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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR A CONFERENCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE CHARTER

Rapporteur: Mr. Kurt Waldheim (Austria)

- 1. By resolution 2114 (XX) of 21 December 1965 the General Assembly decided to keep in being the Committee on arrangements for a conference for the purpose of reviewing the Charter and to invite the Committee to report with recommendations to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session. It further requested the continuation of the work envisaged in paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 992 (X), namely, the preparation and publication of the Supplements to the Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs.
- 2. The Committee met on 11 and 12 September 1967 under the chairmanship of Mr. Abdul Rahman Pazhwak (Afghanistan). It adopted the provisional agenda (A/AC.81/10) and elected Mr. Luis Demetrio Tinoco (Costa Rica) as Vice-Chairman to fill the vacancy left by Mr. José Luis Redondo (Costa Rica).
- 3. In opening the discussion the Chairman referred to the decision taken by the General Assembly in 1955 to establish the Committee and reviewed briefly the work done by the Committee at its previous sessions.
- 4. The Rapporteur introduced a draft resolution which would keep the Committee in being. He explained that this would be with the understanding that any Member might request the Secretary-General to convene the Committee at such time as it deemed to be desirable. The representative of Canada asked for a clarification of this understanding. He stated that he assumed that the Committee would not be convened merely at the request of a single Member and he asked what procedures would be followed before convening the Committee. The Chairman said that he understood that every Member State was entitled to request the convening of the

Committee and that such a request should be made to the Secretary-General who, on the basis of established procedure, would consult the Members and would convene the Committee if it was found desirable to do so. The Rapporteur concurred in the explanation given by the Chairman. The draft resolution would also request the Secretary-General to continue the preparation of supplements to the Repertory.

- 5. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics stated that in the present circumstances the main task was to ensure the compliance with the Charter by all Member States and there was no justification for a review of the Charter and therefore for the convening of a conference for that purpose.
- 6. The Committee adopted the draft resolution by 43 votes to none, with 7 abstentions.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE

7. The Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provisions of its resolutions 992 (X) of 21 November 1955, 1136 (XII) of 14 October 1957, 1381 (XIV) of 20 November 1959, 1670 (XVI) of 15 December 1961, 1756 (XVII) of 23 October 1962, 1993 (XVIII) of 17 December 1963 and 2114 (XX) of 21 December 1965 relating to the establishment, under Article 109 of the Charter of the United Nations, of the Committee on arrangements for a conference for the purpose of reviewing the Charter and the functions entrusted to the Committee,

- 1. Decides to keep in being the Committee on arrangements for a conference for the purpose of reviewing the Charter;
- 2. Requests that the work envisaged in paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 992 (X) should be continued.