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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO THE SECURITY
COUNCIL ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PARAGRAPH A-4
OF THE RESOLUTION OF 21 FEBRUARY 1961

In the report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council "on certain steps taken in regard to the implementation of the Security Council resolution adopted on 21 February 1961" (S/4752), the Security Council was informed of the consideration by the Advisory Committee on the Congo of paragraph A-4 of the above-mentioned resolution. The Advisory Committee has now concluded its discussions concerning the implementation of this paragraph. The Secretary-General wishes to inform the Security Council that the Advisory Committee has made the following recommendation regarding the terms of reference of the Investigation Commission envisaged in paragraph A-4 of the Security Council resolution:

1. The terms of reference of the Commission as indicated in the above-mentioned Security Council resolution will be to hold an impartial investigation in order to ascertain the circumstances of the death of Mr. Patrice Lumumba and his colleagues, Mr. Maurice Mpolo and Mr. Joseph Okito. In particular, the Commission will endeavour to ascertain the events and circumstances relating to and culminating in the death of Mr. Lumumba and his colleagues and to fix responsibility therefor.
2. For the fulfilment of the task entrusted to it, the Commission may call upon the assistance of Member States of the United Nations, and of the authorities in the Republic of the Congo. In addition to the normal methods of investigation the Commission may, in its discretion and to the extent considered necessary for the implementation of its mission, call upon the United Nations or any authorities in the Republic of the Congo to furnish any information or documents which may, in its opinion, be related to its terms of reference. The Commission may also, at its discretion, invite or receive oral or documentary testimony from any person within or outside the Republic of the Congo.

3. The Commission shall be entitled to receive from all Member States of the United Nations full co-operation and assistance as laid down in paragraph B-3 of the above-mentioned Security Council resolution. It shall also have the right to ask for and receive any assistance from the authorities in the Republic of the Congo and the local machinery of the United Nations Operation in the Congo.

4. The Commission shall carry out its task with promptness and despatch and submit a report to the Security Council by *

The Advisory Committee has further recommended that this Commission be composed of four members, nominated by the Governments of Burma, Ethiopia, Mexico and Togo.

The Government of Ethiopia has nominated Mr. Teschome HAILEMARIAM.

The Government of Mexico has nominated Mr. José ORTIZ TIRADO.

* To be inserted later.

