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INCLUSION OF ARABIC AMONG THE OFFICIAL AND WORKING LANGUAGES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ITS COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Bahrain, China, Cuba, Democratic
Yemen, Egypt, Guinea, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Republic,
Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi
Arabia, Somalia, Spain, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab
Emirates, Yemen and Yugoslavia: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the significant role of the Arabic language in preserving and
disseminating the civilization of man and his culture,

Recognizing further that the Arabic language is the language of 19 members
of the United Nations and is a working language in such specialized agencies as
UNESCO, FAO, WHO and ILO, as well as an official and working language of the
Organization of African Unity,

Aware of the need to achieve greater international co-operation and to promote
harmonizing the actions of nations as envisaged in the Charter,

Noting with appreciation the assurances of the Arab States Members of the
United Nations to meet collectively the costs of implementing this resolution
during the first three years.

Decides to include Arabic among the official and working languages of the
General Assembly and its Main Committees and to amend accordingly the relevant
provisions of the rules of procedure of the Assembly.
