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## I. INTRODUCTION

1. By its resolution 48/82 of 16 December 1993, the General Assembly, after taking note of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean, 1/ requested the Ad Hoc Committee to continue consideration of new alternative approaches building upon its deliberations at the session held in 1993, with a view to reaching early agreement to give new impetus to the process of strengthening cooperation and ensuring peace, security and stability in the Indian Ocean region, and called upon the permanent members of the Security Council and the major maritime users of the Indian Ocean to participate in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee. The Assembly invited Member States to submit to the Secretary-General, by 31 May 1994, their views on new alternative approaches, including those discussed at the 1993 session of the Ad Hoc Committee, and contained in its report to the General Assembly, and requested the Secretary-General to submit, by 30 June 1994, a report based on replies received from Member States. The Assembly also requested the Ad Hoc Committee to hold a session during 1994, of a duration of not more than five working days, and to submit to the Assembly at its forty-ninth session a comprehensive report on the implementation of the resolution.

2. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 48/82, the Ad Hoc Committee held its session from 11 to 15 July 1994 (see A/AC.159/SR.431-437) at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The Committee held seven formal meetings, as well as six informal meetings during 1994.

3. The Ad Hoc Committee had before it the views submitted by Australia, China, Pakistan and Sri Lanka in pursuance of paragraphs 4 and 5 of General Assembly resolution 48/82 (A/48/203 and Add.1).

4. The following 14 delegations made statements in the general discussion under agenda item 4: Australia, Bangladesh, China, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Pakistan, Russian Federation, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Uganda and United Republic of Tanzania.

5. The Ad Hoc Committee is composed of the following States:

(a) 44 members:

|                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Australia                  | Iraq        |
| Bangladesh                 | Italy       |
| Bulgaria                   | Japan       |
| Canada                     | Kenya       |
| China                      | Liberia     |
| Djibouti                   | Madagascar  |
| Egypt                      | Malaysia    |
| Ethiopia                   | Maldives    |
| Germany                    | Mauritius   |
| Greece                     | Mozambique  |
| India                      | Netherlands |
| Indonesia                  | Norway      |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | Oman        |

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|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Pakistan           | Sudan                       |
| Panama             | Thailand                    |
| Poland             | Uganda                      |
| Romania            | United Arab Emirates        |
| Russian Federation | United Republic of Tanzania |
| Seychelles         | Yemen                       |
| Singapore          | Yugoslavia                  |
| Somalia            | Zambia                      |
| Sri Lanka          | Zimbabwe                    |

(b) Observers: Nepal, Sweden

6. The elected officers of the Ad Hoc Committee were the following:

Chairman: Mr. Stanley Kalpage (Sri Lanka)

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. John Griffin (Australia)  
Mr. Mohammad Jusuf (Indonesia)  
Mr. Pedro Comissario Afonso (Mozambique)

Rapporteur: Mr. Noël Rakotondramboa (Madagascar)

## II. WORK OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE IN 1994

### A. Agenda of the Ad Hoc Committee

7. At its 431st meeting, the Ad Hoc Committee adopted the following agenda (A/AC.159/L.120):

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of Vice-Chairpersons.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/82 of 16 December 1993:
  - General discussion;
  - Further consideration of new alternative approaches;
  - Future role of the Ad Hoc Committee.
5. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session.
6. Other matters.

B. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/82

8. During seven formal meetings, from 11 to 15 July (431st to 437th meetings), and in six informal meetings, the Ad Hoc Committee considered General Assembly resolution 48/82 and its implementation.

C. Introduction and adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session

9. At its 437th meeting, on 15 July, the Rapporteur of the Ad Hoc Committee introduced the draft report of the Committee (A/AC.159/L.121).

10. At the same meeting, the Ad Hoc Committee considered and adopted the draft report to the General Assembly (A/AC.159/L.121) as orally amended.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 29 (A/48/29).

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