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⁷ At its 826th plenary meeting on 12 October 1959, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its third report (A/4237), to include this item in the agenda and to consider it without reference to a Committee.

⁸ At its 844th plenary meeting on 25 November 1959, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its fourth report (A/4294), to include this item in the agenda and to consider it without reference to a Committee.

⁹ At its 856th plenary meeting on 12 December 1959, the General Assembly, after having considered the report of the First Committee (A/4339), voted on the draft resolution submitted by Pakistan (A/L.276). Having failed to obtain the required two-thirds majority, the draft resolution was not adopted.

¹⁰ At its 1025th meeting on 8 October 1959, the First Committee decided to adopt the above wording of this agenda item. In its report (A/4214), the General Committee had recommended that this item and the following three items should form part of a single item entitled "Question of disarmament" as sub-headings (a) to (d).

¹¹ At its 803rd plenary meeting on 22 September 1959, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its second report (A/4222), to include this item in the agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee.

¹² At its 852nd plenary meeting on 10 December 1959, the General Assembly voted on the draft resolution submitted by the Special Political Committee in its report (A/4340). The draft resolution was rejected.

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13. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (item 53):
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 - (b) Report on the fifth actuarial valuation of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.

¹⁴ At its 857th plenary meeting on 12 December 1959, the General Assembly considered the report of the Fourth Committee on this agenda item (A/4350) which contained no proposal for adoption by the Assembly.

APPOINTMENT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

(Item 3 (a))

In accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly appointed a Credentials Committee to examine the credentials of representatives.¹⁶

The Committee was constituted as follows: AFGHANISTAN, AUSTRALIA, ECUADOR, FRANCE, HONDURAS, ITALY, PAKISTAN, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

*795th plenary meeting,
15 September 1959.*

COMPOSITION OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

(Items 4, 5 and 6)

The General Committee of the General Assembly for the fourteenth session was constituted as follows:

President of the General Assembly:

Mr. Víctor Andrés Belaúnde (Peru).

*795th plenary meeting,
15 September 1959.*

Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly:

The representatives of the following Member States: BRAZIL, BURMA, CHINA, FRANCE, MOROCCO, PHILIPPINES, ROMANIA, SWEDEN, TURKEY, UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

*796th plenary meeting,
15 September 1959.*

Chairmen of the seven Main Committees of the General Assembly:

First Committee: Mr. Franz Matsch (Austria);

Special Political Committee: Mr. Charles T. O. King (Liberia);

Second Committee: Mr. Marcial Tamayo (Bolivia);

Third Committee: Mrs. Georgette Ciselet (Belgium);

Fourth Committee: Mr. Lambertus Nicodemus Palar (Indonesia);

Fifth Committee: Mr. Jiří Nosek (Czechoslovakia);

Sixth Committee: Mr. Alberto Herrarte (Guatemala).

*796th plenary meeting,¹⁷
15 September 1959.*

¹⁶ For the resolution adopted on the report of the Credentials Committee, see p. 1.

¹⁷ At that meeting, the President of the General Assembly announced the results of the elections held by the Committees.

**ELECTION OF THREE NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL**

(Item 15)

The General Assembly elected three non-permanent members to the Security Council to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of CANADA, JAPAN and PANAMA.

The following States were elected: CEYLON, ECUADOR and POLAND.

*825th and 857th plenary meetings,
12 October and 13 December 1959.*

**ELECTION OF SIX MEMBERS OF THE ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL COUNCIL**

(Item 16)

The General Assembly elected six members to the Economic and Social Council to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of FINLAND, MEXICO, PAKISTAN, POLAND, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS and UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.

The following States were elected: BRAZIL, DENMARK, JAPAN, POLAND, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS and UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.

*826th plenary meeting,
12 October 1959.*

**ELECTION OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE
TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL**

(Item 17)

The General Assembly elected two members to the Trusteeship Council to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of HAITI and INDIA.

The following States were elected: BOLIVIA and INDIA.

*857th plenary meeting,
13 December 1959.*

**ELECTION OF A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL
COURT OF JUSTICE**

(Item 18)

The General Assembly and the Security Council, voting independently, elected Mr. Ricardo J. Alfaro (Panama) as a member of the International Court of Justice to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge José Gustavo Guerrero (El Salvador).

In accordance with Article 15 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, the term of office of Mr. Ricardo J. Alfaro will expire on 5 February 1964.

*813th plenary meeting,
29 September 1959.*

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON THE REPORT
OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

**1457 (XIV). Credentials of representatives to the fourteenth session
of the General Assembly**

The General Assembly

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.¹

*852nd plenary meeting,
10 December 1959.*

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 3, document A/4346.*

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1378 (XIV). General and complete disarmament

The General Assembly,

Moved by the desire to save the present and succeeding generations from the danger of a new and disastrous war,

Striving to put an end completely and forever to the armaments race which places a heavy burden on mankind, and to use resources thus released for the benefit of mankind,

Desiring to promote the creation of relations of trust and peaceful co-operation between States,

Mindful of the resolution of the United Nations Disarmament Commission of 10 September 1959,¹

Being convinced that any progress towards the goal of general and complete disarmament under effective international control will contribute to the achievement of these high aims,

Considering that the question of general and complete disarmament is the most important one facing the world today,

1. *Calls upon* Governments to make every effort to achieve a constructive solution of this problem;

2. *Transmits* to the United Nations Disarmament Commission and requests the Secretary-General to make available to the ten-nation disarmament committee for thorough consideration the declaration of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of 17 September 1959² and the declaration of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics of 18 September 1959,³ and the other proposals or suggestions made, as well as the

¹ *Official Records of the Disarmament Commission, Supplement for January to December 1959*, document DC/146.

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 70, document A/C.1/820.

³ *Ibid.*, document A/4219.

records of the plenary meetings⁴ and the meetings of the First Committee⁵ at which the question of general and complete disarmament was discussed;

3. *Expresses the hope* that measures leading towards the goal of general and complete disarmament under effective international control will be worked out in detail and agreed upon in the shortest possible time.

*840th plenary meeting,
20 November 1959.*

1379 (XIV). Question of French nuclear tests in the Sahara

The General Assembly,

Conscious of the great concern throughout the world repeatedly expressed in the United Nations over the prospect of further nuclear tests and their effects upon mankind,

Noting the declared intention of the Government of France to undertake nuclear tests in the Sahara,

Considering the deep concern felt over the dangers and risks which such tests entail,

Considering that significant progress is being made in the negotiations now proceeding at Geneva concerning the discontinuance of nuclear weapons tests under an international control system,

Considering that the parties to those negotiations have facilitated their progress by voluntarily suspending such tests,

Considering that the purpose of the said negotiations is to bring about a general discontinuance of nuclear weapons tests and that it is to be hoped that, in the same spirit which inspired the present voluntary sus-

⁴ *Ibid.*, *Fourteenth Session, Plenary Meetings*, 799th and 840th meetings.

⁵ *Ibid.*, *Fourteenth Session, First Committee*, 1026th to 1042nd meetings.

pension of tests, no State will initiate or resume tests of this kind,

Recognizing the anxiety caused by the contemplated tests in the Sahara among all peoples, and more particularly those of Africa,

1. *Expresses its grave concern* over the intention of the Government of France to conduct nuclear tests;
2. *Requests* France to refrain from such tests.

*840th plenary meeting,
20 November 1959.*

1380 (XIV). Prevention of the wider dissemination of nuclear weapons

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the danger now exists that an increase in the number of States possessing nuclear weapons may occur, aggravating international tension and the difficulty of maintaining world peace, and thus rendering more difficult the attainment of general disarmament agreement,

Convinced therefore that consideration of this danger is appropriate within the framework of deliberations on disarmament,

Noting the resolution of the United Nations Disarmament Commission of 10 September 1959,¹

Desiring to bring to the attention of the ten-nation disarmament committee its conviction that consideration should be given to this problem,

1. *Suggests* that the ten-nation disarmament committee, in the course of its deliberations, should consider appropriate means whereby this danger may be averted, including the feasibility of an international agreement, subject to inspection and control, whereby the Powers producing nuclear weapons would refrain from handing over the control of such weapons to any nation not possessing them and whereby the Powers not possessing such weapons would refrain from manufacturing them;

2. *Invites* the committee to include the results of its deliberations on these matters in its report to the Disarmament Commission.

*841st plenary meeting,
20 November 1959.*

1402 (XIV). Suspension of nuclear and thermo-nuclear tests

A

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1252 B (XIII) of 4 November 1958,

Noting that the negotiations on the discontinuance of nuclear weapons tests and on the establishment of an appropriate international control system, which began at Geneva on 31 October 1958, are still continuing,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the States concerned for their efforts to reach an agreement relating to the prohibition of nuclear weapons tests and including an appropriate international control system;

2. *Expresses the hope* that these States will intensify their efforts to reach such an agreement at an early date;

3. *Urges* the States concerned in these negotiations to continue their present voluntary discontinuance of the testing of nuclear weapons;

4. *Requests* the States concerned to report to the General Assembly the results of their negotiations.

*842nd plenary meeting,
21 November 1959.*

B

The General Assembly,

Desiring to safeguard mankind from the increasing hazards resulting from tests of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons,

Bearing in mind the profound concern evinced by the peoples of all countries regarding the testing of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons,

Welcoming the endeavours at Geneva of the States concerned to reach an agreement on the discontinuance of these tests, and the progress so far achieved,

Noting with appreciation that the States concerned have voluntarily suspended such tests, enabling progress in the discussions at Geneva,

Considering that an agreement on the cessation of nuclear and thermo-nuclear tests with effective international control is urgent,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the States concerned for their patient and sincere efforts to reach agreement on the discontinuance of nuclear and thermo-nuclear tests with effective international control, and for the progress hitherto achieved;

2. *Expresses further the hope* that the States concerned will reach such agreement at an early date;

3. *Appeals* to the States concerned in the Geneva discussions to continue their present voluntary suspension of tests, and to other States to desist from such tests;

4. *Requests* the States concerned to report to the Disarmament Commission and to the General Assembly the results of their negotiations.

*842nd plenary meeting,
21 November 1959.*

1403 (XIV). Report of the Disarmament Commission

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1252 D (XIII) of 4 November 1958,

Noting with approval the report of the Disarmament Commission of 11 September 1959,⁶

1. *Decides* that the Disarmament Commission shall continue to be composed of all Members of the United Nations;

2. *Transmits* to the Disarmament Commission all the documents, proposals and records of discussions relating to disarmament at the fourteenth session of the General Assembly;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the staff and services required by the Disarmament Commission and, in consultation with the Governments concerned, provide such facilities as may be required by the ten-nation disarmament committee.

*842nd plenary meeting,
21 November 1959.*

⁶ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 66, document A/4209.

1455 (XIV). The Korean question

The General Assembly,

Having received the report of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea,⁷

Reaffirming its resolutions 112 (II) of 14 November 1947, 195 (III) of 12 December 1948, 293 (IV) of 21 October 1949, 376 (V) of 7 October 1950, 811 (IX) of 11 December 1954, 910 A (X) of 29 November 1955, 1010 (XI) of 11 January 1957, 1180 (XII) of 29 November 1957 and 1264 (XIII) of 14 November 1958,

Noting that, despite the exchange of correspondence between the communist authorities concerned and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on behalf of the Governments of countries which have contributed forces to the United Nations Command in Korea, in which these Governments expressed their sincere desire to see a lasting settlement of the Korean question in accordance with United Nations resolutions and their willingness to explore any measure designed to bring about reunification on this basis, the communist authorities continue to refuse to co-operate with the United Nations in bringing about a peaceful and democratic solution of the Korean problem,

Regretting that the communist authorities continue to deny the competence and authority of the United Nations to deal with the Korean question, claiming that any resolution on this question adopted by the United Nations is null and void,

Noting further that the United Nations forces which were sent to Korea in accordance with resolutions of the United Nations have for the greater part already been withdrawn, and that the Governments concerned are prepared to withdraw their remaining forces from Korea when the conditions for a lasting settlement laid down by the General Assembly have been fulfilled,

1. *Reaffirms* that the objectives of the United Nations in Korea are to bring about, by peaceful means, the establishment of a unified, independent and democratic Korea under a representative form of government, and the full restoration of international peace and security in the area;

2. *Calls upon* the communist authorities concerned to accept these established United Nations objectives in order to achieve a settlement in Korea based on the fundamental principles for unification set forth by the nations participating on behalf of the United Nations in the Korean Political Conference held at Geneva in 1954, and reaffirmed by the General Assembly, and to agree at an early date on the holding of genuinely free elections in accordance with the principles endorsed by the Assembly;

3. *Requests* the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea to continue its work in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to place the Korean question on the provisional agenda of the fifteenth session of the General Assembly.

*851st plenary meeting,
9 December 1959.*

⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/4187 and Corr.1).*

1472 (XIV). International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space

A

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the common interest of mankind as a whole in furthering the peaceful use of outer space,

Believing that the exploration and use of outer space should be only for the betterment of mankind and to the benefit of States irrespective of the stage of their economic or scientific development,

Desiring to avoid the extension of present national rivalries into this new field,

Recognizing the great importance of international co-operation in the exploration and exploitation of outer space for peaceful purposes,

Noting the continuing programmes of scientific co-operation in the exploration of outer space being undertaken by the international scientific community,

Believing also that the United Nations should promote international co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space,

1. *Establishes* a Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, consisting of Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, France, Hungary, India, Iran, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Mexico, Poland, Romania, Sweden, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Arab Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, whose members will serve for the years 1960 and 1961, and requests the Committee:

(a) To review, as appropriate, the area of international co-operation, and to study practical and feasible means for giving effect to programmes in the peaceful uses of outer space which could appropriately be undertaken under United Nations auspices, including, *inter alia*:

- (i) Assistance for the continuation on a permanent basis of the research on outer space carried on within the framework of the International Geophysical Year;
- (ii) Organization of the mutual exchange and dissemination of information on outer space research;
- (iii) Encouragement of national research programmes for the study of outer space, and the rendering of all possible assistance and help towards their realization;

(b) To study the nature of legal problems which may arise from the exploration of outer space;

2. *Requests* the Committee to submit reports on its activities to the subsequent sessions of the General Assembly.

*856th plenary meeting,
12 December 1959.*

B

The General Assembly,

Noting with satisfaction the successes of great significance to mankind that have been attained in the exploration of outer space in the form of the recent launching of artificial earth satellites and space rockets,

Attaching great importance to a broad development of international co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space in the interests of the development of science and the improvement of the well-being of peoples,

1. *Decides* to convene in 1960 or 1961, under the auspices of the United Nations, an international scientific conference of interested Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies for the exchange of experience in the peaceful uses of outer space;

2. *Requests* the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, established in resolution A above, in consultation with the Secretary-General and in co-operation

with the appropriate specialized agencies, to work out proposals with regard to the convening of such a conference;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in accordance with the conclusions of the Committee, to make the necessary organizational arrangements for holding the conference.

*856th plenary meeting,
12 December 1959.*

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1375 (XIV). Question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of *apartheid* of the Government of the Union of South Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1248 (XIII) of 30 October 1958 on the question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of *apartheid* of the Government of the Union of South Africa,

Deeply convinced that the practice of racial discrimination and segregation is opposed to the observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Considering that government policies which accentuate or seek to preserve racial discrimination are prejudicial to international harmony,

Noting with concern that the policy of *apartheid* is still being pursued,

1. *Expresses its opposition* to the continuance or preservation of racial discrimination in any part of the world;

2. *Solemnly calls upon* all Member States to bring their policies into conformity with their obligation under the Charter of the United Nations to promote the observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

3. *Expresses its deep regret and concern* that the Government of the Union of South Africa has not yet responded to appeals of the General Assembly that it reconsider governmental policies which impair the right of all racial groups to enjoy the same fundamental rights and freedoms;

4. *Appeals* to all Member States to use their best endeavours as appropriate to achieve the purposes of the present resolution.

*838th plenary meeting,
17 November 1959.*

1404 (XIV). Question of an increase in the membership of the Security Council and of the Economic and Social Council

The General Assembly,

Realizing that many delegations have expressed the opinion that, in view of the considerable increase in the membership of the United Nations in recent years, there should be an increase in the membership of the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council which would make it possible to improve the present distribution of seats in those organs,

Recalling its resolution 1300 (XIII) of 10 December 1958, in which it recognized that, in view of the increase in the membership of the United Nations since its establishment, an increase in the membership of the Economic and Social Council is desirable,

Noting that an increase in the membership of those organs would necessitate the amendment of certain provisions of the Charter of the United Nations,

Expressing the hope that the strong desire manifested by a large number of Member States will help to bring about such amendment at the earliest opportunity,

Considering that, in order to solve this problem, further efforts must be made with a view to obtaining the agreement of the greatest possible number of Member States,

1. *Decides* that items relating to an increase in the membership of the Security Council and of the Economic and Social Council shall be placed on the provisional agenda of its fifteenth session;

2. *Declares* that, if progress is not made during the fifteenth session of the General Assembly towards the achievement of an increase in the membership of the Security Council and of the Economic and Social Council, the Assembly should set up at that session a committee to study the possibilities of arriving at an agreement which will facilitate the amendment of the

Charter to achieve the increase in membership referred to above.

*843rd plenary meeting,
25 November 1959.*

1456 (XIV). United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 194 (III) of 11 December 1948, 302 (IV) of 8 December 1949, 393 (V) of 2 December 1950, 513 (VI) of 26 January 1952, 614 (VII) of 6 November 1952, 720 (VIII) of 27 November 1953, 818 (IX) of 4 December 1954, 916 (X) of 3 December 1955, 1018 (XI) of 28 February 1957, 1191 (XII) of 12 December 1957 and 1315 (XIII) of 12 December 1958,

Noting the annual report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East,¹ in particular the expiration of the Agency's mandate on 30 June 1960,

Noting the recommendation of the Secretary-General and the Director of the Agency for the continuation of the Agency,

Noting with deep regret that repatriation or compensation of the refugees, as provided for in paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III), has not been effected, and that no substantial progress has been made in the programme endorsed in paragraph 2 of resolution 513 (VI) for the reintegration of refugees either by repatriation or resettlement and that, therefore, the situation of the refugees continues to be a matter of serious concern,

Having reviewed the Agency's budget and noting with concern that contributions from Member States are not sufficient,

Recalling that the Agency, as a subsidiary organ of the United Nations, enjoys the benefits of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations,

1. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for a period of three years with a review at the end of two years;

2. *Requests* the Governments concerned to co-operate with the Agency in efforts to rectify the situation described in paragraphs 17 and 18 of the Director's report;

3. *Requests* the Director of the Agency to arrange with the host Governments the best means of giving effect to the proposals contained in paragraph 47 of his report;

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/4213).*

4. *Requests* the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine to make further efforts to secure the implementation of paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III);

5. *Directs attention* to the precarious financial position of the Agency and urges Governments to consider to what extent they can contribute or increase their contributions so that the Agency can carry out its programmes;

6. *Directs* the Agency to continue its programme of relief for the refugees and, in so far as is financially possible, expand its programme of self-support and vocational training;

7. *Expresses its thanks* to the Director and the staff of the Agency for their continued faithful efforts to carry out the mandate of the Agency, and to the specialized agencies and the many private organizations for their valuable and continuing work in assisting the refugees.

*851st plenary meeting,
9 December 1959.*

1460 (XIV). Treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1179 (XII) of 26 November 1957 and 1302 (XIII) of 10 December 1958,

1. *Notes* that the Governments of India and Pakistan have reiterated their readiness to enter into negotiations with the Government of the Union of South Africa in accordance with the expressed desires of the United Nations, and with the express declaration that such negotiations would not in any way prejudice their own position or the position taken by the Government of the Union of South Africa regarding their respective juridical stands in the dispute;

2. *Regrets deeply* that the Government of the Union of South Africa has not replied to the communications from the Governments of India and Pakistan on this subject;

3. *Draws the attention* of the Government of the Union of South Africa to the repeated appeals of the General Assembly in this matter;

4. *Appeals* to the Government of the Union of South Africa to enter into negotiations with the Governments of India and Pakistan;

5. *Invites* Member States to use their good offices in such manner as may be appropriate to bring about the negotiations envisaged by the General Assembly in this matter;

6. *Invites* the parties concerned to report to the General Assembly, jointly or separately, regarding any progress which may be made.

*852nd plenary meeting,
10 December 1959.*

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1382 (XIV). Progress and operations of the Special Fund

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1219 (XII) of 14 December 1957 and 1240 (XIII) of 14 October 1958,

Considering that the Special Fund has an important and urgent role to play in the economic and social development of the under-developed countries,

Believing that the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the Special Fund will operate more effectively when they can rely on the level of resources

envisaged in section II of General Assembly resolution 1219 (XII),

Bearing in mind that the present resources of the Special Fund are not sufficient to support all projects already submitted,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the first report of the Governing Council of the Special Fund¹ transmitted to the General Assembly by the Economic and Social

¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Annexes, agenda item 6, document E/3270.*

Council, and commends the Governing Council on the first year of its work;

2. *Commends* the Managing Director of the Special Fund on the successful beginning of the operations of the Fund;

3. *Notes* the increase in the total of contributions announced on 8 October 1959 at the United Nations Pledging Conference on the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the Special Fund;

4. *Expresses its confidence* that the Managing Director, from the outset of the operations of the Special Fund, in conformity with all the provisions related to voluntary contributions and to the use of resources embodied in General Assembly resolution 1240 (XIII), will endeavour to make the fullest possible use of all resources available to the Fund;

5. *Calls upon* States Members of the United Nations or members of any of the specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency so to contribute to the Special Fund that it rapidly attains resources sufficient to enable it to undertake and execute on a sustained basis the tasks laid upon it in the founding resolutions 1219 (XII) and 1240 (XIII).

*841st plenary meeting,
20 November 1959.*

1383 (XIV). Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance

A

The General Assembly,

Taking note of chapter III, section XII, of the report of the Economic and Social Council,²

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1255 A (XIII) of 14 November 1958 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 222 (IX) of 14 and 15 August 1949, 542 B II (XVIII) of 29 July 1954, 734 (XXVIII), 735 (XXVIII), 736 (XXVIII) and 737 (XXVIII) of 30 July 1959,

Bearing in mind that the year 1959 marks the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance,

Believing that the Expanded Programme has an important and urgent role to play in the United Nations efforts for the economic and social development of under-developed countries,

Noting with satisfaction the results achieved by the Expanded Programme during its first ten years,

Noting that, in order to ensure more ample and effective results in the future, it would be desirable to obtain larger contributions from the participating countries,

Believing that industrialization and agricultural development are among the most important aims of the under-developed countries, and that countries in this process of development need increasing technical assistance,

Noting with appreciation that, at the United Nations Pledging Conference on the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the Special Fund on 8 October 1959, a number of countries expressed their intention of increasing their contributions for 1960,

Regretting however that the resources at present envisaged for 1960 are not sufficient even to maintain the present level of operations,

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/4143).*

1. *Commends* the Executive Chairman and the members of the Technical Assistance Board for the effective manner in which the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance is being executed;

2. *Takes note* of the appraisal made by the Economic and Social Council and its Technical Assistance Committee, together with the Technical Assistance Board and the participating organizations, of administrative arrangements which have the purpose of achieving increased efficiency in the operations of the Expanded Programme;

3. *Notes also* the decision taken by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 735 (XXVIII) to provide greater flexibility and longer range planning in country programming procedures;

4. *Affirms* the desirability of continuing to endeavour to make the fullest possible use of all available contributions consistent with the existing principles and procedures of the Expanded Programme;

5. *Expresses the hope* that Governments will, in accordance with their financial possibilities, continue to support the Expanded Programme and so contribute to the Programme that increasing resources will be available:

(a) For undertaking and executing on a sustained basis the tasks laid upon the Programme;

(b) For devoting urgent attention to the compelling needs of newly independent countries and countries in a similar economic and social condition without prejudice to the possibility of further assistance to other under-developed countries.

*841st plenary meeting,
20 November 1959.*

B

The General Assembly,

Noting that the technical assistance programmes of the United Nations after ten years of operation have become, thanks to the constantly increasing number of countries actively participating in their execution, programmes of international technical co-operation,

1. *Considers* that, in the present circumstances, the term "technical co-operation" would more accurately describe the nature of the assistance provided by the United Nations and the specialized agencies under the technical assistance programmes;

2. *Expresses the wish* that the term "technical assistance" may be replaced by the term "technical co-operation" to designate both the United Nations regular programme of technical assistance and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, and requests the Economic and Social Council to consider the possibility of such a change and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session.

*841st plenary meeting,
20 November 1959.*

1384 (XIV). United Nations regular programme of technical assistance

The General Assembly,

Having considered chapter III, section X, of the report of the Economic and Social Council,²

Recalling its resolution 200 (III) of 4 December 1948,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the activities of the Secretary-General under the United Nations regular programme of technical assistance;

2. *Notes also* the measures taken by the Secretary-General and announced on his behalf by the Commissioner for Technical Assistance with a view to facilitating the consideration of the regular programme by the Economic and Social Council and its Technical Assistance Committee.

*841st plenary meeting,
20 November 1959.*

1385 (XIV). United Nations assistance in public administration

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1256 (XIII) of 14 November 1958,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 739 (XXVIII) of 30 July 1959,

Recognizing that the time that has elapsed since the establishment of the experiment for the provision of operational, executive and administrative personnel to Governments requesting assistance in this form has been too brief, and that, for this reason, the range of the experiment has been too narrow to justify drawing final conclusions,

Recalling that several Member States have centres and institutes for training in public administration, some of which have been created or expanded with the technical assistance of the United Nations,

1. *Resolves* that the experimental programme started in 1959 should be continued in 1960 on the basis of General Assembly resolution 1256 (XIII), and that the Secretary-General should be allowed adequate scope in the carrying out of the experiment within the limits of the resources to be made available for 1960;

2. *Recommends* that, in suggesting to recipient Governments the appointments of qualified officials under the programme, the Secretary-General should make use of all available resources and, as much as possible, of the experts who have been trained in the above-mentioned centres and institutes for public administration;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present to the Economic and Social Council at its thirtieth session and to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session a report analysing in detail the progress and results of the experiment, including whatever comments the recipient Governments may wish to make, and in particular the degree of success achieved in the training of nationals to assume as early as possible the responsibilities temporarily assigned to the internationally recruited staff, together with recommendations based on this report.

*841st plenary meeting,
20 November 1959.*

1420 (XIV). International Development Association

The General Assembly,

Mindful of the determination of the United Nations, as expressed in its Charter, to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom and, for these ends, to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,

Recalling the General Assembly's interest in new forms of international financing for the purpose of accelerating the economic development of under-developed countries,

Welcoming the decision in principle taken at the recent annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to establish an International Development Association as an affiliate of the Bank,

1. *Expresses the belief* that the new affiliate of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development will provide under-developed countries with types of financing which have not hitherto been available from multilateral agencies and which, while stimulating economic development, would tend to ease their balance of payments position;

2. *Expresses the hope* that adequate provisions will be made and appropriate procedures adopted for a close working relationship and effective co-ordination and consultation between the International Development Association and the United Nations;

3. *Calls attention* to the desirability of appropriate relations between the International Development Association and the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as suitable;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the President of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, for communication to the Executive Directors of the Bank, the records of the debates of the General Assembly on this subject at its present session.

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

1421 (XIV). Strengthening and development of the world market and improvement of the trade conditions of the economically less developed countries

The General Assembly,

Guided by the principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations and wishing to extend international economic co-operation, to bring about full employment and to foster economic and social progress and development,

Considering that world trade is a natural and reliable factor in the development of peaceful relations between States,

Desiring to promote the development and extension of trade, to ease the exchange of goods and to create the stability and welfare essential for peaceful and friendly relations between nations,

I

1. *Recommends* that all Member States should, individually and jointly, continue their efforts to promote and extend mutually beneficial trade between all States, regardless of their economic systems;

2. *Reaffirms its belief* that international organizations concerned with the regulation and development of international trade should continue to contribute to the extension of multilateral world commerce and should facilitate the expansion of trade between States regardless of their economic systems;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, taking fully into consideration all the views expressed and proposals submitted on this subject at the present session of the

General Assembly, to prepare a report on the ways and means of promoting wider trade co-operation among States, irrespective of their economic systems and stages of development, including, *inter alia*, the consideration of all the arrangements for such co-operation;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit this report to the Economic and Social Council at its thirtieth session and to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session;

II

1. *Considers* that the United Nations and the specialized agencies concerned should expand the useful work which they are doing in promoting the stabilization of the commodity markets and the development of reciprocally beneficial multilateral trade;

2. *Considers* that it would be desirable to work out, within the United Nations and other appropriate forums, measures to promote the stabilization of the commodity markets and the development of trade between the highly developed and the less developed countries on a reciprocally beneficial and non-discriminatory basis, including, where appropriate, short-, medium- or long-term trade agreements, international commodity agreements and the establishment of international study groups;

3. *Recommends* that the industrially developed and the economically less developed countries should continue to encourage, by means of freely negotiated credit arrangements, the export of machinery and industrial equipment to the less developed countries, without any restriction on the freedom of these countries to buy and sell in the best market.

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1422 (XIV). Development of international trade and international commodity problems

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1324 (XIII) of 12 December 1958 and noting Economic and Social Council resolution 726 (XXVIII) of 24 July 1959,

Convinced that economic and social progress throughout the world, especially in the under-developed areas, depends largely on a steady increase in international trade,

Bearing in mind that exports of a relatively small number of primary commodities constitute the main source of foreign exchange earnings of many countries, particularly in the under-developed areas,

Considering that excessive fluctuations in commodity prices affect the volume of export receipts and the budgetary resources of many countries, and in the case of the under-developed countries are likely to hamper the sound and stable development of the economy,

Convinced that a policy of economic assistance to the under-developed countries will be more effective if the excessive instability of commodity markets is remedied, and that to seek solutions to this problem should be one of the main concerns of all Member States,

Noting the approval given by the Economic and Social Council to the programme of work of the Commission on International Commodity Trade, including the detailed study of national and international measures to deal with fluctuations in primary commodity markets,

Noting further that the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade have undertaken a study of the problem of the long-term expansion of trade, and in particular of the exports of countries producing primary commodities,

Considering however that the procedures of multilateral financial assistance do not always enable countries that have suffered from a sharp and sudden drop in the prices of the raw materials they export to overcome rapidly the deficit in their balance of payments and at the same time to carry out their development programmes,

1. *Appeals anew* to the Governments of Member States to continue their efforts to solve the problems relating to commodity production and trade, including, where appropriate, participation in existing international commodity agreements or the negotiation of agreements between the principal producers and the principal consumers of the same product, in their mutual interest, or participation in international study groups;

2. *Takes note with appreciation* of Economic and Social Council resolution 726 (XXVIII) approving the report and programme of work submitted by the Commission on International Commodity Trade,³ and expresses the hope that the Commission in the course of its studies will give careful attention to the types of comprehensive commodity schemes referred to in part I, chapter 3, of the *World Economic Survey, 1958*;⁴

3. *Invites* the Governments of Member States to extend the greatest possible assistance to the Commission on International Commodity Trade in order to help it carry out its programme of work quickly and effectively;

4. *Recommends* that the regional economic commissions, the specialized agencies concerned, especially the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the international study groups dealing with commodity problems give particular attention to the problems of countries dependent to a high degree on the export of a small number of primary commodities;

5. *Urges* the Governments of Member States:

(a) To contribute to the greatest possible extent, either unilaterally or in the competent international organizations, to the progressive abolition of all such discrimination, quantitative limitations and other restrictive practices as are prejudicial to the sound development of international commodity trade;

(b) To take into account, in formulating their economic policy, the effect that it may have on the export opportunities of the primary-producing countries;

6. *Requests* the Commission on International Commodity Trade to give particular attention, in carrying out its programme of work, to the study of means for giving temporary assistance to countries encountering serious payment difficulties as a result of a sharp and sudden drop in the prices of their raw material exports, with a view to enabling them to take the necessary measures and at the same time continue to carry out their economic development programmes.

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³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/3225).*

⁴ United Nations publication, Sales No.: 59.II.C.1.

1423 (XIV). International measures to assist in offsetting fluctuations in commodity prices

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1324 (XIII) of 12 December 1958 and Economic and Social Council resolution 726 (XXVIII) of 24 July 1959,

Bearing in mind the responsibilities laid upon Member States by the Preamble, by Article 1, paragraph 3, by Article 13, paragraph 1, and by Article 55 of the Charter of the United Nations to promote international co-operation in the economic field, higher standards of living, full employment, and conditions of economic and social progress,

Taking into account the harmful potentialities of the widening gap between the levels of *per caput* income in developed and under-developed countries,

Having examined the report of the Economic and Social Council on international commodity problems⁵ and the report of the Commission on International Commodity Trade on its seventh session,⁶ particularly paragraph 62 thereof relating to compensatory financing,

Commending the work programme drawn up by the Commission on International Commodity Trade at its seventh session and approved by the Economic and Social Council,

Considering the necessity of devising means to combat large fluctuations in commodity prices when accompanied by a general fall in the price levels of primary commodities and the rising price levels of manufactured goods, and the resulting decline in the terms of trade against the under-developed countries,

Considering that such fluctuations hamper world trade,

Considering further the repercussions of adverse trade balances on the capacity of the under-developed countries to contribute to their own development,

Recognizing the imperative necessity of urgent and effective measures to enable the under-developed countries to initiate and sustain their development programmes at adequate levels,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to appoint a group of not more than seven experts to assist the Commission on International Commodity Trade in its consideration of commodity problems by examining the feasibility of establishing machinery, within the framework of the United Nations, designed to assist in offsetting the effects of large fluctuations in commodity prices on balances of payments, with special reference to compensatory financing, and to submit its report and recommendations to the Commission on International Commodity Trade by its ninth session, and requests the Economic and Social Council to comment on and transmit this report to the General Assembly;

2. Further requests the Secretary-General to invite the International Monetary Fund and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to participate in the work of the group of experts in a consultative capacity.

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⁵ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/4143), chapter II, section II.

⁶ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/3225).

1424 (XIV). United Nations capital development fund

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the determination expressed in the Preamble of the Charter of the United Nations to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom and to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,

Considering the economic development of the under-developed countries as an essential condition for promoting world peace, stability and prosperity,

Mindful that the general problem of the economic development of the under-developed countries concerns, and is of paramount importance to, both developed and under-developed countries,

Considering the importance of using United Nations machinery for financially assisting the acceleration of the economic development of the under-developed countries, especially in the field of their economic and social infrastructure, which is basic to the substantial expansion of production and to the growth of their economies,

Recognizing that the flow of international capital and assistance has not been commensurate with the magnitude, diversity and urgency of the needs of the under-developed countries,

Believing that improved economic conditions of highly developed countries will make it possible for them to provide an additional contribution towards accelerating the economic development of under-developed countries,

Bearing in mind the previous resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Economic and Social Council on the establishment of a United Nations capital development fund for financing the economic development of the under-developed countries,

1. Calls upon Member States to give further consideration to General Assembly resolutions 1317 (XIII) of 12 December 1958 and 1219 (XII), section III, of 14 December 1957 and Economic and Social Council resolution 740 (XXVIII) of 31 July 1959, and to reappraise their positions as regards extending material support for the early establishment of a United Nations capital development fund;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to examine, in consultation with the Government of Member States, ways and means of making further progress towards the early establishment of a United Nations capital development fund;

3. Invites the Secretary-General to report on this matter to the Economic and Social Council at its thirtieth session and to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session.

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1425 (XIV). Possibilities of international co-operation in the field of the development of the petroleum industry in the under-developed countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1319 (XIII) of 12 December 1958 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 711 B (XXVII) of 17 April 1959 and 740 B (XXVIII) of 31 July 1959,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 626 (VII) of 21 December 1952, which recognized the

need for encouraging the under-developed countries in the proper use and exploitation of their natural wealth and resources,

Considering the importance to many under-developed countries of the effective development of their petroleum resources,

Recognizing that the discussions which took place during the symposium on the development of petroleum resources held in New Delhi under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, as well as those at the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth sessions of the Economic and Social Council, showed the interest of numerous under-developed countries in the development of their petroleum industries,

Noting the action taken by the Economic and Social Council, at its twenty-eighth session, in inviting the Secretary-General to make available particulars of the specific ways in which programmes under the auspices of the United Nations can assist in developing petroleum supplies,

Recalling that the Secretary-General is authorized to include the question of the development of the petroleum industry in the United Nations programmes for the development of under-developed countries with regard to industrialization and energy resources,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Economic and Social Council, for its consideration, the various views expressed on this subject, including those relating to financial aspects, during the present session of the General Assembly;

2. *Expresses the hope* that the information to be supplied to the Economic and Social Council by the Secretary-General will enable the Council, as provided by its resolution 740 B (XXVIII), to determine what additional assistance to Governments is called for within the framework of the existing technical assistance and development activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies.

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1426 (XIV). Agrarian reform

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 401 (V) of 20 November 1950, 524 (VI) of 12 January 1952, 625 A (VII) of 21 December 1952 and 826 (IX) of 11 December 1954, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 370 (XIII) of 7 September 1951, 512 C (XVII) of 30 April 1954, 649 B (XXIII) of 2 May 1957 and 712 (XXVII) of 17 April 1959 on agrarian reform,

Recognizing the importance to certain under-developed countries of the transformation of their agrarian structure, in order:

(a) To improve land distribution, the combination of the factors of production, the mobility of labour and the technical skills of the rural population, thus raising the level of agricultural productivity,

(b) To secure a more satisfactory distribution of agricultural income and to raise levels of consumption and saving among rural inhabitants,

(c) To create and extend the domestic market for various industrial and agricultural products,

(d) To achieve the conditions necessary for industrial development, the diversification of agriculture and the balanced integration of industry with agriculture,

Noting that certain countries are at present carrying out different programmes of agrarian reform tending towards the achievement of the above-mentioned objectives,

Recalling also paragraph 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution 712 (XXVII), which requests the Secretary-General to prepare the report on the progress of land reform for the Council in 1962 along the lines of the prospectus contained in paragraph 57 of the report submitted at the twenty-seventh session,⁷ taking into consideration the sources of information listed in paragraphs 59 and 60 of the report and the views which Members may express in the Council and the General Assembly,

1. *Declares* that it will continue to support the programmes of agrarian reform which Member States are carrying out in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and the resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Economic and Social Council;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the regional economic commissions, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and the other organs and agencies of the United Nations, as well as with the Governments of Member States:

(a) To consider the best ways in which the United Nations can continue to give increasingly effective support to the land reform programmes put into operation by its Members;

(b) To report to the Economic and Social Council in 1962 on possible improvements in such support, including relevant comments and analyses, and requests the Council in turn to report to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session;

3. *Recommends* that the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development give renewed attention to these programmes, in conformity with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 826 (IX);

4. *Draws the attention* of Member States to the possibility of requesting technical assistance in carrying out their agrarian reform programmes, and reiterates the hope that, in accordance with paragraph 5 of resolution 826 (IX), high priority will be given to requests for United Nations technical assistance for the purpose of studying or carrying out land reform programmes;

5. *Expresses the hope* that the Special Fund, together with any new organs which may be set up by the United Nations or any of its agencies, will, in the spirit of the present resolution and of earlier resolutions on the same subject, give as much assistance as possible, on the most favourable terms compatible with their resources, to projects connected with the execution of agrarian reform programmes by countries members of such organizations;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Governments of Member States and the above-mentioned organizations, to examine the results of the land reform programmes in the under-developed countries in the light of the reports submitted by Member States, and the effects which the programmes have had on the economic development of those countries, and to report to the Economic and Social Council in 1962 and to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session, along the lines of the prospectus

⁷ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 5, document E/3208.*

referred to in Council resolution 712 (XXVII), formulating appropriate recommendations and observations.

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1427 (XIV). Industrial development banks and development corporations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1318 (XIII) of 12 December 1958,

Taking into account the need for mobilizing additional capital for the economic development of the under-developed countries,

Noting that the thirteenth annual report of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development⁸ reveals the useful role which industrial development banks and development corporations in the under-developed countries can play in mobilizing domestic savings as well as in encouraging the flow of foreign capital—public and private—for industrial, mining and agricultural development,

Noting further the encouraging progress that has been made in a substantial number of under-developed countries by establishing and utilizing industrial development banks and development corporations with the valuable help of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and a number of the Governments of Member States in providing technical and financial assistance to many such banks and corporations,

1. *Invites* the Governments of Member States to consider the advantages of using and encouraging industrial development banks and development corporations in accelerating their economic development;

2. *Calls upon* Member States with highly developed economies to co-operate with under-developed countries, as appropriate, in order to assist the formation and sound growth of industrial development banks and development corporations;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in preparing his report for the Economic and Social Council, at its twenty-ninth session, requested by General Assembly resolution 1318 (XIII), to take account of the role of industrial development banks and development corporations.

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1428 (XIV). World economic development

The General Assembly,

Considering that the long-term progress of the world presents problems of resources, requirements and production methods, affecting nations in all stages of development and calling for the widest international co-operation and action,

Having regard to the increasing needs of a rapidly growing world population, and its rising social and economic expectations,

Recognizing the urgent necessity of correcting economic and social imbalances existing in the world,

Noting that the growing pace of industrialization and the rapid advance of science and technology necessitate

⁸ *International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Thirteenth Annual Report, 1957-1958*, Washington, D.C. (E/3198), and document E/3198/Add.1.

a fresh approach to the question of the demand for, and the supply of, raw materials and other means of production,

Believing that the social and economic needs of under-developed countries require a comprehensive approach to the economic problems of the world,

Noting with appreciation the various multilateral and bilateral efforts which have been made towards meeting some of the urgent needs of the under-developed countries,

Noting further that, under Economic and Social Council resolution 741 (XXVIII) of 31 July 1959, the Secretary-General is to report on the techniques of long-term economic projections,

1. *Believes* that a comprehensive, co-ordinated and continuing study of the above-mentioned problems is necessary in order that suggestions for possible international action may be considered;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to arrange for a preliminary investigation into the methods and techniques to be employed in carrying out such a study;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report on this matter to the Economic and Social Council at its thirtieth session and requests the Council to transmit the report, with its comments, to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session.

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1429 (XIV). Development of scientific and technical co-operation and exchange of experience

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1301 (XIII) of 10 December 1958 on measures aimed at the implementation and promotion of peaceful and neighbourly relations among States and its resolution 1260 (XIII) of 14 November 1958 on the co-ordination of the results of scientific research, as well as Economic and Social Council resolutions 727 A (XXVIII) of 27 July 1959 and 740 C (XXVIII) of 31 July 1959 on United Nations measures for promoting the international exchange of scientific and technical experience and on the economic development of under-developed countries, respectively,

Being aware of the importance of international economic co-operation in the strengthening of peaceful relations among nations,

Recognizing the particular importance of further promotion of the mutual exchange of scientific and technical experience for economic development, and the importance of a constant rise of productivity and standards of living of the population in the entire world and particularly in the less developed countries which are in great need of such assistance,

Appreciating the efforts made and the results thus far achieved in different forms of such exchange in the organs of the United Nations, especially the regional economic commissions, and in the specialized agencies,

Bearing in mind the role and activities of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in the field of scientific co-operation,

Bearing in mind also the desirability of further intensified development of such co-operation, particularly in the field of applied science and industrial technology,

1. *Emphasizes* the value of an increase in the international exchange of scientific and technical experience,

and calls especially upon the economically and technically most advanced countries to help and support the less developed countries in acquiring scientific and technical knowledge that would make possible an accelerated development and an increase in living standards;

2. *Recommends* that the Governments of Member States should encourage the further exchange of scientific and technical experience among countries and support, as far as possible, international action undertaken to this end;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider, in consultation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, other appropriate specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, and in the light of the survey being prepared under General Assembly resolution 1260 (XIII), the possibilities of a further useful and desirable expansion of international contacts as well as an exchange of knowledge and experience in the field of applied science and technology, and the adequacy within the United Nations framework of existing machinery for technical co-operation and for the dissemination of scientific, technical and industrial know-how;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on this subject to the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-first session and to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session.

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1430 (XIV). Latin American common market

The General Assembly,

Recalling section I of Economic and Social Council resolution 679 C (XXVI) of 10 July 1958, in which the Council considers it desirable gradually and progressively to establish a Latin American regional market on multilateral and competitive bases,

Taking note of resolution 6 (II) of 19 May 1959 of the Trade Committee of the Economic Commission for Latin America, contained in the Committee's report approved by the Commission in its resolution 168 (VIII) of 22 May 1959, in which the Committee decided to intensify efforts conducive to the increase of economic co-operation among the countries of the region, with a view to constituting a Latin American common market,

Considering that, when the Economic and Social Council, at its twenty-eighth session, examined the report of the Economic Commission for Latin America,⁹ appreciation was expressed of the part the Commission had played in preparing plans for the establishment of a common market in the region,

1. *Expresses the hope* that the common market will be organized in such a way as to help to expand and diversify trade among the Latin American countries and between them and other regions of the world, and to accelerate their national and regional economic development, with a consequent rise in the level of living of their peoples;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* of the work to this end being carried out by the Economic Commission for Latin America;

⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/3246/Rev.2).*

3. *Recommends* that the Economic Commission for Latin America should continue to assign high priority to the work being done in this field.

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1431 (XIV). Commission for industrial development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 521 (VI) and 522 (VI) of 12 January 1952 and 1033 (XI) of 26 February 1957, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 461 (XV) of 23 April 1953, 560 (XIX) of 7 April 1955, 597 A (XXI) of 4 May 1956, 618 (XXII) of 6 August 1956, 649 A (XXIII) of 2 May 1957, 674 A (XXV) of 1 May 1958 and 709 (XXVII) of 17 April 1959,

Mindful of the aim expressed in the Preamble of the Charter of the United Nations to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples, and of Articles 55 and 56 of the Charter,

Convinced that:

(a) The high rate of growth of population in a certain number of under-developed countries requires an acceleration of the industrial development of under-developed countries so that the rate of growth of their production may attain a steadily increasing level which would overtake the rate of increase in their populations,

(b) Industrialization will promote the diversification of the economies of under-developed countries and assure a more balanced economic and social structure and a high rate of economic development,

(c) It is important to attain the self-sustaining stage of economic development which involves the maximum reinvestment of the increases of income,

Recognizing that instability in the foreign exchange earnings of the under-developed countries, due to fluctuations in world commodity prices and in general economic activity in the more advanced countries, makes it particularly important to encourage industrialization as an essential part of development programmes or plans,

Confident that the acceleration of the industrial development of under-developed countries by diversifying the economic structure of these countries will contribute to the achievement of an expanding world economy,

Considering that the process of industrial development calls for a wider dissemination of advanced technological knowledge which is not at present sufficiently available in the under-developed countries,

Noting with appreciation the activities of the United Nations regional economic commissions in the field of economic growth and industrialization in their respective regions,

Convinced of the need to expand the means of providing advice, information and assistance by the United Nations to under-developed countries in the planning and execution of their industrial development, to accelerate the process of industrialization and to keep the General Assembly informed of the pace of their industrial growth,

Recommends that, in accordance with Article 68 of the Charter of the United Nations, the Economic and

Social Council, at its twenty-ninth session, give consideration to the prompt establishment of a commission for industrial development, without prejudicing the activities of the regional economic commissions in this connexion, and taking into account the views expressed during the discussion on this question at the present session of the General Assembly.

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1432 (XIV). Confirmation of the allocation of funds for the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance in 1960

The General Assembly,

Noting that the Technical Assistance Committee has reviewed and approved the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance for the year 1960,

1. *Confirms* the allocation of funds authorized by the Technical Assistance Committee to each of the organizations participating in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance from contributions, general resources and local costs assessments, as follows:

<i>Participating organization</i>	<i>Allocation</i>
	<i>(Equivalent of US dollars)</i>
United Nations	7,160,753
International Labour Organisation.....	3,393,374
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.....	8,526,339
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.....	4,860,645
International Civil Aviation Organization	1,370,544
World Health Organization.....	5,494,936
International Telecommunication Union	384,082
World Meteorological Organization....	411,646
International Atomic Energy Agency...	638,760
TOTAL	32,241,079

2. *Concurs* in the Committee's authorization to the Technical Assistance Board to allocate to the participating organizations an undistributed amount of \$162,162, not included in the amount shown above, and to make changes in these allocations as may be necessary to provide as far as possible for the full utilization of contributions to the Expanded Programme, provided that such changes shall not in the aggregate exceed

3 per cent of the total amount allocated to the organizations participating in the Expanded Programme.

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1433 (XIV). Progress report of the Administrator for Residual Affairs of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 410 (V) of 1 December 1950, 701 (VII) of 11 March 1953, 725 (VIII) of 7 December 1953, 828 (IX) of 14 December 1954, 920 (X) of 25 October 1955, 1020 (XI) of 7 December 1956, 1159 (XII) of 26 November 1957 and 1304 (XIII) of 10 December 1958,

Taking note of the progress report of the Administrator for Residual Affairs of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency covering the period from 1 October 1958 to 30 September 1959,¹⁰ in which is contained a review of the activities of the Agency during its nine years of existence,

Taking note also that the termination of the Agency is scheduled for 31 December 1959,

1. *Expresses its thanks* to the former Agents General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency, the Administrator for Residual Affairs of the Agency and the members, both past and present, of the staff of the Agency for the devoted and efficient service which they have rendered during the years of the Agency's existence;

2. *Expresses its conviction* that the work of the Agency has made an important and enduring contribution to the development of the Korean economy and to the well-being of the Korean people;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* for the valuable assistance given to the Agency by the specialized agencies of the United Nations and by voluntary non-governmental organizations;

4. *Reaffirms* its decision that any funds remaining in residual accounts when the Administrator for Residual Affairs of the Agency has completed his task should be used in conformity with General Assembly resolution 410 (V) entitled "Relief and rehabilitation of Korea";

5. *Further reaffirms* the action taken at its twelfth session regarding the arrangements and procedures for the completion of the residual responsibilities of the Agency and the liquidation of its accounts.

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¹⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 32, document A/4263.*

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1386 (XIV). Declaration of the Rights of the Child

PREAMBLE

Whereas the peoples of the United Nations have, in the Charter, reaffirmed their faith in fundamental human rights and in the dignity and worth of the human person, and have determined to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

Whereas the United Nations has, in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, proclaimed that everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth therein, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status,

Whereas the child, by reason of his physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, before as well as after birth,

Whereas the need for such special safeguards has been stated in the Geneva Declaration of the Rights of the Child of 1924, and recognized in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the statutes of specialized agencies and international organizations concerned with the welfare of children,

Whereas mankind owes to the child the best it has to give,

Now therefore,

The General Assembly

Proclaims this Declaration of the Rights of the Child to the end that he may have a happy childhood and enjoy for his own good and for the good of society the rights and freedoms herein set forth, and calls upon parents, upon men and women as individuals, and upon voluntary organizations, local authorities and national Governments to recognize these rights and strive for their observance by legislative and other measures progressively taken in accordance with the following principles:

PRINCIPLE 1

The child shall enjoy all the rights set forth in this Declaration. Every child, without any exception whatsoever, shall be entitled to these rights, without distinction or discrimination on account of race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status, whether of himself or of his family.

PRINCIPLE 2

The child shall enjoy special protection, and shall be given opportunities and facilities, by law and by other means, to enable him to develop physically, mentally, morally, spiritually and socially in a healthy and normal manner and in conditions of freedom and dignity. In the enactment of laws for this purpose, the best interests of the child shall be the paramount consideration.

PRINCIPLE 3

The child shall be entitled from his birth to a name and a nationality.

PRINCIPLE 4

The child shall enjoy the benefits of social security. He shall be entitled to grow and develop in health; to this end, special care and protection shall be provided both to him and to his mother, including adequate pre-natal and post-natal care. The child shall have the right to adequate nutrition, housing, recreation and medical services.

PRINCIPLE 5

The child who is physically, mentally or socially handicapped shall be given the special treatment, education and care required by his particular condition.

PRINCIPLE 6

The child, for the full and harmonious development of his personality, needs love and understanding. He shall, wherever possible, grow up in the care and under the responsibility of his parents, and, in any case, in an atmosphere of affection and of moral and material security; a child of tender years shall not, save in exceptional circumstances, be separated from his mother. Society and the public authorities shall have the duty to extend particular care to children without a family and to those without adequate means of support. Payment of State and other assistance towards the maintenance of children of large families is desirable.

PRINCIPLE 7

The child is entitled to receive education, which shall be free and compulsory, at least in the elementary stages. He shall be given an education which will promote his general culture, and enable him, on a basis of equal opportunity, to develop his abilities, his individual judgement, and his sense of moral and social responsibility, and to become a useful member of society.

The best interests of the child shall be the guiding principle of those responsible for his education and guidance; that responsibility lies in the first place with his parents.

The child shall have full opportunity for play and recreation, which should be directed to the same purposes as education; society and the public authorities shall endeavour to promote the enjoyment of this right.

PRINCIPLE 8

The child shall in all circumstances be among the first to receive protection and relief.

PRINCIPLE 9

The child shall be protected against all forms of neglect, cruelty and exploitation. He shall not be the subject of traffic, in any form.

The child shall not be admitted to employment before an appropriate minimum age; he shall in no case be caused or permitted to engage in any occupation or employment which would prejudice his health or education, or interfere with his physical, mental or moral development.

PRINCIPLE 10

The child shall be protected from practices which may foster racial, religious and any other form of discrimination. He shall be brought up in a spirit of understanding, tolerance, friendship among peoples, peace and universal brotherhood, and in full consciousness that his energy and talents should be devoted to the service of his fellow men.

*841st plenary meeting,
20 November 1959.*

1387 (XIV). Publicity to be given to the Declaration of the Rights of the Child

The General Assembly,

Considering that the Declaration of the Rights of the Child¹ calls upon parents, upon men and women as individuals, and upon voluntary organizations, local authorities and national Governments to recognize the rights set forth therein and strive for their observance,

1. *Recommends* Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies concerned and the appropriate non-governmental organizations to publicize as widely as possible the text of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to have the Declaration widely disseminated and, to that end, to use every means at his disposal to publish and distribute texts in all languages possible.

*841st plenary meeting,
20 November 1959.*

1388 (XIV). Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,²

Noting with appreciation the progress made in the implementation of the programmes of international assistance carried out by the Office of the High Commissioner,

Noting in particular the progress made, within the framework of the World Refugee Year, as regards the admission of additional numbers of refugees, including handicapped cases, to countries of resettlement, as well as the contribution to the Office of the High Commissioner of additional funds for international assistance to refugees,

Expressing the hope that no additional efforts will be spared for the repatriation of refugees who wish to return to their country of origin,

Expressing the hope also that every effort will be made for the resettlement or integration of refugees,

1. *Invites* States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to devote, on

¹ See resolution 1386 (XIV).

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/4104/Rev.1) and Supplement No. 11A (A/4104/Rev.1/Add.1).*

the occasion of the World Refugee Year, special attention to the problems of refugees coming within the competence of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and in particular to consider the possibility of:

(a) Improving the legal status of refugees living on, or to be admitted to, their territory by, *inter alia*, acceding to the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees;³

(b) Increasing the facilities for permanent refugee solutions through voluntary repatriation and assimilation within new national communities, and, for resettlement of refugees, providing further opportunities through the liberalization of immigration laws and regulations and through the inclusion of refugees in resettlement schemes;

(c) Enabling the High Commissioner, through additional voluntary financial contributions, to implement the programmes of international assistance to refugees approved by the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme for 1959 and 1960;

2. *Authorizes* the High Commissioner, in respect of refugees who do not come within the competence of the United Nations, to use his good offices in the transmission of contributions designed to provide assistance to these refugees.

*841st plenary meeting,
20 November 1959.*

1389 (XIV). Refugees from Algeria in Morocco and Tunisia

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,²

Considering the efforts made by the High Commissioner and the results achieved during the World Refugee Year,

Noting with appreciation the action of the High Commissioner on behalf of refugees from Algeria in Morocco and Tunisia,

Recognizing however that the situation of these refugees, and especially of the young children who constitute the majority of them, remains precarious,

Recommends that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees should continue his efforts on behalf of these refugees pending their return to their homes.

*841st plenary meeting,
20 November 1959.*

1390 (XIV). World Refugee Year

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1285 (XIII) of 5 December 1958 on the World Refugee Year,

Noting with appreciation the support that has already been given to the World Refugee Year by Governments, non-governmental organizations and the general public, as well as the efforts of the Secretary-General in this endeavour,

Believing that the success of the World Refugee Year will be largely dependent on concrete responses yet to be made in many countries,

³ United Nations Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Status of Refugees and Stateless Persons, *Final Act and Convention relating to the Status of Refugees* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1951.IV.4), p. 11.

1. *Urges* States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, in accordance with the national wishes and needs of each country and in the humanitarian spirit of the World Refugee Year:

(a) To continue to focus interest on the refugee problem;

(b) To endeavour to make additional financial contributions for international assistance to refugees and to encourage in their territory increasing contributions from non-governmental organizations and the general public;

(c) To encourage additional opportunities for permanent refugee solutions through voluntary repatriation, resettlement or integration, on a purely humanitarian basis and in accordance with the freely expressed wishes of the refugees themselves;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to assist in the promotion of the World Refugee Year.

*841st plenary meeting,
20 November 1959.*

1391 (XIV). United Nations Children's Fund

The General Assembly,

Having considered chapter VI, section III, of the report of the Economic and Social Council,⁴

Recognizing the value of the United Nations Children's Fund in focusing international and national attention on the needs of children,

Noting the growing significance of aid given through the Fund in helping countries to initiate permanent health, nutrition and welfare services for their children, and in improving the quality and effectiveness of these services,

Considering that the aid provided through the Fund constitutes a practical way of international co-operation to help countries to carry out the aims proclaimed in the Declaration of the Rights of the Child,¹

Aware of the importance of the Fund as an essential element in international efforts to help countries, and in particular under-developed ones, raise their standards of living and strengthen their capacity for economic and social progress,

Impressed however with the magnitude of the many needs as yet unfulfilled, and the opportunities which exist for the effective use of additional assistance from the Fund,

Concerned that, despite continued and, in some cases, increased support from many Governments, the Fund's income for 1959 will be lower than that of 1958, thus reversing the trend of recent years,

1. *Expresses the hope* that all Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies will contribute to the United Nations Children's Fund as generously as possible;

2. *Congratulates* the Fund on its outstanding achievements.

*841st plenary meeting,
20 November 1959.*

⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/4143).*

1392 (XIV). Interrelationship of the economic and social factors of development

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that economic development and social development are interrelated and that social progress is an end in itself as well as a means of furthering economic development,

Recalling its resolution 1161 (XII) of 26 November 1957, in which it noted that knowledge was lacking on how to combine the elements of economic and social progress in such a way as to promote optimum development,

1. *Notes with approval* the decision of the Economic and Social Council in its resolutions 723 B (XXVIII), section II, and 723 C (XXVIII), section II, of 17 July 1959 to amend the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and of the Economic Commission for Latin America to include the social aspects of economic development and the interrelationship of the economic and social factors;

2. *Looks forward* to the report of the Secretary-General on a study of a balanced economic and social development due to be presented in 1961, in pursuance of Economic and Social Council resolution 663 E (XXIV) of 31 July 1957;

3. *Recommends* that the Economic and Social Council continue to give further attention to this interrelationship and to consider ways in which its work in the social field can be strengthened, including the advisability of the Social Commission meeting annually.

*841st plenary meeting,
20 November 1959.*

1393 (XIV). Low-cost housing

The General Assembly,

Considering that the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 731 B (XXVIII) of 30 July 1959 approved the long-range programme of concerted international action in the field of low-cost housing and related community facilities,

Recognizing that the continuous efforts of Governments and private organizations, as well as co-ordinated action on the part of international bodies, are necessary in order to deal with the problem of housing and the rapid rate of urban expansion,

1. *Recommends* that the appropriate organs of the United Nations and the specialized agencies should give due consideration to the requests of Governments for technical assistance in this field;

2. *Recommends* that Member States should, as part of their national plans, institute or accelerate programmes to promote the construction of low-cost housing and stimulate active participation by the people in these programmes through self-help, mutual aid, co-operation and other similar measures;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with interested Governments and the specialized agencies concerned, to collect and disseminate information in the field of housing concerning the technical and material needs of all countries with housing problems and concerning the relevant experience gained by others which might be able to assist them;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the results of his inquiry at an appropriate time, and the Economic and Social Council to transmit this

report, with its comments thereon, to the General Assembly.

*841st plenary meeting,
20 November 1959.*

1394 (XIV). Juvenile delinquency

The General Assembly,

Noting that many countries have reported an increasing concern with the phenomenon of juvenile delinquency and related forms of social maladjustment, including antisocial group behaviour,

Considering that such a phenomenon should be carefully studied at the international level, with a view to assessing its gravity and finding remedies therefor,

Recalling the discussions on juvenile delinquency which took place in the General Assembly in connexion with article 10 of the draft Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and with principle 9 of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child,¹

Recalling also that the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 731 F (XXVIII) of 30 July 1959 expressed the belief that the United Nations should retain leadership and responsibility in the matter of social defence and strengthen technical assistance in this field,

Noting the provision made for studies on this matter in the programme of work of the Social Commission for 1959-1961, including studies for consideration at the second United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, to be held in 1960,

Expresses the hope that the Secretary-General, in carrying out these studies in consultation with Member States and in co-operation with the specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations and experts concerned with the matter, will give this problem the urgent attention which its increasing gravity deserves.

*841st plenary meeting,
20 November 1959.*

1395 (XIV). Technical assistance in narcotics control

The General Assembly,

Considering that, under Chapter IX of the Charter of the United Nations and under the international narcotics treaties, the United Nations exercises responsibilities in the field of narcotic drugs,

Considering that technical assistance is a means by which countries may be helped to increase the effectiveness of their measures to control the production, distribution and use of narcotic drugs, to reduce and eliminate drug addiction and to combat the illicit traffic,

Recognizing the particular usefulness of technical assistance for those countries with an important problem of drug addiction or illicit traffic, or both,

Taking account of the arrangements previously established by the General Assembly concerning the regular technical assistance programmes and the advisory services of the United Nations, and concerning the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance,

Noting that in many cases narcotics control projects would benefit the international community as much or more than the country receiving technical assistance, and that the effectiveness of the control system embodied in the international narcotics treaties would be

increased if technical assistance were available to countries which require it,

Noting that the specialized agencies concerned—the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations—are rendering valuable services to their members in matters within their competence touching questions of narcotics control,

1. *Decides* to establish a continuing programme of technical assistance in narcotics control within the regular budget of the United Nations;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide technical assistance in its various forms in the field of narcotics control, subject to the direction of the Economic and Social Council and in accordance with approved policies in so far as they are applicable, at the request of and in agreement with Governments, and with the co-operation of the specialized agencies where appropriate and without duplication of their existing activities;

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to take into account the programme established by the present resolution in preparing the budgetary estimates of the United Nations;

4. *Invites* the specialized agencies concerned—the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations—to continue to maintain and develop their technical assistance activities touching the field of narcotics control;

5. *Expresses the hope* that non-governmental organizations, including foundations and universities, will also give assistance in this respect within their fields of interest;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report regularly to the Economic and Social Council and to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on technical assistance in the field of narcotics control, including action taken under the present and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Economic and Social Council.

*841st plenary meeting,
20 November 1959.*

1396 (XIV). Study of the question of capital punishment

The General Assembly

Invites the Economic and Social Council to initiate a study of the question of capital punishment, of the laws and practices relating thereto, and of the effects of capital punishment, and the abolition thereof, on the rate of criminality.

*841st plenary meeting,
20 November 1959.*

1397 (XIV). International relations and exchanges in the fields of education, science and culture

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1043 (XI) of 21 February 1957 on international cultural and scientific co-operation and 1164 (XII) of 26 November 1957 on the development of international co-operation in the fields of science, culture and education, Economic and Social Council resolution 695 (XXVI) of 31 July 1958 on a survey of international relations and exchanges in the fields of education, science and culture and General

Assembly resolution 1301 (XIII) of 10 December 1958 on measures aimed at the implementation and promotion of peaceful and neighbourly relations among States,

Re-emphasizing the importance of the promotion and furthering of international co-operation in the fields of education, science and culture for the improvement of mutual understanding among nations and the development of peaceful and neighbourly relations,

Noting that the positive results achieved lately in the development of mutual exchanges among States in those fields have created conditions which may contribute towards a relaxation of international tension,

Bearing in mind that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization has taken steps to prepare a survey of international relations and exchanges in the fields of education, science and culture, including any recommendations for separate and joint action to promote further international co-operation in those fields, as requested by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 695 (XXVI),

Expresses the hope that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization will be able to submit this survey to the Economic and Social Council at its thirtieth session, and that it will provide a basis for further action directed towards the development of international co-operation in these fields.

*841st plenary meeting,
20 November 1959.*

1398 (XIV). International encouragement of scientific research into the control of cancerous diseases

The General Assembly,

Considering that cancerous diseases are at present among the diseases most dangerous to mankind,

Recognizing the general desire of all mankind to eliminate wide-spread cancerous diseases,

Noting with approval the useful work carried out by the World Health Organization, the International Union against Cancer and national organizations for the control of cancerous diseases,

Recognizing further that the national and international efforts so far undertaken for the control of cancerous diseases have not yielded sufficiently effective results,

Wishing to encourage further scientific efforts in this field in all countries and international institutions,

1. *Decides* to institute suitable prizes of a total value of \$100,000—the prizes to be known as United Nations prizes—to be awarded for the most outstanding scientific research work in the causes and control of cancerous diseases, and requests the Secretary-General to arrange for the awarding of the prizes during the next four years, on the recommendation of the World Health Organization, and to renew this award periodically as long as it is considered necessary;

2. *Invites* the World Health Organization to consider, in accordance with article IV of the Agreement between the United Nations and the World Health Organization, what further steps may be taken to encourage efforts in the field of the control of cancerous diseases;

3. *Also invites* the World Health Organization to seek the full support and scientific advice of the International Union against Cancer for this purpose;

4. *Requests* the World Health Organization to inform the United Nations General Assembly as soon as possible of the progress achieved in the control of cancerous diseases.

*841st plenary meeting,
20 November 1959.*

1458 (XIV). Draft International Covenants on Human Rights

The General Assembly,

Not having been able to conclude at its fourteenth session the consideration of the draft International Covenants on Human Rights,

Decides to give priority to this item at its fifteenth session and to request the Third Committee at that session to devote as many meetings as possible to the

consideration of the draft International Covenants on Human Rights.

*852nd plenary meeting,
10 December 1959.*

1459 (XIV). Draft Convention on Freedom of Information

The General Assembly,

Not having been able to conclude at its fourteenth session the consideration of the draft Convention on Freedom of Information,

Decides to give priority to this item at its fifteenth session and to request the Third Committee at that session to devote as many meetings as possible to the consideration of the remaining articles of the draft Convention on Freedom of Information.

*852nd plenary meeting,
10 December 1959.*

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1352 (XIV). The future of the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration: organization of the plebiscite in the southern part of the Territory

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1350 (XIII) of 13 March 1959 concerning the future of the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration, which expressed the hope that all concerned in the Territory would endeavour to reach agreement before the opening of the fourteenth session of the General Assembly on the alternatives to be put in the plebiscite in the Southern Cameroons and the qualifications for voting in it,

Noting the statements made by the representative of the Administering Authority, by the Premier of the Southern Cameroons and by the Leader of the Opposition in the Southern Cameroons House of Assembly to the effect that no agreement was reached before the fourteenth session of the General Assembly as to the alternatives to be put in the plebiscite and the qualifications for voting in it, and that a postponement of the plebiscite in the Southern Cameroons to a later date would help to establish more favourable conditions for ascertaining the freely expressed wishes of the population,

Noting the opinions expressed during the debate on this question at the fourteenth session of the General Assembly,¹

Noting the statements made by the Premier of the Southern Cameroons and by the Leader of the Opposition in the Southern Cameroons House of Assembly at the 898th meeting of the Fourth Committee on 7 October 1959,

1. *Decides* that the arrangements for the plebiscite referred to in General Assembly resolution 1350 (XIII) shall begin on 30 September 1960, and that the plebiscite shall be concluded not later than March 1961;

2. *Recommends* that the two questions to be put at the plebiscite should be:

“(a) Do you wish to achieve independence by joining the independent Federation of Nigeria?”

“(b) Do you wish to achieve independence by joining the independent Republic of the Cameroons?”;

3. *Recommends* that only persons born in the Southern Cameroons or one of whose parents was born in the Southern Cameroons should vote in the plebiscite;

4. *Recommends* that the Administering Authority, in consultation with the Government of the Southern Cameroons, take steps to implement the separation of the administration of the Southern Cameroons from that of the Federation of Nigeria not later than 1 October 1960.

*829th plenary meeting,
16 October 1959.*

1356 (XIV). Petitions and communications relating to South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having accepted the advisory opinion of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa,²

Having authorized the Committee on South West Africa, by resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953, to examine petitions in accordance with the Mandates procedure of the League of Nations,

Having received a report³ from the Committee dealing with petitions and related communications from Chief Samuel Witbooi, Chief Hosea Kutako, the Reverend Michael Scott, Mr. Jariretundu Kozonguizi, the Reverend Markus Kooper, Mr. J. Dausab and others in the Hoachanas Native Reserve, Chief P. Keharanyo, Mr. Jacobus Beukes, Messrs. J. G. A. Diergaardt, J. H. Mall, P. Diergaardt and others in the Rehoboth Community, Messrs. Toivo Ja-Toivo and F. Isaacs, Mr. Neville Rubin, and Mr. Hans Beukes,

Noting that these petitions and communications raise questions concerning various aspects of the administration of the Territory of South West Africa and of

² *International status of South West Africa, Advisory Opinion: I.C.J. Reports 1950, p. 128.*

³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/4191), part I, section III.*

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Fourth Committee, 885th to 899th and 901st to 903rd meetings.*

conditions in the Territory upon which the Committee has presented a report,⁴

Decides to draw the attention of the petitioners to the report and observations of the Committee on South West Africa regarding conditions in the Territory, submitted to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session, and to the action taken by the Assembly on this report.

838th plenary meeting,
17 November 1959.

1357 (XIV). The Hoachanas Native Reserve

The General Assembly,

Having authorized the Committee on South West Africa, by resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953, to examine petitions as far as possible in accordance with the Mandates procedure of the League of Nations,

Having received the report⁵ from the Committee dealing, *inter alia*, with its examination of petitions concerning developments in the Hoachanas Native Reserve,

Considering that the original inhabitants of the Territory have an inherent right to continued and unmolested residence on their own land,

Noting that inhabitants of the Hoachanas Native Reserve, survivors of the Red Nation, or Rooinasie Namas, have an inherent right of ownership and possession of their ancestral land at Hoachanas, where they claim an area of 50,000 hectares as recognized by agreement with the German Government, and that former Governor Theodor Leutwein, recording the history of his governorship of German South West Africa from 1894 to 1905, stated: "The next reserve was in Hoachanas, headquarters of the Red Nation. There, in 1902, a total of 50,000 hectares was declared the inalienable property of the tribe",⁶

Noting further that the Government of the Union of South Africa reported to the League of Nations in 1923 that it had confirmed the rights of "Natives" on land occupied by them under treaties or agreements with the former German administration,

Noting that the residents of the Hoachanas Native Reserve were ordered by the Government of the Union of South Africa to vacate Hoachanas by 31 December 1956, that the majority refused to leave their traditional land and move, as directed by the Government, to land found by a government commission to be inferior to that of Hoachanas, and that the Administrator of South West Africa consequently obtained a court order in July 1958 for the eviction of one of the Nama residents, the Reverend Markus Kooper, Minister of the African Methodist Episcopal Church,

Recalling that the Committee on South West Africa, in its report to the General Assembly at the thirteenth session,⁷ urged the Union of South Africa to take all steps necessary to ensure that the people of Hoachanas retained their traditional homeland and to investigate their claim to surrounding land,

Recalling further that the General Assembly, by resolution 1245 (XIII) of 30 October 1958, approved the

report of the Committee on South West Africa and thereby endorsed the Committee's decision regarding Hoachanas,

Noting with concern that the Government of the Union of South Africa disregarded this decision, and caused the Reverend Markus Kooper and his family to be forcibly removed from Hoachanas on 29 January 1959 to a site approximately 150 miles away, thereby depriving his congregation of their minister, that several residents of the reserve were allegedly injured during the removal, and that the other inhabitants of the reserve were informed by Government officials of their impending removal by force,

Considering with regret that it is the policy of the Mandatory Power to remove the "Native" inhabitants from their lands which they have held as their own in order to make room for "European" settlers, in violation of fundamental human rights and the sacred trust assumed by the Government of the Union of South Africa over the Mandated Territory,

Considering the removal of the inhabitants of Hoachanas for a purpose not in conformity with the Mandate or the Charter of the United Nations to be contrary to the obligation undertaken by the Mandatory Power to promote to the utmost the material and moral well-being and the social progress of the "Native" inhabitants of the Territory,

1. *Urges* the Government of the Union of South Africa to desist from carrying out the removal of other residents of the Hoachanas Native Reserve and to arrange for the return of the Reverend Markus Kooper and his family to that reserve;

2. *Requests* the Government of the Union of South Africa to investigate the claims of the Rooinasie Namas to the original area of Hoachanas, of which only 14,254 hectares are now occupied by them, and to take such further steps as may be necessary, in consultation with the territorial Administration and the people concerned, to ensure the recognition and protection of the full rights of the people of Hoachanas and the promotion of their general welfare;

3. *Requests* the Government of the Union of South Africa to inform the United Nations on the measures taken to implement the present resolution.

838th plenary meeting,
17 November 1959.

1358 (XIV). Withdrawal of a passport from Mr. Hans Johannes Beukes

The General Assembly,

Having accepted the advisory opinion of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa,²

Having authorized the Committee on South West Africa, by resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953, to examine petitions in accordance with the Mandates procedure of the League of Nations,

Having received a report³ from the Committee dealing with petitions from Mr. Hans Johannes Beukes, a South West African student, and from Mr. Neville Rubin, President of the National Union of South African Students,

² *Ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/4191), part I, section III; part II, section III, para. 80, and section VI, paras. 226 and 227; see also annexes XXIX to XXXII.

⁴ *Ibid.*, part II.

⁵ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12 (A/4191).

⁶ Theodor Leutwein, *Elf Jahre Gouverneur in Deutsch-Südwestafrika*, Berlin, 1907, p. 272.

⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/3906 and Add.1)*, para. 119.

Noting that Mr. Beukes had been granted a scholarship by the Norwegian National Union of Students (Norsk Studentsamband) to study for three years at the University of Oslo,

Noting further that Mr. Beukes, a second-year student at the University of Cape Town, had been selected for the scholarship by a committee consisting of the Head of the Department of History, a professor of Roman law at that University, and the President of the National Union of South African Students,

Considering that the Government of the Union of South Africa granted Mr. Beukes a passport on 15 June 1959 to enable him to proceed to Norway, and withdrew that passport on 24 June, when Mr. Beukes arrived at the port of embarkation, subjecting Mr. Beukes to a search of his person, luggage and personal correspondence,

Noting the protests made by the South African Press, students of the University of Cape Town, and the Teachers' Educational and Professional Association in the Union of South Africa, as well as other representatives of the public in the Union of South Africa, against the action taken by the Union Government,

Taking into account that there are no facilities for university education in South West Africa and that "non-European" students from the Territory find it increasingly difficult to obtain adequate university education in the Union of South Africa,

1. *Is of the opinion* that the withholding or withdrawal from a qualified South West African student of a passport for the purpose of studying abroad is not only a direct interference in the educational and general advancement of an individual but a hindrance to the educational development of the Territory of South West Africa which was entrusted under the Covenant of the League of Nations to the administration of the Union of South Africa;

2. *Considers* the withdrawal by the Union of South Africa of the passport granted to Mr. Beukes to be an act of administration contrary to the Mandate for South West Africa;

3. *Expresses the hope* that the Government of the Union of South Africa will reconsider its decision so that Mr. Beukes may take advantage of the scholarship offered him to study at the University of Oslo in circumstances permitting him to maintain normal relations with his family and his country.

*838th plenary meeting,
17 November 1959.*

1359 (XIV). Status of the Territory of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having recommended, by its resolutions 65 (I) of 14 December 1946, 141 (II) of 1 November 1947, 227 (III) of 26 November 1948, 337 (IV) of 6 December 1949, 449 B (V) of 13 December 1950, 570 B (VI) of 19 January 1952, 749 B (VIII) of 28 November 1953, 852 (IX) of 23 November 1954, 940 (X) of 3 December 1955, 1055 (XI) of 26 February 1957, 1141 (XII) of 25 October 1957 and 1246 (XIII) of 30 October 1958, that the Mandated Territory of South West Africa be placed under the International Trusteeship System, and having repeatedly invited the Government of the Union of South Africa to propose, for

the consideration of the General Assembly, a trusteeship agreement for South West Africa,

Having accepted, by its resolution 449 A (V) of 13 December 1950, the advisory opinion of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa,²

Considering that, in accordance with Chapter XII of the Charter of the United Nations, all Mandated Territories which have not achieved independence have been brought under the International Trusteeship System, with the sole exception of the Territory of South West Africa,

1. *Reiterates* its resolutions 65 (I) of 14 December 1946, 141 (II) of 1 November 1947, 227 (III) of 26 November 1948, 337 (IV) of 6 December 1949, 449 B (V) of 13 December 1950, 570 B (VI) of 19 January 1952, 749 B (VIII) of 28 November 1953, 852 (IX) of 23 November 1954, 940 (X) of 3 December 1955, 1055 (XI) of 26 February 1957, 1141 (XII) of 25 October 1957 and 1246 (XIII) of 30 October 1958, to the effect that the Territory of South West Africa be placed under the International Trusteeship System;

2. *Asserts* that, in the present conditions of political and economic development of South West Africa, the normal way of modifying the international status of the Territory is to place it under the International Trusteeship System by means of a trusteeship agreement in accordance with the provisions of Chapter XII of the Charter of the United Nations.

*838th plenary meeting,
17 November 1959.*

1360 (XIV). Question of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions in which the Assembly recommended that the Mandated Territory of South West Africa be placed under the International Trusteeship System and repeatedly invited the Government of the Union of South Africa to propose, for the consideration of the General Assembly, a trusteeship agreement for South West Africa,

Considering that, in accordance with Chapter XII of the Charter of the United Nations, all Mandated Territories, with the sole exception of South West Africa, have been placed under the International Trusteeship System,

Recalling further its resolution 449 A (V) of 13 December 1950, by which the General Assembly accepted the opinion of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice² to the effect, *inter alia*, that:

(a) South West Africa is a Territory under the international Mandate assumed by the Union of South Africa on 17 December 1920,

(b) The Union of South Africa continues to have the international obligations stated in Article 22 of the Covenant of the League of Nations and in the Mandate for South West Africa, the supervisory functions to be exercised by the United Nations,

(c) That the Union of South Africa acting alone has not the competence to modify the international status of the Territory of South West Africa,

Noting with grave concern that the administration of the Territory, in recent years, has been conducted increasingly in a manner contrary to the Mandate, the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declara-

tion of Human Rights, the advisory opinions of the International Court of Justice, and the resolutions of the General Assembly,

Having received from the Committee on South West Africa the sixth report⁹ submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953,

Noting further the conclusion of the Committee that it is essential to the welfare and security of the peoples of South West Africa that the administration of the Territory be altered without undue delay,¹⁰

Having also heard the statements of petitioners which further corroborate the conclusions and opinions formed by the Committee on South West Africa concerning political, social, economic and educational conditions prevailing in the Territory,

Considering further that, while the former Mandated Territories placed under the International Trusteeship System have rapidly progressed towards independence, the conditions in the Territory of South West Africa present a totally different picture,

1. *Notes* the statement made by the representative of the Union of South Africa at the 924th meeting of the Fourth Committee on 26 October 1959 expressing, *inter alia*, the Union's readiness to enter into discussions with the United Nations;

2. *Invites* the Government of the Union of South Africa to enter into negotiations with the United Nations through the Committee on South West Africa, which is authorized under its terms of reference to continue negotiations with the Union, or through any other committee which the General Assembly may appoint, with a view to placing the Mandated Territory under the International Trusteeship System;

3. *Requests* the Government of the Union of South Africa to formulate for the consideration of the General Assembly, at its fifteenth session, proposals which will enable the Mandated Territory of South West Africa to be administered in accordance with the principles and purposes of the Mandate, the supervisory functions being exercised by the United Nations according to the terms and intent of the Charter;

4. *Approves* the report of the Committee on South West Africa and commends it to the urgent attention of the Government of the Union of South Africa;

5. *Requests* the Committee on South West Africa, or any other committee which may be appointed in pursuance of paragraph 2 above, to submit to the General Assembly, at its fifteenth session, a report on the negotiations with the Union Government in addition to the annual report on conditions in the Territory of South West Africa.

*838th plenary meeting,
17 November 1959.*

1361 (XIV). Legal action to ensure the fulfilment of the obligations assumed by the Union of South Africa in respect of the Territory of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice of 11 July 1950 concerning the international status of South West Africa,²

Recalling that, by its resolution 449 A (V) of 13 December 1950, it accepted the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice,

Recalling further that, by its resolution 1142 A (XII) of 25 October 1957, it commended the special report of the Committee on South West Africa¹¹ on legal action which might be taken for that purpose, and in particular drew the attention of Member States to the legal action provided for in article 7 of the Mandate read with Article 37 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice,

Draws the attention of Member States to the conclusions of the special report of the Committee on South West Africa covering the legal action open to Member States to refer any dispute with the Union of South Africa concerning the interpretation or application of the Mandate for South West Africa to the International Court of Justice for adjudication in accordance with article 7 of the Mandate read in conjunction with Article 37 of the Statute of the Court.

*838th plenary meeting,
17 November 1959.*

1362 (XIV). Report of the Good Offices Committee on South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Good Offices Committee on South West Africa,¹² prepared in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1243 (XIII) of 30 October 1958,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Good Offices Committee on South West Africa;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the members of the Committee for their efforts.

*838th plenary meeting,
17 November 1959.*

1409 (XIV). Report of the Trusteeship Council

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 2 August 1958 to 6 August 1959,¹³

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Trusteeship Council;

2. *Recommends* that the Trusteeship Council, in its future deliberations, should take into account the comments and suggestions made during the discussion of its report at the fourteenth session of the General Assembly.

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

1410 (XIV). Dissemination of information on the United Nations and on the International Trusteeship System in Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1276 (XIII) of 5 December 1958, whereby the General Assembly, *inter alia*, requested the Secretary-General to prepare, for the twenty-fourth session of the Trusteeship Council, a

¹¹ *Ibid.*, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 12A (A/3625).

¹² *Ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 38, document A/4224.

¹³ *Ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/4100).

⁹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12 (A/4191).

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12 (A/4191), para. 233.

report on the early establishment of United Nations information centres in or near the Trust Territories,

Noting from the report¹⁴ submitted by the Secretary-General to the Trusteeship Council pursuant to General Assembly resolution 1276 (XIII) that information centres may be established only after the State concerned has requested or agreed to the establishment of these centres and after the Assembly has provided the necessary funds, and that thus far no requests have been received by the Secretary-General from the Administering Authorities for the establishment of information centres in any of the Trust Territories,

Having perused the report¹⁵ submitted by the Secretary-General to the Trusteeship Council at its twenty-fourth session under Council resolution 36 (III) of 8 July 1948 and observing therefrom that the dissemination of information on the United Nations among the peoples of the Trust Territories is still far from satisfactory,

Keeping in view the special status of Trust Territories and their inhabitants and also the General Assembly's own special responsibilities under Chapters XII and XIII of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reiterating that it is essential, in the General Assembly's view, that the peoples of Trust Territories should receive adequate information concerning the purposes and operation of the United Nations and of the International Trusteeship System,

Noting the recommendation of the Committee of Experts on United Nations Public Information that United Nations information centres constitute the most important means of disseminating information about the United Nations,¹⁶

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to initiate discussions with the Administering Authorities concerned with a view to establishing, during 1960, in at least some of the larger Trust Territories, such as Tanganyika, Ruanda-Urundi and New Guinea, United Nations information centres in which the responsible positions would be occupied preferably by indigenous inhabitants of the Trust Territories concerned;

2. *Also requests* the Administering Authorities to extend their co-operation and assistance to the Secretary-General in implementing the recommendations made in paragraph 1 above;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, for the fifteenth session of the General Assembly, a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

1411 (XIV). Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind that most of the Trust Territories do not have sufficient facilities for higher education which would ensure the education of highly qualified indigenous cadres,

¹⁴ *Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 13, document T/1467.*

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, document T/1463.

¹⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 55, document A/3928, para. 227 (e).*

Considering the urgent need in the Trust Territories for indigenous personnel who could take over the functions held by those non-indigenous persons who up to now have occupied the most important positions in the administration of these Territories,

Expressing regret that the greater part of the scholarships offered by Member States remain unutilized,

Expressing regret also that some Administering Authorities do not provide all students who have been accorded scholarships with facilities to leave the Trust Territories in order to take advantage of such scholarships, as attested by the periodic report of the Secretary-General on the progress of the scholarship programme,¹⁷

Recalling its resolution 557 (VI) of 18 January 1952, inviting the Member States to make scholarships available to qualified students from the Trust Territories,

1. *Takes note* of part I, chapter VII, section D, of the report of the Trusteeship Council,¹⁸ as well as of the periodic report of the Secretary-General on the progress of the scholarship programme;

2. *Reaffirms* its resolution 1277 (XIII) of 5 December 1958 and once again invites the Administering Authorities to take all necessary measures consistent with the interests and needs of the Trust Territories and their peoples to ensure that scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States may be utilized by inhabitants of these Territories, and to render every assistance to those persons who have applied for or have been granted scholarships or fellowships, particularly with regard to facilitating their travel formalities;

3. *Requests* all Administering Authorities which have not done so to give the fullest publicity in the Trust Territories under their administration to all offers of study and training facilities made by Member States;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give such assistance as is possible and as may be sought by the Member States concerned and by the applicants;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, for the fifteenth session of the General Assembly, a report concerning the actual use of scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States to students from the Trust Territories;

6. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to resume, at its sessions to be held in 1960, the consideration of this question and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session;

7. *Decides* to place this question as a separate item on the provisional agenda of its fifteenth session.

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

1412 (XIV). Preparation and training of indigenous civil cadres in the Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Noting from chapters on individual Trust Territories in part II of the report of the Trusteeship Council¹⁸ that there are serious shortages of qualified civilian and technical personnel in all these Territories,

Considering that appropriately trained indigenous civil and technical cadres are essential to the functioning

¹⁷ *Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 14, document T/1462.*

of the administration of these Territories when they emerge from trusteeship to independence,

Considering also that it is equally necessary and desirable that, before the accession of Trust Territories to independence, positions of high responsibility should be held by suitably trained indigenous persons so that the transfer of power from the Administering Authorities to the Administrations of the Territories upon the termination of trusteeship should take place smoothly without causing administrative dislocation,

Considering further that, while the Administering Authorities are becoming increasingly aware of the vital need of developing civil and technical cadres of indigenous persons and are taking steps to fulfil it, the measures adopted for the training of indigenous personnel in various fields of administration and for transferring positions of high responsibility to them are inadequate and need to be expanded and accelerated,

1. *Urges* the Administering Authorities to take expeditious measures on a planned basis aimed at the rapid development of indigenous civil and technical cadres and for the replacement of expatriate personnel by local officers;

2. *Draws the attention* of the Administering Authorities to the facilities provided by the United Nations under the programmes of technical assistance and public administration for training in administration and related functions, and requests them to make fuller use of these facilities;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the utilization by the Administering Authorities of the facilities for training offered by the United Nations in this field and to submit it to the Trusteeship Council at its twenty-sixth session.

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

1413 (XIV). Attainment of self-government or independence by Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Considering that the basic objective of the International Trusteeship System under the Charter of the United Nations is the progressive development of the inhabitants of Trust Territories towards self-government or independence,

Recalling its resolutions 558 (VI) of 18 January 1952, 1064 (XI) of 26 February 1957, 1207 (XII) of 13 December 1957 and 1274 (XIII) of 5 December 1958,

Noting with satisfaction that the dates for the attainment of independence of Togoland under French administration, the Cameroons under French administration and Somaliland under Italian administration have already been set,

Noting further that the time-table proposed by the Administering Authority provides for the attainment of independence by Western Samoa under New Zealand administration in the course of 1961, and that processes leading to the termination of trusteeship over the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration in 1961 have already been set in motion,

Believing that the formulation of plans and targets in advance can assist in the acceleration of the progress of the inhabitants of Trust Territories towards independence,

Considering therefore that at this stage it is both necessary and desirable to foresee the course of developments leading to the attainment of independence by the Trust Territories of Tanganyika and Ruanda-Urundi in the near future,

Having examined part I, chapter V, of the report of the Trusteeship Council,¹⁸

1. *Requests* the Administering Authorities concerned to propose, after consultation with the representatives of the inhabitants, for the consideration of the General Assembly at its fifteenth session, time-tables and targets for the attainment of independence by the Trust Territories of Tanganyika and Ruanda-Urundi in the near future;

2. *Invites* the Administering Authorities concerned to formulate, in respect of the remaining Trust Territories, early successive intermediate targets and dates in the fields of political, economic, social and educational development so as to create, as soon as possible, favourable conditions for the attainment of self-government or independence;

3. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council, in its examination of the annual reports submitted by the Administering Authorities and in formulating the terms of reference of the 1960 visiting mission to Trust Territories in Africa, to keep in view the provisions of the present resolution.

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

1414 (XIV). Study of opportunities for international co-operation on behalf of the former Trust Territories which have become independent

The General Assembly,

Noting that three Trust Territories—the Cameroons under French administration, Togoland under French administration and Somaliland under Italian administration—will attain independence during 1960 and that other Trust Territories will also attain independence during the following years,

Considering that the United Nations, under the Trusteeship System and in co-operation with the Administering Authorities, has contributed to ensuring this attainment of independence in the best possible circumstances,

Considering also that these countries, generally speaking, are under-developed, and that during the first years of their independence they will have to find speedy solutions to a considerable number of problems in the administrative, economic, social and educational fields,

Considering that it would be necessary and normal for the international community to continue to show special concern for the former Trust Territories and to be prepared to grant every possible assistance if those countries, having become independent and sovereign, should desire such assistance,

Considering that it would be appropriate to survey the various ways and means of providing international assistance,

1. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to make a study, under Article 62, paragraph 1, of the Charter of the United Nations, of all opportunities for international co-operation which could be of interest to the

former Trust Territories which have become independent, within the spheres and in the framework of programmes of international assistance;

2. *Recommends* that the Economic and Social Council, in its study of this problem, should seek the co-operation of such international, governmental and non-governmental organizations as the Council may deem it advisable to approach;

3. *Recommends* that the Economic and Social Council should consult with the Governments of countries which were formerly under trusteeship and which have become independent, for the purpose of ascertaining their views with respect to these questions;

4. *Recommends* that the Economic and Social Council should report to the General Assembly, at its fifteenth session, concerning the results of this study and also concerning any conclusions and recommendations which it deems appropriate.

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

1415 (XIV). Assistance to territories emerging from a trust status and to newly independent States

The General Assembly,

Welcoming the forthcoming independence of the Trust Territories of the Cameroons under French administration, Togoland under French administration and Somaliland under Italian administration during 1960,

Recalling the basic objectives of the Trusteeship System as set forth in Article 76 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing the many problems with which the emerging Trust Territories and newly independent States must inevitably be faced upon their attainment of independence, particularly in the economic and social fields,

Desiring that all possible aid in the field of technical assistance be available from the existing facilities in the United Nations and the specialized agencies to those emerging Trust Territories and newly independent States which might request it,

Invites the Secretary-General and the executive heads of the specialized agencies concerned to give urgent and sympathetic consideration, without prejudice in any way to present assistance being given to other States Members of the United Nations, to all requests which they might receive to provide Territories emerging from a trust status or newly independent States with:

(a) Such high-level technical experts as they might desire;

(b) All other forms of technical aid required by the special circumstances in which they have acceded to independence.

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

1416 (XIV). Date of the independence of the Trust Territory of Togoland under French administration

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1253 (XIII) of 14 November 1958, by which it was decided, in agreement with the Administering Authority, that on the day which would be agreed upon between the Government of France and

the Government of Togoland and on which the Republic of Togoland is to become independent in 1960, the Trusteeship Agreement approved by the General Assembly on 13 December 1946 shall cease to be in force, in accordance with Article 76 b of the Charter of the United Nations,

Having considered the communication of 13 July 1959 sent to the Secretary-General by the representative of France to the Trusteeship Council,¹⁸ Trusteeship Council resolution 1950 (XXIV) of 14 July 1959, and the statements made at the 933rd and 935th meetings of the Fourth Committee on 30 October and 2 November 1959 by the representative of France and by the representative of Togoland, duly accredited as a member of the delegation of France,

1. *Notes* that the Governments of France and of Togoland have agreed that the date on which the Republic of Togoland shall become independent is to be 27 April 1960;

2. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the terms and spirit in which this agreement has been concluded;

3. *Reiterates its decision* that, on the date of the independence of Togoland, which has now been established as 27 April 1960, the Trusteeship Agreement for Togoland under French administration, approved by the General Assembly on 13 December 1946, shall cease to be in force;

4. *Recommends* that, upon the attainment of independence on 27 April 1960, Togoland shall be admitted to membership in the United Nations in accordance with Article 4 of the Charter of the United Nations.

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

1417 (XIV). Assistance to the Trust Territory of Togoland under French administration

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1254 (XIII) of 14 November 1958 relating to assistance to Togoland under French administration,

Considering that requests for assistance to Trust Territories deserve sympathetic consideration by the United Nations,

Considering further that Togoland under French administration is about to attain the objectives of the International Trusteeship System, and that 27 April 1960 has now been established as the date of the independence of the Republic of Togoland,¹⁹

Having considered part II, chapter VI, of the report of the Trusteeship Council¹⁸ in connexion with the development of Togoland under French administration and the assistance given to it by the Administering Authority and by agencies of the United Nations,

Having heard the statement made at the 935th meeting of the Fourth Committee on 2 November 1959 by the Minister of State of the Republic of Togoland as a member of the delegation of France,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the assistance given to this date to Togoland under French administration by agencies of the United Nations;

2. *Trusts* that the Administering Authority will continue to transmit without delay requests for assist-

¹⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 13, document A/4138.*

¹⁹ See resolution 1416 (XIV).

ance that may be made by the Government of Togoland, and that the Secretary-General, the Special Fund, the Technical Assistance Board and the specialized agencies will give urgent and sympathetic consideration to these requests.

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

1418 (XIV). Date of the independence of the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration

The General Assembly,

Recalling the terms of article 24 of the Trusteeship Agreement with respect to the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration (hereinafter referred to as Somalia) which provides that the Agreement shall cease to be in force ten years after the date of the approval of the Trusteeship Agreement by the General Assembly, at the conclusion of which the Territory shall become an independent sovereign State,

Recalling its resolution 442 (V) of 2 December 1950, by which it approved the Trusteeship Agreement,

Having considered the information submitted by the Administering Authority²⁰ to the effect that the Government of Somalia has conveyed the wish expressed by the Legislative Assembly that the Trusteeship Agreement be terminated as soon as possible so that the Trust Territory may achieve independence at a date earlier than 2 December 1960, as well as the statement of the representative of the Italian Government that the Administering Authority is prepared to support this wish,

Having heard the statements made by the Chairman of the United Nations Advisory Council for Somalia,

Having heard the views of the petitioners,

Noting the wish expressed by the Government of Somalia that, as soon as possible after the date of attainment of its independence, Somalia should be admitted to membership in the United Nations, and noting further that the Government of Italy has expressed its readiness to sponsor the application that will be made by the Government of Somalia to be admitted to membership in the United Nations,

1. *Takes note* of the statements made by the representative of Italy and the representative of the Government of Somalia that the preparations for independence will be completed by 1 July 1960 and that independence will be proclaimed on that date;

2. *Congratulates* the Government of Italy, as Administering Authority, and the Government and the people of Somalia on taking steps in order to attain the basic objectives of the International Trusteeship System in advance of 2 December 1960;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* for the aid and advice provided by the United Nations Advisory Council for Somalia to the Administering Authority and also to the Government and the people of Somalia in their progress towards independence;

4. *Expresses its confidence* that the recommendations and observations of the Trusteeship Council, which have been accepted by the Administering Authority and by the Government of Somalia, concerning the broadening of the composition of the Political Committee and the Constituent Assembly, a popular confirmation of

the constitution now under preparation through a referendum, and a modification of the existing electoral law will be implemented before the date on which the Trusteeship Agreement is terminated, and that the Administering Authority will furnish a report on the implementation of these recommendations to the Trusteeship Council at its twenty-sixth session;

5. *Resolves accordingly*, in agreement with the Administering Authority, that on 1 July 1960, when Somalia shall become independent, the Trusteeship Agreement approved by the General Assembly on 2 December 1950 shall cease to be in force, the basic objectives of trusteeship having been attained;

6. *Recommends* that, upon the attainment of independence, Somalia shall be admitted to membership in the United Nations in accordance with Article 4 of the Charter of the United Nations.

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

1419 (XIV). Plans of political reforms for the Trust Territory of Ruanda-Urundi

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the statement of the Administering Authority²¹ concerning the political reforms envisaged for the Trust Territory of Ruanda-Urundi under Belgian administration,

Having taken note of the petitions and communications dealing with the recent outbreak of violence in the Territory,²²

Having taken note also of the statement of the Administering Authority on the incidents leading to the outbreak of violence which have resulted in the sending of troops to the Territory,

Having heard the views of the petitioners,

1. *Draws the attention* of the Trusteeship Council to the statements of the petitioners on the Trust Territory of Ruanda-Urundi;

2. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to consider in detail the plans of political reforms envisaged for the Territory by the Administering Authority and to include the Council's observations and recommendations on the plans in its report to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session, taking into account the provisions of Assembly resolution 1413 (XIV) on the attainment of self-government or independence by Trust Territories;

3. *Further requests* the Trusteeship Council to dispatch its 1960 visiting mission to Trust Territories in East Africa early in 1960 so as to make it possible for the mission to report to the Council, at its twenty-sixth session, on the conditions and causes of the recent disturbances in the Territory.

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

1461 (XIV). Progress achieved by the Non-Self-Governing Territories in pursuance of Chapter XI of the Charter

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 932 (X) of 8 November 1955, in which it expressed the opinion that an examination

²¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Fourth Committee, 947th meeting.*

²² T/PET.3/95, T/PET.3/96 and Add.1, T/PET.3/97-99; T/COM.3/L.32.

²⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 13, document A/4262.*

of the progress achieved in the Non-Self-Governing Territories since the establishment of the United Nations, based on the information received from the Administering Members under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations, would be highly desirable and should make it possible to ascertain the extent to which the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories are advancing towards the attainment of the goals set in Chapter XI of the Charter,

Further recalling its resolution 1053 (XI) of 20 February 1957, in which it invited the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the specialized agencies concerned, to prepare a report on the progress that has taken place in the Non-Self-Governing Territories in those fields on which information has been transmitted, in accordance with the objectives set forth in Chapter XI of the Charter, since the establishment of the United Nations,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the work of the Secretary-General and of the specialized agencies in preparing the report on the progress achieved by the Non-Self-Governing Territories;²³

2. *Requests* the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to examine the above-mentioned report at its next session, in addition to its regular programme of work, with a view to ascertaining the progress made by the inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the light of the objectives set forth in Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations;

3. *Further requests* the Committee to submit its observations and conclusions on the report to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session, in order to assist the Assembly in its consideration of the report;

4. *Requests* the Committee, in so doing, to be guided by the terms of all relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, in particular resolutions 932 (X) and 1053 (XI), as well as by the provisions of Chapter XI of the Charter.

*855th plenary meeting,
12 December 1959.*

1462 (XIV). Report on educational conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Considering that, by resolution 445 (V) of 12 December 1950, it approved the special report on educational conditions prepared in 1950 by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories²⁴ as a brief but considered indication of the importance of educational advancement and of the problems of education still to be faced in the Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Considering that, by resolution 743 (VIII) of 27 November 1953, it approved a further report on education²⁵ as a supplement to the report approved in 1950,

²³ A/4105-A/4109, A/4114, A/4124, A/4128 and Corr.1, A/4129, A/4131, A/4134, A/4136, A/4137, A/4142, A/4144, A/4152, A/4162 and Corr.1, A/4165-A/4167, A/4178, A/4181, A/4192-A/4195.

²⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/1303/Rev.1)*, part two.

²⁵ *Ibid.*, *Eighth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/2465)*, part two.

Considering that, by resolution 1048 (XI) of 20 February 1957, it approved another report on education drawn up in 1956,²⁶

Noting the report on educational conditions prepared in 1959 by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories,²⁷

1. *Approves* the report on educational conditions prepared in 1959 by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories, and considers that it should be studied in conjunction with the reports approved in 1950, 1953 and 1957;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to communicate the 1959 report to Member States responsible for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories, to the Economic and Social Council, to the regional economic commissions, to the Trusteeship Council and to the specialized agencies concerned, for their consideration;

3. *Expresses its confidence* that the Members responsible for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories will bring the report to the attention of the authorities responsible for education in those Territories.

*855th plenary meeting,
12 December 1959.*

1463 (XIV). Development of primary education in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling the obligations which, under Article 73 of the Charter of the United Nations, are incumbent upon Members administering Territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government to ensure, with due respect for the culture of the peoples concerned, their political, economic, social, and educational advancement, their just treatment, and their protection against abuses,

Considering in the spirit of those principles that, in order to develop primary education and to combat illiteracy among the peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories, the Administering Members should endeavour to create in those Territories conditions which are not less favourable than those enjoyed by the peoples of the advanced countries,

Reaffirming its resolutions 743 (VIII) of 27 November 1953 and 1049 (XI) of 20 February 1957, by which it recommended, *inter alia*, the establishment or extension of universal, free and compulsory primary education in the Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Noting, ten years after the adoption of resolution 330 (IV) of 2 December 1949 in which the General Assembly recognized that one of the fundamental problems in Non-Self-Governing Territories is illiteracy, that the progress made in this field has been very slow,

Having noted that, in its report on educational conditions, the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories was obliged to reiterate the view expressed in 1950 that the eradication of illiteracy is a problem of the utmost urgency in the majority of the Non-Self-Governing Territories,²⁸

1. *Recommends* that the Administering Members take all necessary steps to develop the primary education

²⁶ *Ibid.*, *Eleventh Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/3127)*, part two.

²⁷ *Ibid.*, *Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/4111)*, part two.

²⁸ *Ibid.*, part two, para. 44.

of the peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories, to the end that such education may be raised as soon as possible to the level enjoyed by the peoples of the advanced countries;

2. *Invites* the Administering Members to communicate to the Secretary-General, for the seventeenth session of the General Assembly, information on the measures taken and the progress achieved towards the establishment of universal, free and compulsory primary education, with the aim of eradicating illiteracy among the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories which they administer.

*855th plenary meeting,
12 December 1959.*

1464 (XIV). Equal treatment in matters relating to education in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 328 (IV) of 2 December 1949 on equal treatment in matters relating to education in Non-Self-Governing Territories, and all other relevant resolutions,

Having regard to the fundamental importance of race relations, particularly under modern conditions, for the attainment of the objectives of Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations,

Having considered the special report submitted by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories,²⁹

Recognizing that some progress has been achieved in equal treatment in matters relating to education in Non-Self-Governing Territories,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 328 (IV);

2. *Urges* the Administering Members to intensify their efforts to fulfil the basic objectives of the above-mentioned resolution;

3. *Endorses* the view expressed by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories that on no ground whatsoever can education on a racial basis be justified;³⁰

4. *Requests* the Committee to pay special attention to this matter and to continue to bring out the salient facts in its annual report on conditions in the Non-Self-Governing Territories.

*855th plenary meeting,
12 December 1959.*

1465 (XIV). Dissemination of information on the United Nations in the Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling the obligations of Member States, enumerated in Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations, which have or assume responsibilities for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories towards the inhabitants of these Territories,

Reiterating the principle that the interests of the inhabitants of these Territories are paramount,

Considering it necessary that the political, economic, social and educational advancement of these inhabitants, as envisaged in the Charter, should be accelerated,

²⁹ *Ibid.*, paras. 30-38.

³⁰ *Ibid.*, para. 37.

Recalling the principle underlying the public information activities of the United Nations that the Organization cannot achieve the purposes for which it has been created unless the peoples of the world are informed of its aims and activities,

Considering therefore that it is important that the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories be widely informed concerning the United Nations,

1. *Requests* the Administering Members to adopt necessary measures for the dissemination of information concerning the United Nations among the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories and for this purpose to seek the active support and participation of the organizations representative of these inhabitants;

2. *Invites the attention* of Administering Members to the recommendations contained in paragraph 54 of part two of the 1959 report of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories,³¹ and requests them to furnish the Secretary-General with information concerning the implementation of the recommendations;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare for the fifteenth session of the General Assembly a special report on the present state of the dissemination of information concerning the United Nations in Non-Self-Governing Territories, and on further measures necessary to this end.

*855th plenary meeting,
12 December 1959.*

1466 (XIV). Participation of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 566 (VI) of 18 January 1952, and in particular:

(a) The first preambular paragraph, in which it noted the Secretary-General's proposal concerning the use of the United Nations to promote by peaceful means the progress of dependent peoples to a position of equality with Member States of the United Nations,

(b) The fourth preambular paragraph, in which it stated that the direct association of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies is an effective means of promoting the progress of the peoples of those Territories towards a position of equality with Member States of the United Nations,

(c) Operative paragraph 2, in which it commended the use of the special provisions in the constitutions of some of the specialized agencies and of the regional economic commissions of the United Nations permitting the admission of the Non-Self-Governing Territories to those agencies and commissions as associate members, on the proposal of the Administering Member concerned,

Recalling its resolutions 647 (VII) of 10 December 1952 and 744 (VIII) of 27 November 1953, in which it reaffirmed the provisions of the above-mentioned resolution and expressly invited the Member States administering Non-Self-Governing Territories progressively to increase the participation of indigenous representatives from those Territories in the work of the technical organs of the United Nations, including the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories and the specialized agencies,

³¹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 15 (A/4111).

Noting with satisfaction that some Non-Self-Governing Territories are already participating fruitfully in the work of certain specialized agencies and certain regional economic commissions,

1. *Invites* the Administering Members to submit to the specialized agencies the candidature of the Territories referred to in Article 73 of the Charter of the United Nations with a view to their admission as members, associate members or observers, according to the constitution of the agency concerned;

2. *Specially requests* all Member States administering Non-Self-Governing Territories in Africa to propose the participation of these Territories in the work of the Economic Commission for Africa;

3. *Re-emphasizes* the great advantage of the Administering Members including in their delegations representatives of the Non-Self-Governing Territories to participate in the work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories and in the discussion of such matters in the Fourth Committee;

4. *Invites* the Administering Members to furnish the Secretary-General with a report on the practical measures taken to implement the present resolution;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session on the progress made.

*855th plenary meeting,
12 December 1959.*

1467 (XIV). General questions relating to the transmission and examination of information

The General Assembly,

Having regard to the provisions of Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations, and in particular to the obligation to transmit information under Article 73 e accepted by Members which have or assume responsibilities for Territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government,

Recalling that, by its resolution 334 (IV) of 2 December 1949, the General Assembly considered that it is within its responsibility to express its opinion on the principles which have guided, or may in future guide, the Administering Members in enumerating the Territories for which the obligation exists to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter,

Recalling also that, by its resolution 742 (VIII) of 27 November 1953, the General Assembly approved a list of factors to be taken into account in deciding whether a Territory is or is not a Territory whose people have not yet attained a full measure of self-government,

Noting that Member States have expressed differing opinions as to the application of the provisions of Chapter XI to Territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government, including the obligation to transmit the information called for in Article 73 e of the Charter,

1. *Considers* that it would be desirable for the General Assembly to enumerate the principles which should guide Members in determining whether or not an obligation exists to transmit the information called for in Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations;

2. *Decides* to establish a special committee consisting of six members, to be elected by the Fourth Committee on behalf of the General Assembly—three of whom shall

be Members who transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter and three non-administering Members—to study these principles and to report on the results of its study to the Assembly at its fifteenth session;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare for the use of this committee an account of the history of this matter, including a summary of the opinions on the subject which have been expressed by Member States in the past and of the relevant legal treaties on the interpretation of the Charter;

4. *Invites* Member States to submit in writing to the Secretary-General, before 1 May 1960, their views on these principles, in order that the committee may take them into account.

*855th plenary meeting,
12 December 1959.*

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At its 994th meeting, the Fourth Committee, acting in the name of the General Assembly, elected the members of the special committee established under the terms of the above resolution. At its 857th plenary meeting on 12 December 1959, the General Assembly confirmed the election.

The Committee is composed as follows: INDIA, MEXICO, MOROCCO, NETHERLANDS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

1468 (XIV). Voluntary transmission of information on political developments in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 144 (II) of 3 November 1947, 327 (IV) of 2 December 1949, 551 (VI) of 7 December 1951 and 848 (IX) of 22 November 1954 regarding the voluntary transmission of information on political developments in the Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Noting that only some Members responsible for the administration of the Non-Self-Governing Territories voluntarily transmit information on the development of political institutions in those Territories,

Recognizing that the principles and objectives set forth in Article 73 of the Charter of the United Nations relate as much to the political advancement of the inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories as to their advancement in economic, social and educational fields,

Recalling further that under Article 73 b of the Charter the Administering Members have assumed the obligation to develop self-government in the Non-Self-Governing Territories, with due regard to the political aspirations of the peoples, and to assist them in the progressive development of their free political institutions,

Conscious of the inextricable relationship between developments in the political and functional fields,

1. *Endorses* the observations of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories, based on its examination of the information transmitted by the Administering Members, that speedy advancement in the functional fields is usually obtained where there is the broadest participation of the inhabitants in political bodies empowered to establish policies and to vote budgets;³²

³² *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 15 (A/4111), part two, para. 27.

2. *Requests* the Administering Members to do their utmost to mobilize the effective participation of the inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories by transferring to them effective power in order to accelerate their social, economic and educational advancement;

3. *Considers* that the transmission of information on developments in the political field will enable the General Assembly better to assess the information transmitted by the Administering Members concerning educational, social and economic development in the Non-Self-Governing Territories;

4. *Reiterates the view* that the voluntary transmission of information on political developments in the Non-Self-Governing Territories is fully in accord with the spirit of Article 73 of the Charter of the United Nations;

5. *Urges* the Administering Members concerned to extend their full co-operation in this matter by voluntarily transmitting information of a political and constitutional character with regard to developments in the Territories under their respective administrations, including the establishment of intermediate time-tables leading to the attainment of self-government by these Territories.

*855th plenary meeting,
12 December 1959.*

1469 (XIV). Cessation of the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter in respect of Alaska and Hawaii

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, by resolution 222 (III) of 3 November 1948, the General Assembly, while welcoming any development of self-government in Non-Self-Governing Territories, considered it essential that the United Nations be informed of any change in the constitutional status of any such Territory as a result of which the responsible Government concerned thinks it unnecessary to transmit information in respect of that Territory under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations,

Having received from the Government of the United States of America communications dated 2 June 1959³³ and 17 September 1959³⁴ informing the Secretary-General that Alaska and Hawaii, respectively, have, as a result of their admission into the United States as the forty-ninth and fiftieth States, attained a full measure of self-government and that, as a consequence of this change in their constitutional status, the United States Government would cease to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter in respect of Alaska and Hawaii,

Having examined the communications of the Government of the United States of America in the light of the basic principles and objectives embodied in Chapter XI of the Charter and of all the other elements of judgement pertinent to the issue,

Bearing in mind the competence of the General Assembly to decide whether a Non-Self-Governing Territory has or has not attained a full measure of self-government as referred to in Chapter XI of the Charter,

1. *Takes note* of the opinion of the Government of the United States of America that, owing to the new constitutional status of Alaska and Hawaii, it is no

³³ *Ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 36, document A/4115.

³⁴ *Ibid.*, document A/4226.

longer appropriate or necessary for it to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations in respect of Alaska and Hawaii;

2. *Expresses the opinion*, based on its examination of the documentation and the explanations provided, that the people of Alaska and Hawaii have effectively exercised their right to self-determination and have freely chosen their present status;

3. *Congratulates* the United States of America and the people of Alaska and Hawaii upon the attainment of a full measure of self-government by the people of Alaska and Hawaii;

4. *Considers* that, owing to the circumstances mentioned above, the declaration regarding Non-Self-Governing Territories and the provisions established under it in Chapter XI of the Charter can no longer be applied to Alaska and Hawaii;

5. *Considers* it appropriate that the transmission of information in respect of Alaska and Hawaii under Article 73 e of the Charter should cease.

*855th plenary meeting,
12 December 1959.*

1470 (XIV). Effects of the European Economic Community on the development of certain Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Referring to its resolution 1330 (XIII) of 12 December 1958,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the association of Non-Self-Governing Territories with the European Economic Community,³⁵

Noting with concern that the Administering Members have not yet submitted sufficient information on the possible effects of the association of the Non-Self-Governing Territories under their administration with the European Economic Community,

Considering that the association of Non-Self-Governing Territories with the European Economic Community may have significant effects on the development of these Territories towards the objectives of Article 73 of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the association of Non-Self-Governing Territories with the European Economic Community;

2. *Again invites* the Administering Members concerned to transmit to the Secretary-General information on the possible effects of the association of the Non-Self-Governing Territories under their administration with the European Economic Community;

3. *Requests* the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to devote special attention at its 1960 session, at which it is to deal particularly with the economic development of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, to the question of the association of certain Non-Self-Governing Territories with the European Economic Community and to the possible effects of this association on the development of these Territories towards the objectives of Article 73 of the Charter of the United Nations;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, for the fifteenth session of the General Assembly, a report on new developments connected with the association of

³⁵ *Ibid.*, document A/4197.

Non-Self-Governing Territories with the European Economic Community, taking into account the information to be submitted by the Administering Members and the studies that may be undertaken in this connexion by the Economic and Social Council, the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, the Economic Commission for Latin America and other international organs, in so far as these studies may be relevant to the development of Non-Self-Governing Territories;

5. *Resolves* to resume consideration of this question at its fifteenth session.

*855th plenary meeting,
12 December 1959.*

1471 (XIV). Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind that most of the Non-Self-Governing Territories do not have sufficient facilities for higher education which would ensure the education of highly qualified indigenous cadres,

Considering the urgent need in the Non-Self-Governing Territories for indigenous personnel who could take over the functions held by those non-indigenous persons who up to now have occupied the most important positions in the administration of those Territories,

Noting with satisfaction the further response to its resolution 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954 inviting Member States to extend offers of facilities for study and training to the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Expressing regret that a great number of the scholarships offered by Member States remain unutilized,

Further expressing regret that some Administering Members do not provide all students who have been accorded scholarships with facilities to leave the Non-Self-Governing Territories in order to take advantage of such scholarships,

Recalling its resolution 845 (IX) inviting the Member States to make scholarships available to qualified students from the Non-Self-Governing Territories,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on offers of study and training facilities under General Assembly resolution 845 (IX);⁸⁶

2. *Reaffirms* its resolution 1331 (XIII) of 12 December 1958, and invites the Administering Members to take all necessary measures consistent with the interests and needs of the Non-Self-Governing Territories and their peoples to ensure that scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States may be utilized by the inhabitants of those Territories, and to render every assistance to those persons who have applied for, or have been granted, scholarships or fellowships, particularly with regard to facilitating their travel formalities;

3. *Requests* all Administering Members which have not done so to give the fullest publicity in the Non-Self-Governing Territories under their administration to all offers of study and training facilities made by Member States;

4. *Requests* the Member States offering scholarships to take into account the necessity of furnishing complete

information about the scholarships offered, and, whenever possible, the need to provide travel funds to prospective students;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give such assistance as is possible, and as may be sought by the Member States concerned and by the applicants;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare for the fifteenth session of the General Assembly a report concerning the actual use of scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States to students from the Non-Self-Governing Territories.

*855th plenary meeting,
12 December 1959.*

1473 (XIV). The future of the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration: organization of a further plebiscite in the northern part of the Territory

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1350 (XIII) of 13 March 1959, concerning the future of the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration, which recommended that a plebiscite should take place in the Northern Cameroons in November 1959 and requested the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner to submit to the Trusteeship Council in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its fourteenth session a report on the organization, conduct and results of this plebiscite,

Having examined the report of the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner⁸⁷ and the report of the Trusteeship Council thereon,⁸⁸

Noting from the report of the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner that the people of the Northern Cameroons have decided by a substantial majority that they are in favour of deciding their future at a later date,

Noting further that the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner is satisfied that the plebiscite was conducted in a fair and impartial manner,

Noting the statement made by the representative of the Administering Authority at the 988th meeting of the Fourth Committee on 5 December 1959 to the effect that urgent action is being taken to introduce reforms in the system of local administration in the Northern Cameroons,

Having heard the petitioner,

Considering that the extremely close date of the elections to the Legislative Assembly of the Federation of Nigeria makes it impossible for the General Assembly to take a decision with regard to the participation or non-participation of the people of the Northern Cameroons in these elections,

1. *Expresses its high appreciation* of the work of the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner and the United Nations staff under his direction;

2. *Recommends* that the Administering Authority, in pursuance of Article 76 b of the Charter of the United Nations and in consultation with the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner, organize under United Nations supervision a further plebiscite in the Northern Cameroons, the arrangements for which shall begin

⁸⁷ *Ibid.*, agenda item 41, documents A/4314 and Add.1.

⁸⁸ *Ibid.*, document A/4313.

⁸⁶ *Ibid.*, documents A/4196 and Add.1.

on 30 September 1960, and that the plebiscite be concluded not later than March 1961;

3. *Decides* that the two questions to be put at this plebiscite should be:

“(a) Do you wish to achieve independence by joining the independent Republic of the Cameroons?”

“(b) Do you wish to achieve independence by joining the independent Federation of Nigeria?”;

4. *Recommends* that the plebiscite be conducted on the basis of universal adult suffrage, all those over the age of twenty-one and ordinarily resident in the Northern Cameroons being qualified to vote;

5. *Requests* the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner to report to the Trusteeship Council on the organization, conduct and results of this plebiscite, in order that the Council may transmit its report to the General Assembly together with any recommendations and observations it considers necessary;

6. *Recommends* that the necessary measures should be taken without delay for the further decentralization

of governmental functions and the effective democratization of the system of local government in the northern part of the Trust Territory;

7. *Recommends* that the Administering Authority should initiate without delay the separation of the administration of the Northern Cameroons from that of Nigeria and that this process should be completed by 1 October 1960;

8. *Requests* the Administering Authority to report on the process of separation to the Trusteeship Council at its twenty-sixth session, and requests the Council to submit a report on this matter to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session;

9. *Declares* that the participation of the Northern Cameroons in the elections to the Federal Legislative Assembly should in no way interfere with, or influence, the free choice of the people of the Northern Cameroons in deciding their future in the forthcoming plebiscite.

*857th plenary meeting,
12 December 1959.*

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Notes

Election to fill vacancies in the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories

(item 37)

At its 993rd meeting on 8 December 1959, the Fourth Committee, acting on behalf of the General Assembly, in accordance with the terms of resolution 1332 (XIII) of 12 December 1958, elected two members to the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories for a three-year period to fill the vacancies created by the expiration of the terms of office of CEYLON and GUATEMALA. At its 857th plenary meeting on 12 December 1959, the General Assembly confirmed this election.

The following States were elected: ARGENTINA and CEYLON.

Election of three members of the Committee on South West Africa

(item 38 (d))

At its 857th plenary meeting on 12 December 1959, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fourth Committee,⁸⁹ appointed three members to the Committee on South West Africa to replace BRAZIL, ETHIOPIA and FINLAND.

The following States were appointed: BRAZIL, DENMARK and ETHIOPIA.

⁸⁹ *Ibid.*, agenda item 38, document A/4272/Add.1, para. 5.

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**1354 (XIV). The United Nations Library:
gift of the Ford Foundation**

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General¹ announcing a gift of \$6,200,000 from the Ford Foundation for the construction, furnishing and equipping of a new building to house the United Nations Library on the Headquarters site,

Being convinced of the importance and permanent value of the gift in contributing to the effectiveness of the work undertaken by the United Nations,

1. *Decides* to accept the gift;
2. *Extends* to the Ford Foundation its highest appreciation for the gift and the spirit which prompted it;
3. *Approves* the general plan for the construction of the new Library building as set forth in the report of the Secretary-General;
4. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to proceed with the construction, furnishing and equipping of the building at a cost not to exceed the amount of the gift, i.e. \$6,200,000 plus accumulated interest, to enter into contracts for such construction, furnishing, equipping or other work as may be necessary for these purposes, and to return to the Ford Foundation such funds as may not be used;
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session regarding the level of library resources and services that should be made available to ensure that the new Library might be used to the best possible advantage;
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit this resolution to the Ford Foundation as an expression of the gratitude and appreciation of the General Assembly;
7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as an expression of the gratitude and appreciation of the Member States for the gift of the Ford Foundation, to place a memorial stone inscribed "Gift of the Ford Foundation" at the main entrance of the new Library;

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 72, document A/4231.*

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly on the progress made under this resolution.

*835th plenary meeting,
3 November 1959.*

1363 (XIV). United Nations: financial reports and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1958 and reports of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

1. *Accepts* the financial reports and accounts of the United Nations for the financial year ended 31 December 1958 and the certificates of the Board of Auditors;²
2. *Concurs* in the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its fourth report to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session.³

*838th plenary meeting,
17 November 1959.*

1364 (XIV). United Nations Children's Fund: financial report and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1958 and report of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

1. *Accepts* the financial report and accounts of the United Nations Children's Fund for the financial year ended 31 December 1958 and the certificates of the Board of Auditors;⁴
2. *Takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its fifth report to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session.⁵

*838th plenary meeting,
17 November 1959.*

² *Ibid., Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/4116).*

³ *Ibid., Fourteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 42, document A/4153.*

⁴ *Ibid., Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 6A (A/4113).*

⁵ *Ibid., Fourteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 42, document A/4154.*

1365 (XIV). United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1958 and report of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

1. *Accepts* the accounts of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for the financial year ended 31 December 1958 and the certificates of the Board of Auditors;⁶

2. *Takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its sixth report to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session.⁷

*838th plenary meeting,
17 November 1959.*

1366 (XIV). United Nations Refugee Fund: accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1958 and report of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

1. *Accepts* the accounts of the United Nations Refugee Fund for the financial year ended 31 December 1958 and the certificates of the Board of Auditors;⁸

2. *Takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its seventh report to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session.⁹

*838th plenary meeting,
17 November 1959.*

1367 (XIV). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

The General Assembly

1. *Appoints* the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:

Mr. Albert F. Bender,
Mr. André Ganem,
Mr. Ismat T. Kittani,
Mr. Agha Shahi;

2. *Declares* Mr. Ganem, Mr. Kittani and Mr. Shahi to be appointed for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1960, and Mr. Bender to be appointed for a two-year term to commence on 1 January 1960.

*838th plenary meeting,
17 November 1959.*

1368 (XIV). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Contributions

The General Assembly

1. *Appoints* the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions:

Mr. José A. Correa,

⁶ *Ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 6B (A/4117).

⁷ *Ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 42, document A/4155.

⁸ *Ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 6C (A/4118).

⁹ *Ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 42, document A/4156.

Mr. A. H. M. Hillis,
Mr. Chandra Shekhar Jha,
Mr. Sidney Pollock;

2. *Declares* Mr. Correa, Mr. Hillis and Mr. Pollock to be appointed for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1960, and Mr. Jha to be appointed for a period commencing on the date of the present resolution and ending on 31 December 1960.

*838th plenary meeting,
17 November 1959.*

1369 (XIV). Appointment to fill a vacancy in the membership of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

Appoints the Auditor-General of Colombia as a member of the Board of Auditors for a three-year term to commence on 1 July 1960.

*838th plenary meeting,
17 November 1959.*

1370 (XIV). Confirmation of the appointment made by the Secretary-General to the membership of the Investments Committee

The General Assembly

Confirms the reappointment by the Secretary-General of Mr. Jacques Rueff as a member of the Investments Committee for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1960.

*838th plenary meeting,
17 November 1959.*

1371 (XIV). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The General Assembly

1. *Appoints* the following persons as members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal:

Mr. James J. Casey,
The Right Honourable Lord Crook;

2. *Declares* Mr. Casey and the Right Honourable Lord Crook to be appointed for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1960, and Mr. Casey to be appointed for a period commencing on the date of the present resolution and ending on 31 December 1959.

*838th plenary meeting,
17 November 1959.*

1372 (XIV). Appointment to fill a vacancy in the membership of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee

The General Assembly

1. *Appoints* the following person as a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee:

Mr. Albert F. Bender;

2. *Declares* Mr. Bender to be appointed for a period commencing on the date of the present resolution and ending on 31 December 1961.

*838th plenary meeting,
17 November 1959.*

1373 (XIV). Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

A

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. For the years 1959, 1960 and 1961 the assessment for Guinea shall be 0.04 per cent, which shall be in addition to the scale of assessments of 100 per cent contained in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 1308 A (XIII) of 10 December 1958, and shall be applied to the same bases of assessment as for all other Member States;

2. Guinea, which became a Member of the United Nations on 12 December 1958, shall contribute for the year of admission to membership an amount equal to one-ninth of 0.04 per cent applied to the net budget for 1958;

3. The advance to the Working Capital Fund by Guinea, under regulation 5.8 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, shall be 0.04 per cent of the total amount of the Fund and shall be carried as an advance additional to the authorized level of the Fund pending the inclusion of the rate of assessment for Guinea in the scale of 100 per cent.

*838th plenary meeting,
17 November 1959.*

B

The General Assembly,

Considering the wish expressed by certain Member States that their representatives should have access to the statistical and other information at the disposal of the Committee on Contributions,

Having examined the report of the Committee on Contributions in this connexion,¹⁰

Considering that, while it would be desirable if the material at the disposal of the Committee on Contributions could be made available to all Member States, there are practical difficulties, as pointed out by the Committee, in the way of general disclosure of the information in question,

1. *Notes with approval* the suggestion of the Committee on Contributions that all the statistical and other factual information pertaining to the assessment of any individual Member State should, on its request, be made available to that Member;

2. *Recommends* that the Committee on Contributions review this matter periodically, so that, at the discretion of that Committee, any future requests for pertinent information from representatives of Member States wishing to acquaint themselves with other statistical information and supplementary factual material used by the Committee as a basis for its recommendations may be granted.

*838th plenary meeting,
17 November 1959.*

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/4112), section IV.

1374 (XIV). Audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account

The General Assembly

Takes note of the audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account for the financial year ended 31 December 1958,¹¹ and of the observations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its sixteenth report to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session.¹²

*838th plenary meeting,
17 November 1959.*

1405 (XIV). Public information activities of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Noting with appreciation the Secretary-General's report on public information activities of the United Nations of 16 June 1959,¹³

Recalling its resolutions 13 (I) of 13 February 1946 and 595 (VI) of 4 February 1952, setting forth the basic policy of the United Nations in its public information activities, as well as resolution 1335 (XIII) of 13 December 1958, relating to the implementation of that policy,

Recalling its resolution 1086 (XI) of 21 December 1956, relating to the establishment of information centres,

Noting the policy of budgetary stabilization set forth by the Secretary-General in his report,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give continuing and special consideration to the importance of adequate regional representation at the policy-making level of the Office of Public Information and in the information centres;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, with the agreement of the Governments concerned, to establish such new information centres as appear necessary and practicable, particularly in those regions where mass information media are less developed, preferably by a further decentralization of Headquarters staff and services to the extent he finds possible;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to enlist the cooperation of the Member States concerned in providing all possible facilities for the establishment of such new centres and in assisting actively in efforts to promote wider public understanding of the aims and activities of the United Nations;

4. *Expresses the hope* that media of information and publicity, non-governmental organizations and educational institutions in all Member States will continue their efforts to expand their commendable activities on behalf of a greater understanding of the United Nations by a fuller dissemination of accurate and objective information;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his report on the Office of Public Information to the

¹¹ *Ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Annexes, separate fascicle (A/4163).

¹² *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 48, document A/4229.

¹³ *Ibid.*, agenda item 52, document A/4122.

General Assembly at every session outlines of the policy and programmes planned to be executed by the Office during the coming year, with comments thereon;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to appoint, in consultation with the Governments of Member States, a panel of qualified persons representative of the various geographical areas and main cultures of the world, and to consult with members of that panel from time to time on United Nations information policies and programmes in order to ensure maximum effectiveness at minimum cost;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, having regard to the aforementioned policy of budgetary stabilization and to all other means designed to ensure maximum effectiveness at the lowest possible cost, to plan the public information programmes in 1960 on the assumption that the total net expenditure for the year shall be about \$5 million;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session on the implementation of the above recommendations and on the measures taken and planned for the further implementation of resolution 1335 (XIII).

*845th plenary meeting,
1 December 1959.*

1406 (XIV). United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

The General Assembly

Takes note of the annual report on the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund¹⁴ and of the report on the fifth actuarial valuation of the Fund.¹⁵

*845th plenary meeting,
1 December 1959.*

1407 (XIV). Construction of the United Nations building in Santiago, Chile

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1224 (XII) of 14 December 1957 and 1273 (XIII) of 14 November 1958 concerning the construction of the United Nations building in Santiago, Chile,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,¹⁶ in which revised proposals for the construction of the building are presented, and the twenty-sixth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session,¹⁷

1. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to proceed with the preparation of plans for, and the construction of, the United Nations building in Santiago, Chile, at a cost not to exceed \$1,550,000;

2. *Decides* to appropriate in the regular United Nations budget for 1959 the sum of \$20,000 for initial preparatory and construction expenses for the building;

3. *Decides* that the balance of the building cost shall be included in the regular United Nations budget in annual instalments of \$382,500 for each of the ensuing four years;

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/4158).

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 8A (A/4266).

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 50, document A/4239.

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, document A/4277.

4. *Decides* that the remaining provisions of resolution 1273 (XIII) shall continue in force;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions informed of developments relating to the present project, including the detailed plans and cost estimates, and to present a progress report to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session.

*845th plenary meeting,
1 December 1959.*

1408 (XIV). Amendments to the Pension Scheme Regulations of the International Court of Justice

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report submitted to it proposing amendments to certain provisions of the Pension Scheme Regulations of the International Court of Justice and the observations presented thereon by the Secretary-General,¹⁸

Having noted the advice extended by the Sixth Committee¹⁹ to the Fifth Committee with respect to the position of judges who may find it necessary to resign from the Court prior to the expiration of the period for which they were elected and the report of the Fifth Committee,²⁰

Resolves to amend as follows the Pension Scheme Regulations for members of the International Court of Justice contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 86 (I) of 11 December 1946:

(a) Delete sub-paragraph (a) in regulation 1;

(b) Delete regulation 4.²¹

*845th plenary meeting,
1 December 1959.*

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At its 845th plenary meeting on 1 December 1959, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee²² as amended by the above resolution, to defer to its fifteenth session the question of the amount of, and the method of computing, the pensions of members of the International Court of Justice who retire in the ordinary course, and to invite the Secretary-General to continue to study the question in consultation with the Court and to submit a further report on this subject.

1434 (XIV). Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapter X)

The General Assembly

Takes note of chapter X of the report of the Economic and Social Council.²³

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, agenda item 63, document A/4241.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, document A/C.6/L.454.

²⁰ *Ibid.*, document A/4297.

²¹ Sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) of regulation 1 and regulations 5 to 12 should be renumbered accordingly.

²² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 63, document A/4297, para. 11.*

²³ *Ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/4143).

1435 (XIV). Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1959

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the financial year 1959 the amount of \$US60,802,120 appropriated by its resolution 1338 (XIII) of 13 December 1958 be increased by \$854,980, as follows:

Section	<i>Amount appropriated by resolution 1338 (XIII)</i>	<i>Supplementary appropriation</i>	<i>Revised amount of appropriation</i>
<i>(US dollars)</i>			
A. UNITED NATIONS			
<i>Part I. Sessions of the General Assembly, the councils, commissions and committees; special meetings and conferences</i>			
1. Travel of representatives, members of commissions and committees	882,500	(62,500)	820,000
2. Special meetings and conferences	1,543,500	348,000	1,891,500
3. Board of Auditors	51,000	—	51,000
TOTAL, PART I	<u>2,477,000</u>	<u>285,500</u>	<u>2,762,500</u>
<i>Part II. Special missions and related activities</i>			
4. Special missions and related activities	2,374,600	159,100	2,533,700
4a. Expenses arising from General Assembly resolution 1237 (ES-III) and residual expenses of the United Nations Observation Group in Lebanon	500,000	(164,000)	336,000
5. United Nations Field Service	1,153,800	(34,800)	1,119,000
TOTAL, PART II	<u>4,028,400</u>	<u>(39,700)</u>	<u>3,988,700</u>
<i>Part III. The Secretariat</i>			
6. Salaries and wages	30,802,700	(33,200)	30,769,500
6a. Economic Commission for Africa	500,000	(25,000)	475,000
7. Common staff costs	6,431,500	335,200	6,766,700
8. Travel of staff and members of administrative bodies	1,530,100	165,500	1,695,600
9. Hospitality	25,000	—	25,000
9a. Payments under annex I, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the Staff Regulations	70,000	—	70,000
TOTAL, PART III	<u>39,359,300</u>	<u>442,500</u>	<u>39,801,800</u>
<i>Part IV. Special offices</i>			
10. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	1,398,000	147,200	1,545,200
10a. World Refugee Year	50,000	10,000	60,000
TOTAL, PART IV	<u>1,448,000</u>	<u>157,200</u>	<u>1,605,200</u>
<i>Part V. Common services and equipment</i>			
11. General expenses	5,330,000	243,700	5,573,700
12. Printing, stationery and library supplies	2,127,200	—	2,127,200
13. Permanent equipment	697,220	(184,220)	513,000
TOTAL, PART V	<u>8,154,420</u>	<u>59,480</u>	<u>8,213,900</u>

Section		<i>Amount appropriated by resolution 1338 (XIII)</i>	<i>Supplementary appropriation</i>	<i>Revised amount of appropriation</i>
	<i>(US dollars)</i>			
<i>Part VI. Technical programmes</i>				
14.	Economic development	480,000	—	480,000
15.	Social activities	925,000	—	925,000
16.	Human rights activities.....	100,000	(13,600)	86,400
17.	Public administration	500,000	(100,000)	400,000
	TOTAL, PART VI	2,005,000	(113,600)	1,891,400
<i>Part VII. Special expenses</i>				
18.	Special expenses	2,649,500	—	2,649,500
	TOTAL, PART VII	2,649,500	—	2,649,500
B. INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE				
<i>Part VIII. International Court of Justice</i>				
19.	International Court of Justice.....	680,500	63,600	744,100
	TOTAL, PART VIII	680,500	63,600	744,100
	GRAND TOTAL	60,802,120	854,980	61,657,100

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

1436 (XIV). Geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provisions of Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General regarding the geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat of the United Nations,²⁴

Noting with appreciation that, during the year 1959, some progress has been made towards the implementation of its resolutions 1097 (XI) of 27 February 1957, 1226 (XII) of 14 December 1957 and 1294 (XIII) of 5 December 1958,

Noting further that the Secretary-General will continue his efforts to accelerate the achievement of an equitable geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat,

Recognizing that, without an adequate regional and cultural representation at the policy-making level of the Secretariat, the purposes of the Charter cannot be duly served,

1. *Recommends* that:

(a) In the recruitment of the staff of the Secretariat of the United Nations, priority should be given to qualified candidates from Member States which either have

no nationals on the staff or which have a disproportionately small number of nationals on the staff;

(b) Vacancies in posts at higher levels of the Secretariat should be filled, as far as possible, by qualified candidates representative of geographical areas and main cultures which are not represented, or not adequately represented, in these key posts;

(c) An increased interchange of personnel between Headquarters and the field offices of the United Nations should be carried out whenever possible;

(d) The Secretary-General's endeavours to increase the number of the Secretariat staff appointed on fixed-term contracts should be continued and encouraged;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly, at its fifteenth session, on the progress made in this regard.

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

1437 (XIV). Administrative and budgetary co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies

The General Assembly,

Having regard to reports presented in recent years by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the subject of administrative and budgetary co-ordination within the United Nations family of organizations and programmes, and to the

²⁴ *Ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 54, document A/C.5/784.

desirability of having further attention given by the Advisory Committee to such matters,

I

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for its reports, in particular the report on the administrative budgets of the specialized agencies for 1960²⁵ and the over-all report on the special studies made by the Advisory Committee at the headquarters of the agencies;²⁶

2. *Extends its appreciation* to the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the co-operation and courtesies offered to the Advisory Committee in connexion with its studies and visits;

3. *Invites the attention* of the International Atomic Energy Agency and the International Telecommunication Union to the reports of the Advisory Committee on its special studies made at those agencies;²⁷

4. *Also invites the attention* of all the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to the over-all report of the Advisory Committee and to the report on the 1960 administrative budgets of the agencies;

5. *Requests* the Advisory Committee to keep under review the growth and developments of the offices, operations and conferences of the United Nations and of the agencies, at locations away from their headquarters, and to report to the General Assembly, at its fifteenth session, on the possibilities of further administrative and budgetary co-ordination;

II

1. *Authorizes* the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to examine and report on co-ordination and on the administrative and budgetary aspects of special programmes of the United Nations, at the request of a principal organ or of the body responsible for the special programme;

2. *Authorizes* the Advisory Committee also, in fulfilment of its functions under rule 158 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to meet as it deems necessary and appropriate at the various offices of the United Nations and at the headquarters of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, and at the request of those agencies, to advise them on administrative and financial matters.

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

1438 (XIV). Panel of External Auditors

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General²⁸ on the Joint Panel of Auditors established by General Assembly resolution 347 (IV) of 24 November 1949,

Decides that the provisions annexed to the present resolution shall replace those set out in annex B of resolution 347 (IV).

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

²⁵ *Ibid.*, agenda item 49, document A/4257.

²⁶ *Ibid.*, document A/4172.

²⁷ *Ibid.*, documents A/4135 and A/4148.

²⁸ *Ibid.*, document A/C.5/795.

ANNEX

1. The members of the United Nations Board of Auditors and the appointed external auditors of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency shall constitute a Panel of External Auditors, the purpose of which shall be to further the co-ordination of the audits for which its members are responsible and to exchange information on methods and findings.

2. The Panel may submit to the executive heads of the participating organizations any observations or recommendations it may wish to make in relation to the accounts and financial procedures of the organizations concerned.

3. The executive heads of the participating organizations may, through their auditor (or auditors), submit to the Panel for its opinion or recommendation any matter within its competence.

4. The Panel shall elect its chairman and adopt its rules of procedure. Meetings shall be held when necessary, but normally not less frequently than once every two years.

5. Costs of the meetings of the Panel shall be borne by the participating organizations.

1439 (XIV). United Nations International School

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations International School²⁹ as well as the report by the Board of Trustees of the School,³⁰

Recalling its resolution 1297 (XIII) of 5 December 1958 requesting the Secretary-General to use his good offices to assist the School to find suitable permanent accommodation and approving a grant-in-aid in respect of the school year 1958-1959,

Recognizing the increasing urgency of providing permanent accommodation for the School,

Believing it necessary that the financial solvency of the School should be assured,

Noting the suggestion of the Secretary-General that a continuing fund should be established for assistance to the International School to be financed by the net proceeds from the operation of the United Nations Gift Centre,

1. *Reaffirms its hope* that steps will be taken to make the United Nations International School available to the children of the largest possible number of members of delegations, United Nations staff members, and others associated with the United Nations;

2. *Invites* the Board of Trustees of the School to establish an International School Fund;

3. *Decides* to contribute to the Fund for a period of five years such continuing financial assistance as the General Assembly may consider necessary;

4. *Decides* to make a contribution of \$100,000 to the Fund in 1960 for the purpose of liquidating the operating deficit at the end of the 1959-1960 school year and for such other purposes of the School as the Board of Trustees deems fit;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to use his good offices to assist the Board of Trustees of the School in finding suitable permanent accommodation for the School in the immediate vicinity of United Nations Headquarters, in developing plans for a building, and in pursuing its efforts to raise funds from private

²⁹ *Ibid.*, agenda item 51, document A/4293.

³⁰ *Ibid.*, document A/4293, annex.

sources for the construction of the building, and, if necessary, for the acquisition of a site therefor;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session:

(a) A report by the Board of Trustees of the School on the establishment and operations of the Fund;

(b) His recommendations, together with the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, on future contributions to the Fund and on the means of financing such contributions, including the suggestion contained in paragraphs 8 and 9 of his report;

(c) A report on the progress which has been made in finding permanent accommodation for the School.

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

1440 (XIV). Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds

A

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds⁸¹ appointed at the thirteenth session of the General Assembly,

Decides that:

1. An *ad hoc* Committee of the whole Assembly, under the chairmanship of the President of the session, shall be convened as soon as practicable after the opening of the fifteenth session, where pledges of voluntary contributions for the refugee programmes for the following year would be announced;

2. States not Members of the United Nations, but members of one or more of the specialized agencies, shall be invited to attend the meetings of the *ad hoc* Committee for the purpose of announcing their pledges to the refugee programmes;

3. In order to ensure maximum attendance, as great advance publicity as possible shall be given to the meetings of the *ad hoc* Committee and they shall be so scheduled that no other meetings are held at the same time.

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5 December 1959.*

B

The General Assembly

1. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to appoint a Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds consisting of not more than ten members, with the same terms of reference as those laid down in Assembly resolution 693 (VII) of 25 October 1952, to serve from the close of the fourteenth session to the close of the fifteenth session of the Assembly;

2. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifteenth session the item entitled "Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds".

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

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At the 846th plenary meeting on 5 December 1959, the President of the General Assembly appointed a Negotiating Com-

⁸¹ *Ibid.*, agenda item 46, document A/4267.

mittee for Extra-Budgetary Funds to serve until the close of the fifteenth session of the Assembly. The Committee is composed as follows: ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, CANADA, FRANCE, LEBANON, NEW ZEALAND, PAKISTAN, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

1441 (XIV). United Nations Emergency Force⁸²

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1089 (XI) of 21 December 1956, 1151 (XII) of 22 November 1957 and 1337 (XIII) of 13 December 1958,

Having considered the observations made by Member States concerning the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force,

Having examined the budget estimates for the Force submitted by the Secretary-General for the year 1960⁸³ and the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon in its eleventh⁸⁴ and twenty-eighth⁸⁵ reports to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session,

Having noted with satisfaction that special financial assistance in the amount of about \$3,475,000 has been pledged voluntarily towards the expenditures for the Force in 1960,

Considering that it is desirable to apply voluntary contributions of special financial assistance in such a manner as to reduce the financial burden on those Governments which have the least capacity, as indicated by the regular scale of assessments, to contribute towards the expenditures for maintaining the Force,

1. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to expend up to a maximum of \$20 million for the continuing operation of the United Nations Emergency Force during 1960;

2. *Decides* to assess the amount of \$20 million against all Members of the United Nations on the basis of the regular scale of assessments, subject to the provisions of paragraphs 3 and 4 below;

3. *Decides* that voluntary contributions pledged prior to 31 December 1959 towards expenditures for the Force in 1960 shall be applied as a credit to reduce by 50 per cent the contributions of as many Governments of Member States as possible, commencing with those Governments assessed at the minimum percentage of 0.04 per cent and then including, in order, those Governments assessed at the next highest percentages until the total amount of voluntary contributions has been fully applied;

4. *Decides* that, if Governments of Member States do not avail themselves of credits provided for in paragraph 3 above, then the amounts involved shall be credited to section 9 of the 1960 budget for the Force.

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

⁸² See also resolution 1442 (XIV) and "Allocation of agenda items", footnote 6.

⁸³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 28, documents A/4160 and A/C.5/800.

⁸⁴ *Ibid.*, document A/4171.

⁸⁵ *Ibid.*, document A/4284.

1443 (XIV). Budget appropriations for the financial year 1960

*The General Assembly**Resolves* that for the financial year 1960:

1. Appropriations totalling \$US63,149,700 are hereby voted for the following purposes:

<i>Section</i>		<i>US dollars</i>
	A. UNITED NATIONS	
	<i>Part I. Sessions of the General Assembly, the councils, commissions and committees; special meetings and conferences</i>	
1.	Travel of representatives, members of commissions and committees.....	832,600
2.	Special meetings and conferences.....	62,300
3.	Board of Auditors.....	53,000
	TOTAL, PART I	947,900
	<i>Part II. Special missions and related activities</i>	
4.	Special missions and related activities.....	2,523,300
5.	United Nations Field Service.....	1,206,800
	TOTAL, PART II	3,730,100
	<i>Part III. The Secretariat</i>	
6.	Salaries and wages.....	31,925,200
7.	Common staff costs.....	7,069,300
8.	Travel of staff and members of administrative bodies.....	1,734,400
9.	Hospitality and payments under annex I, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the Staff Regulations.....	95,000
10.	Economic Commission for Africa.....	1,013,300
	TOTAL, PART III	41,837,200
	<i>Part IV. Special offices</i>	
11.	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.....	1,590,000
12.	World Refugee Year.....	30,000
	TOTAL, PART IV	1,620,000
	<i>Part V. Common services and equipment</i>	
13.	General expenses.....	5,661,100
14.	Printing, stationery and library supplies.....	2,133,100
15.	Permanent equipment.....	553,800
	TOTAL, PART V	8,348,000
	<i>Part VI. Technical programmes</i>	
16.	Economic development.....	480,000
17.	Social activities.....	1,200,000
18.	Human rights activities.....	100,000
19.	Public administration.....	600,000
20.	Technical assistance in the field of narcotic drug control.....	50,000
	TOTAL, PART VI	2,430,000
	<i>Part VII. Special expenses</i>	
21.	Special expenses.....	3,532,000
	TOTAL, PART VII	3,532,000

Section

US dollars

B. INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

Part VIII. International Court of Justice

22.	International Court of Justice	704,500
	TOTAL, PART VIII	704,500
	GRAND TOTAL	63,149,700

2. The appropriations under paragraph 1 shall be financed by contributions from Member States after adjustment in accordance with regulation 5.2 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations; for this purpose, income for the financial year 1960 other than staff assessment is estimated at \$5,357,500 and income from staff assessment at \$6,329,000;

3. The Secretary-General is authorized:

(a) To administer as a unit the provisions under sections 1, 6 and 8 in a total amount of \$94,650 relating to the Permanent Central Opium Board and the Drug Supervisory Body;

(b) To transfer credits between sections of the budget, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

4. The appropriations under sections 1, 6, 7 and 8 in a total amount of \$226,590 relating to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board and the United Nations Staff Pension Committee shall be administered in accordance with article XXVII of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;

5. In addition to the appropriations under paragraph 1 above, an amount of \$17,500 is hereby appropriated from the income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment;

6. The Secretary-General is authorized, in accordance with the Financial Regulations, to charge against the income derived from the United Nations Postal Administration, the Visitors Service (Headquarters), the sale of publications, the catering and related services, the Gift Centre and the Visitors Service (Geneva), the direct expenses of those activities; income in excess of those expenses shall be treated as miscellaneous income under the terms of article VII of the Financial Regulations, and of paragraph 2 above.

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

1444 (XIV). Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the financial year 1960

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the financial year 1960:

1. The Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, is authorized to enter into commitments to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses, provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(a) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of \$2 million, as the Secretary-General certifies relate to the maintenance of peace and security or to urgent economic rehabilitation;

(b) Such commitments as the President of the International Court of Justice certifies relate to expenses occasioned by:

- (i) The designation of *ad hoc* judges (Statute, Article 31), not exceeding a total of \$30,000;
- (ii) The appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30), or the calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Article 50), not exceeding a total of \$25,000;
- (iii) The holding of sessions of the Court away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22), not exceeding a total of \$75,000;

(c) Such commitments not exceeding a total of \$25,000 as may be authorized by the Secretary-General

in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 1202 (XII) of 13 December 1957 relating to the pattern of conferences;

2. The Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to the General Assembly, at its fifteenth session, all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the Assembly in respect of such commitments.

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

1445 (XIV). Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1960

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. The Working Capital Fund shall be established for the year ending 31 December 1960 at an amount of \$US25 million, to be derived:

(a) As to \$23,920,842, from cash advances by Members in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 below;

(b) As to \$1,079,158, by transfer from surplus account as follows:

- (i) \$551,170 being the balance of surplus account as at 31 December 1957 not applied against Members' assessments for 1958 in accordance

with General Assembly resolution 1340 (XIII) of 13 December 1958;

- (ii) \$527,988 being the balance of surplus account available for credit to Members as at 31 December 1958;

2. Members shall make cash advances to the Working Capital Fund as required under paragraph 1 (a) above in accordance with the scale adopted by the General Assembly for contributions of Members to the budget for the financial year 1960;

3. There shall be set off against this allocation of advances the amounts paid by Members to the Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1959 under General Assembly resolution 1340 (XIII), provided that, should such advance paid by any Member to the Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1959 exceed the amount of that Member's advance under the provisions of paragraph 2 above, the excess shall be set off against the amount of contributions payable by that Member in respect of the budget for the financial year 1960, or any previous budget;

4. The Secretary-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund:

(a) Such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for the purpose;

(b) Such sums as may be necessary to finance commitments which may be duly authorized under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 1444 (XIV) of 5 December 1959, relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund;

(c) Such sums as, together with net sums outstanding for the same purpose, do not exceed \$125,000, to continue the revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities; advances in excess of the total \$125,000 may be made with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(d) Loans to specialized agencies and preparatory commissions of agencies to be established by inter-governmental agreement under the auspices of the United Nations to finance their work, pending receipt by the agencies concerned of sufficient contributions under their own budgets; such loans shall normally be repayable within two years, and the Secretary-General shall obtain the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for any cash issues which would increase the aggregate balance outstanding (including amounts previously advanced and outstanding) at any one time to an amount in excess of \$250,000;

(e) Such sums not exceeding \$35,000 as may be required to finance payments of advance insurance premiums where the period of insurance extends beyond the end of the financial year in which payment is made; this amount may be increased with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates of each year, during the life of the related policies, to cover the charges applicable to each such year;

(f) Such sums as may be necessary to finance supplementary payments made to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund in accordance with paragraph 5

of General Assembly resolution 1310 (XIII) of 10 December 1958 dealing with the pensionable remuneration of the staff;

(g) Such sums as may be necessary to enable the Tax Equalization Fund to meet current commitments pending accumulation of credits; such advances shall be repaid as soon as credits are available in the Tax Equalization Fund.

846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.

1446 (XIV). Organization and management of work of the Secretariat of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 886 (IX) of 17 December 1954 on the organizational structure of the Secretariat of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind that there has been no general review of the organization of the work of the Secretariat since the year 1954-1955,

Recognising the utility of conducting periodic general reviews of the structure and functioning of United Nations bodies,

Taking into consideration that an over-all review of the programmes of the United Nations and specialized agencies for the next five years, being carried out by the Economic and Social Council, will be completed in 1960,

Taking further into account the view of the Secretary-General that the organization of the Secretariat should be subject to constant scrutiny and adjustment in order to meet changing requirements and achieve maximum economies and efficiency,

Noting the suggestion of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions that consideration should be given to the desirability of having an over-all review of the organization of the Secretariat,

Noting the work of the Administrative Management Unit established in 1958 in the Office of the Controller,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to appoint a committee of experts, composed of six persons with broad and practical experience in the various aspects of administration and chosen with due regard to geographical distribution in consultation with the respective Governments, to work together with the Secretary-General in reviewing the activities and organization of the Secretariat of the United Nations with a view to effecting or proposing further measures designed to ensure maximum economy and efficiency in the Secretariat;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to consult with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the arrangements to be made under paragraph 1 above;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, having considered a report of the committee of experts, to present to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session provisional recommendations thereon together with the committee's report, bearing in mind that the Secretary-General's final recommendations together with further reports of the committee shall be presented to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session;

4. Requests the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to submit its observa-

tions on the review and on the reports of the Secretary-General.

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

1447 (XIV). Modernization of the Palais des Nations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General⁸⁶ and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions⁸⁷ concerning changes which have become necessary in the programme for the modernization of the Palais des Nations, approved under General Assembly resolution 1101 (XI) of 27 February 1957,

1. *Approves* the revisions in the programme for the modernization of the Palais des Nations as set out in the report of the Secretary-General together with the proposals for financing the entire programme, as modified, at a cost not to exceed \$1,790,000;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to proceed with the execution of the programme;

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General for these purposes:

(a) To include in the budget estimates for the years 1960 to 1962, as for the years 1957 to 1959, annual instalments of \$121,000, an instalment of \$131,000 in 1963 and instalments of \$311,000 annually for the years 1964 to 1966;

(b) To advance from the Working Capital Fund the sums which may be required from time to time to finance actual requirements, such advances to be repaid from budgetary appropriations in accordance with the schedule shown in annex II to the Secretary-General's report;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions informed of developments in the progress of the modernization programme.

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

1448 (XIV). Amount of the Working Capital Fund

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1341 (XIII) of 13 December 1958 on the amount of the Working Capital Fund,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General⁸⁸ and the recommendations thereon contained in the thirty-sixth report of the Advisory Committee

⁸⁶ *Ibid.*, agenda item 44, document A/C.5/775.

⁸⁷ *Ibid.*, document A/4157.

⁸⁸ *Ibid.*, document A/C.5/809.

on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session,⁸⁹

1. *Urges* the Member States concerned to give attention to the payment of the outstanding arrears of their contributions;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in addition to continuing his efforts to obtain earlier payment of contributions in keeping with regulation 5.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, to address a special communication on this matter to Member States and to report on the replies received to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session;

3. *Decides* to increase the level of the Working Capital Fund from \$23.5 million to \$25 million in 1960, by the transfer to the Fund of the balance of surplus account still available for credit to Members as at 31 December 1958 (\$527,988) and by direct additional advances in the amount of \$972,012;

4. *Decides*:

(a) To continue in 1960, under the same conditions, the authorization granted to the Secretary-General in paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 1341 (XIII) to borrow, on payment of normal current rates of interest, cash from special funds and accounts in his custody, for purposes which normally relate to the Working Capital Fund;

(b) To extend the authorization to cover short-term loans from Governments.

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.*

1449 (XIV). Budget estimates for the financial year 1960

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1096 (XI) of 27 February 1957 on the submission of revised estimates,

Desiring to restrict to a minimum additions to a total programme of work which has already been formulated for a given year and reflected in the main budget estimates submitted by the Secretary-General,

Requests all organs of the United Nations to consider ways and means whereby new projects might be deferred until suitable provision for them can be made by the Secretary-General in the main budget estimates for a subsequent financial year, unless they are of major and urgent importance or unless they can be accommodated within approved expenditure levels by the postponement of projects of relatively low priority.

*846th plenary meeting,
5 December, 1959.*

⁸⁹ *Ibid.*, document A/4317.

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1399 (XIV). Report of the International Law Commission covering the work of its eleventh session

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the International Law Commission covering the work of its eleventh session,¹

1. *Takes note* of the report of the International Law Commission;
2. *Expresses its appreciation* of the work done by the Commission.

*842nd plenary meeting,
21 November 1959.*

1400 (XIV). Codification of the principles and rules of international law relating to the right of asylum

The General Assembly,

Considering that it is desirable to standardize the application of the principles and rules relating to the right of asylum,

Recalling that the International Law Commission at its first session included the right of asylum in the provisional list of topics of international law selected for codification,²

Requests the International Law Commission, as soon as it considers it advisable, to undertake the codification of the principles and rules of international law relating to the right of asylum.

*842nd plenary meeting,
21 November 1959.*

1401 (XIV). Preliminary studies on the legal problems relating to the utilization and use of international rivers

The General Assembly,

Considering that it is desirable to initiate preliminary studies on the legal problems relating to the utilization and use of international rivers with a view to determining whether the subject is appropriate for codification,

Requests the Secretary-General to prepare and circulate to Member States a report containing:

(a) Information provided by Member States regarding their laws and legislation in force in the matter and, when necessary, a summary of such information;

(b) A summary of existing bilateral and multilateral treaties;

(c) A summary of decisions of international tribunals, including arbitral awards;

(d) A survey of studies made or being made by non-governmental organizations concerned with international law.

*842nd plenary meeting,
21 November 1959.*

1450 (XIV). International conference of plenipotentiaries on diplomatic intercourse and immunities

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, by its resolution 1288 (XIII) of 5 December 1958, it decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fourteenth session the question entitled "Diplomatic intercourse and immunities" with a view to the early conclusion of a convention on diplomatic intercourse and immunities,

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/4169).*

² *Ibid.*, Fourth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/925), para. 14.

Believing that the codification of the rules of international law in this field would assist in promoting the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Decides* that an international conference of plenipotentiaries shall be convoked to consider the question of diplomatic intercourse and immunities and to embody the results of its work in an international convention, together with such ancillary instruments as may be necessary;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convoke the conference at Vienna not later than the spring of 1961;

3. *Invites* all States Members of the United Nations, States members of the specialized agencies and States parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice to participate in the conference and to include among their representatives experts competent in the field to be considered;

4. *Invites* the specialized agencies and the interested inter-governmental organizations to send observers to the conference;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present to the conference all relevant documentation, and recommendations relating to its methods of work and procedures and to other questions of an administrative nature;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to arrange also for the necessary staff and facilities which would be required for the conference;

7. *Refers* to the conference chapter III of the report of the International Law Commission covering the work of its tenth session,³ as the basis for its consideration of the question of diplomatic intercourse and immunities;

8. *Expresses the hope* that the conference will be fully attended.

847th plenary meeting,
7 December 1959.

1451 (XIV). Question of the publication of a United Nations juridical yearbook

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1291 (XIII) of 5 December 1958 regarding the question of the publication of a United Nations juridical yearbook,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the matter,⁴

Considering that it would be highly desirable that documentary materials of a legal character relating to the United Nations should be made available in a yearly volume for the use of Governments as well as organizations and all persons interested in the development of international law,

1. *Decides* that a United Nations juridical yearbook which would include documentary materials of a legal character relating to the United Nations should be published;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as a first step, to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session containing a detailed outline of such a yearbook;

³ *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/3859 and Corr.1).

⁴ *Ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 57, document A/4151.

3. *Decides* to consider this report at its fifteenth session.

847th plenary meeting,
7 December 1959.

1452 (XIV). Reservations to multilateral conventions: the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization

A

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "Reservations to multilateral conventions: the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization", as well as India's instrument of acceptance of the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization and the report of the Secretary-General,⁵

Noting that the Secretary-General of the United Nations acts as the depositary authority in respect of that Convention,

Noting the statement made on behalf of India at the 614th meeting of the Sixth Committee on 19 October 1959, explaining that the Indian declaration was a declaration of policy and that it does not constitute a reservation,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the information and materials made available to the General Assembly;

2. *Expresses the hope* that, in the light of the above-mentioned statement of India, an appropriate solution may be reached in the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization at an early date to regularize the position of India;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization the present resolution together with the relevant records and documentation.

847th plenary meeting,
7 December 1959.

B

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 598 (VI) of 12 January 1952,

1. *Decides* to amend paragraph 3 (b) of that resolution by requesting the Secretary-General to apply the aforesaid paragraph to his depositary practice, until such time as the General Assembly may give further instructions, in respect of all conventions concluded under the auspices of the United Nations which do not contain provisions to the contrary;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to obtain information from all depositary States and international organizations with respect to depositary practice in relation to reservations, and to prepare a summary of such practices, including his own, for use by the International Law Commission in preparing its reports on the law of treaties and by the General Assembly in considering these reports.

847th plenary meeting,
7 December 1959.

⁵ *Ibid.*, agenda item 65, document A/4235.

1453 (XIV). Study of the juridical régime of historic waters, including historic bays

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, by a resolution adopted on 27 April 1958,⁶ the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea requested the General Assembly to arrange for

⁶ United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, *Official Records, Volume II: Plenary Meetings* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: 58.V.4, Vol. II), annexes, document A/CONF.13/L.56, resolution VII.

the study of the juridical régime of historic waters, including historic bays, and for the communication of the results of the study to all States Members of the United Nations,

Requests the International Law Commission, as soon as it considers it advisable, to undertake the study of the question of the juridical régime of historic waters, including historic bays, and to make such recommendations regarding the matter as the Commission deems appropriate.

*847th plenary meeting,
7 December 1959.*

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON THE REPORT OF THE
GENERAL COMMITTEE**

1351 (XIV). Question of the representation of China in the United Nations

The General Assembly

1. *Decides* to reject the request of India¹ for the inclusion in the agenda of its fourteenth regular session of the item entitled "Question of the representation of China in the United Nations";

2. *Decides* not to consider, at its fourteenth regular session, any proposals to exclude the representatives of the Government of the Republic of China or to seat representatives of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China.

*803rd plenary meeting,
22 September 1959.*

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 8, document A/4139.*

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1353 (XIV). Question of Tibet

The General Assembly,

Recalling the principles regarding fundamental human rights and freedoms set out in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the General Assembly on 10 December 1948,

Considering that the fundamental human rights and freedoms to which the Tibetan people, like all others, are entitled include the right to civil and religious liberty for all without distinction,

Mindful also of the distinctive cultural and religious heritage of the people of Tibet and of the autonomy which they have traditionally enjoyed,

Gravely concerned at reports, including the official statements of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, to the effect that the fundamental human rights and freedoms of the people of Tibet have been forcibly denied them,

Deploing the effect of these events in increasing international tension and in embittering the relations between peoples at a time when earnest and positive efforts are being made by responsible leaders to reduce tension and improve international relations,

1. *Affirms its belief* that respect for the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is essential for the evolution of a peaceful world order based on the rule of law;

2. *Calls* for respect for the fundamental human rights of the Tibetan people and for their distinctive cultural and religious life.

*834th plenary meeting,
21 October 1959.*

1355 (XIV). Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency

The General Assembly

Takes note of the report of the International Atomic

Energy Agency to the General Assembly covering the period from 1 July 1958 to 30 June 1959.¹

*836th plenary meeting,
3 November 1959.*

1376 (XIV). Progress report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation

The General Assembly,

Recalling the conclusions of the report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation² and General Assembly resolution 1347 (XIII) of 13 December 1958,

Reaffirming the great importance of studies relating to the effects of ionizing radiation upon man and his environment,

Recognizing the universal desire that urgent steps be taken to enlarge knowledge of the biological effects of radiation and of the extent of the hazard from man-made radiation,

Noting with appreciation that numerous reports and substantial data have been provided to the Committee by Governments and specialized agencies, and that assistance is being rendered to the Committee by them, by the International Atomic Energy Agency, by international non-governmental and national scientific organizations, and by individual scientists,

Noting with satisfaction the increasingly close co-operation between the Committee and the International Atomic Energy Agency,

Bearing in mind the views of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination concerning co-operation among the organizations concerned in the field of atomic radiation, as endorsed in Economic and Social Council resolution 743 B (XXVIII) of 31 July 1959,

¹ *Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency to the General Assembly of the United Nations, Vienna, October 1959 (A/4244).*

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 24, documents A/4119 and Add.1.*

Convinced that for the purpose of the Scientific Committee's immediate programme of work it is desirable to provide the Committee with further information on fall-out, radiation levels and radio-biological questions, and to supplement this information by a variety of activities and discussions undertaken by the United Nations, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and certain non-governmental organizations,

I

Approves the recommendations of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation in connexion with the plans and suggested activities contained in its annual progress report for 1959 and in annex I thereto;

II

1. *Notes* the request of the Committee for further information and data of the type already contained in its comprehensive report;³

2. *Requests* the Committee, in consultation with the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization and the World Meteorological Organization, to consider and study appropriate arrangements for the purpose of stimulating the flow of such information and data;

III

Requests the Committee also, in consultation with the World Health Organization, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to the extent relevant, and other interested organizations, to consider and study appropriate arrangements for encouraging genetic, biological and other studies, including those concerned with C¹⁴, that will elucidate the effects of radiation exposure on the health of human populations;

IV

1. *Invites* Governments of Member States having facilities for laboratory analysis to make known to other Governments the extent to which they are prepared, at the request of other Governments, to receive and analyse samples in accordance with the programme of work of the Committee, and to keep the Committee currently informed;

2. *Invites* the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the World Health Organization to consider and inform the Committee what assistance they might give in this connexion, making full use of their work in the field of metrology of radio-nuclides;

V

1. *Expresses the hope* that all concerned will continue to assist the Committee, co-operate in the consideration of the arrangements contemplated above and furnish the Committee with all relevant scientific information for collation, study and dissemination;

2. *Requests* the Committee to submit as soon as practicable a report on its study of such questions to the

³ *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/3838).

Secretary-General for publication and dissemination to all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency, and for consideration by the General Assembly at its fifteenth session.

839th plenary meeting,
17 November 1959.

1377 (XIV). Report of the Security Council

The General Assembly

Takes note of the report of the Security Council to the General Assembly covering the period from 16 July 1958 to 15 July 1959.⁴

839th plenary meeting,
17 November 1959.

1381 (XIV). Report of the Committee on arrangements for a conference for the purpose of reviewing the Charter

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provisions of its resolutions 992 (X) of 21 November 1955 and 1136 (XII) of 14 October 1957,

1. *Decides* to keep in being the Committee on arrangements for a conference for the purpose of reviewing the Charter and to request the Committee to report, with recommendations, to the General Assembly not later than at its sixteenth session;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue the work envisaged in paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 992 (X).

841st plenary meeting,
20 November 1959.

1442 (XIV). United Nations Emergency Force⁵

The General Assembly,

Noting from the report of the Secretary-General⁶ the intention of Lieutenant-General E. L. M. Burns to relinquish his post as Commander of the United Nations Emergency Force,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the excellent leadership which General Burns has given to the United Nations Emergency Force;

2. *Approves* the appointment, on the existing terms, of Major-General P. S. Gyani as Commander of the Force, effective on the date when General Burns relinquishes command.

846th plenary meeting,
5 December 1959.

1454 (XIV). Question of Hungary

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Representative on Hungary,⁷ Sir Leslie Munro, who was appointed by General Assembly resolution 1312

⁴ *Ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 2 (A/4190).

⁵ See also resolution 1441 (XIV) and "Allocation of agenda items", footnote 6.

⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 28, document A/4210/Add.1.

⁷ *Ibid.*, agenda item 74, document A/4304.

(XIII) of 12 December 1958 for the purpose of reporting to Member States or to the General Assembly on significant developments relating to the implementation of the resolutions of the General Assembly on Hungary,

1. *Deplores* the continued disregard by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the present Hungarian régime of the General Assembly resolutions dealing with the situation in Hungary;

2. *Calls upon* the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the present authorities in Hungary to co-operate with the United Nations Representative on Hungary;

3. *Requests* the United Nations Representative on Hungary to continue his efforts.

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