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**revised draft resolution**

#### **Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 48/26 of 3 December 1993,

*Noting* the work of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council,

*Noting also* that, on the questions of the enlargement and reform of the Security Council, while a convergence of views has emerged on a number of issues, important differences still exist on many others and that the Open-ended Working Group has not yet reached the general agreement called for in resolution 48/26,

*Noting further* that, when addressing matters relating to amendments to the Charter of the United Nations, both Articles 108 and 109 of the Charter calculate the majority required for taking decisions in the Assembly on the basis of the whole membership of the United Nations and not on the basis of the members present and voting,

*Taking note* of the declaration of the twelfth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Durban, South Africa from 29 August to 3

September 1998,<sup>1</sup> regarding the reform and expansion of the Security Council, which reaffirmed the determination that any resolution with Charter amendment implications must be adopted by the two-thirds majority of the United Nations membership referred to in Article 108 of the Charter,

*Considering* that the notion of general agreement called for in resolution 48/26, however understood, necessarily implies the consent of no less than two thirds of the members of the United Nations, namely, of the majority referred to in Article 108 of the Charter,

*Recalling* its decision 52/490 of 24 August 1998 concerning the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters,

1. *Stresses* that the matter of Security Council reform, while deserving urgent attention, is of such fundamental importance that it cannot be subject to any imposed time-frame, and therefore recognizes the need to allow Member States adequate time to further reflect on the question, with a view to identifying solutions on which general agreement can be reached;

2. *Emphasizes*, in this regard, that any resolution with Charter amendment implications must be adopted by the two-thirds majority of the United Nations membership, as referred to in Article 108 of the Charter;

3. *Reiterates* that the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council shall continue its work in 1999 in order to examine all proposals and submit a report to the General Assembly before the end of its fifty-third session.

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<sup>1</sup> See A/53/667-S/1998/1071, annex I.