Italy to membership in the United Nations.
4. The delegation of Guatemala presented an amendment (A/C.4/L.143) to the French draft resolution, which was accepted by the delegation of France, and which introduced into the draft resolution the further consideration that Italy satisfies the conditions prescribed in Article 4, paragraph 1, of the Charter for membership in the United Nations.
5. The Committee discussed the French draft resolution, as amended, at its 212th and 213th meetings. At the latter meeting the delegation of Poland

introduced a draft resolution (A/C.4/L.145) as follows:

"The Fourth Committee,

"Considering that the admission of new Members to the United Nations is regulated by a special procedure and in particular by the provisions of Article 4 of the Charter and rules 133-137 of the rules of procedure,

"Considering further that the question of admission of new Members falls within the competence of the Political Committee,

"Being of the opinion that the draft resolution submitted by the delegation of France does not correspond with item 55 which is on the agenda of the Fourth Committee,

"Decides that the question of recommending the admission of Italy to the United Nations is outside the competence of the Fourth Committee and that the French draft resolution dealing with this matter cannot be put to a vote."

6. Both draft resolutions were voted upon at the 213th meeting. The Polish draft resolution was rejected by 48 votes to 5, with one abstention.

7. The French draft resolution, as amended, was adopted by a roll-call vote of 50 to 5, with no abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, France, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Lebanon, Liberia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Syria, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Against: Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republics, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republics, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Abstaining: None

8. The Fourth Committee therefore recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

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The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind resolution 310 (VIII) of the Trusteeship Council concerning the position of Italy,

Noting that Italy has been charged by the United Nations with the administration of the Trust Territory of Somaliland, and that it is at present exercising its responsibilities towards the United Nations as an Administering Authority as they are defined in Chapters XII and XIII of the Charter,

Considering that Italy should be enabled to exercise those responsibilities with complete effectiveness,

Being of the opinion, therefore, that it is necessary for Italy to become a member of the Trusteeship Council and for that purpose to be admitted to the United Nations, and having regard to the fact that Italy satisfies the conditions prescribed in Article 4, paragraph 1, of the Charter for membership in the United Nations,

Recommends the Security Council to give urgent consideration to the present resolution with a view to recommending the immediate admission of Italy to membership in the United Nations.
