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Colombia, Cuba, Peru, Tunisia and Venezuela: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Noting with appreciation the Secretary-General's Report on Public Information Activities of the United Nations (A/4122), dated 16 June 1959,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 13 (I) dated 13 February 1946 and 595 (VI) dated 4 February 1952, setting forth the basic policy of the United Nations in its public information activities,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1086 (XI) dated 21 December 1956 relating to the establishment of information centres,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to give special attention to the importance of adequate regional representation in the policy making and programme planning levels of the Office of Public Information; in the structure and staffing of the External Relations Division; and in the distribution of information centres;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to establish new information centres by a further decentralization of Headquarters staff and services;

3. Requests Member States concerned to give all possible facilities for the establishment of the new centres mentioned and to co-operate fully and 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 and expand their commendable activities on behalf of a greater understanding of the United Nations by fuller dissemination of accurate and objective information;

5. Recalls the General Assembly Resolution 13(I) of 13 February 1946 which envisaged the need for an advisory body in the field of public information, as well as paragraph 8 of the Secretary-General's statement A/C.5/764 of 13 November 1958 which reiterates the above, and requests the Secretary-General to appoint a honorary United Nations Advisory Committee on Public information composed of 10 Member States from the main cultural and **geographic** areas to meet periodically at United Nations Headquarters with the Secretary-General to review and discuss information policies and programmes in order to ensure maximum effectiveness at minimum cost;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the above Advisory Committee with necessary services and facilities including an officer of sufficient seniority and competence from the Office of Public Information to function as Secretary of the Committee;

7. Requests the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to co-operate closely with the above-mentioned Committee;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the above recommendations together with the comments of the Advisory Committee on Public Information to the 15th session of the General Assembly.

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