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LETTER DATED 29 DECEMBER 1950 FROM THE ACTING SECRETARY-GENERAL TO THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF A RESOLUTION  
ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENTITLED "RECOGNITION BY THE UNITED  
NATIONS OF THE REPRESENTATION OF A MEMBER STATE"

I have the honour to transmit, for the information of the Security Council,  
the text of the enclosed resolution entitled: "Recognition by the United Nations  
of the representation of a Member State", adopted by the General Assembly at its  
325th plenary meeting on 14 December 1950.

I further have the honour to request you to transmit this resolution to the  
subsidiary organs of the Security Council.

(signed) A. D. K. OMEN  
Acting Secretary-General

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RECOGNITION BY THE UNITED NATIONS OF THE  
REPRESENTATION OF A MEMBER STATE

Resolution adopted by the General Assembly at  
its 325th plenary meeting on 14 December 1950

(adopted on the report of the Ad Hoc Political Committee (A/1578))

The General Assembly,

Considering that difficulties may arise regarding the representation of a Member State in the United Nations and that there is a risk that conflicting decisions may be reached by its various organs,

Considering that it is in the interest of the proper functioning of the Organization that there should be uniformity in the procedure applicable whenever more than one authority claims to be the government entitled to represent a Member State in the United Nations, and this question becomes the subject of controversy in the United Nations,

Considering that, in virtue of its composition, the General Assembly is the organ of the United Nations in which consideration can best be given to the views of all Member States in matters affecting the functioning of the Organization as a whole,

1. Recommends that, whenever more than one authority claims to be the government entitled to represent a Member State in the United Nations and this question becomes the subject of controversy in the United Nations, the question should be considered in the light of the Purposes and Principles of the Charter and the circumstances of each case;
2. Recommends that, when any such question arises, it should be considered by the General Assembly, or by the Interim Committee if the General Assembly is not in session;
3. Recommends that the attitude adopted by the General Assembly or its Interim Committee concerning any such question should be taken into account in other organs of the United Nations and in the specialized agencies;
4. Declares that the attitude adopted by the General Assembly or its Interim Committee concerning any such question shall not of itself affect the direct relations of individual Member States with the State concerned;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to the other organs of the United Nations and to the specialized agencies for such action as may be appropriate.