

ARRANGEMENTS REQUIRED AS A RESULT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT  
OF THE PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Report of the Sixth Committee

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1. By its resolution of 13 February 1946, the General Assembly entrusted the Secretary-General with the task of negotiating with the competent authorities of the United States of America the arrangements required as a result of the establishment of the permanent headquarters of the United Nations in the United States of America.
2. The resolution of 13 February 1946 also provided that in these negotiations the Secretary-General should be assisted by a committee which became known as the "Negotiating Committee". This body consisted of ten members, nominated respectively by the governments of Australia, Belgium, Bolivia, China, Cuba, Egypt, France, Poland, the United Kingdom and the Soviet Union.
3. The General Assembly referred to the Sixth Committee a joint report by the Secretary-General and the Negotiating Committee on the negotiations that had taken place with the authorities of the United States of America (document A/67). The negotiations had resulted in a draft agreement making the necessary arrangements for the immunities, privileges and facilities required by the United Nations.
4. These negotiations were based on the assumption that the permanent headquarters of the United Nations would be located in a rural area. The decision of the General Assembly, however, that the permanent headquarters shall be located in the City of New York necessitates some modification of the draft agreement in order to adapt it to the

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circumstances of an urban site. Further negotiations will therefore be necessary, and the agreement cannot be submitted for the approval of the General Assembly until its second session.

5. The Sixth Committee recommends that the General Assembly should deal with the whole position in the manner provided for in the following draft resolution:

"~~THE~~ GENERAL ASSEMBLY takes note of the Joint Report by the Secretary-General and the Negotiating Committee on the negotiations with the authorities of the United States of America concerning the arrangements required as a result of the establishment of the seat of the United Nations in the United States of America (documents A/67 and A/67/Add.1).

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, having decided that the permanent headquarters of the United Nations shall be located in the City of New York, recognizes that any agreement with the United States relating to the permanent headquarters will need to be adapted to the circumstances of this site.

THEREFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

1. That the Secretary-General be authorized to negotiate and conclude with the appropriate authorities of the United States of America an agreement concerning the arrangements required as a result of the establishment of the permanent headquarters of the United Nations in the City of New York.
2. That in negotiating this agreement the Secretary-General shall be guided by the provisions of the draft agreement set forth in document A/67.
3. That the agreement referred to in paragraph 1 shall not come into force until approved by the General Assembly.
4. That, pending the coming into force of the agreement referred to in paragraph 1, the Secretary-General be authorized to negotiate and conclude arrangements with the appropriate authorities of the United States of America to

determine on a provisional basis the privileges, immunities and facilities needed in connection with the permanent headquarters by the United Nations. In negotiating these arrangements, the Secretary-General shall be guided by the provisions of the draft agreement set forth in document A/67.

5. That the Government of the United States of America be requested to take the necessary steps as soon as possible to put into effect the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, and to give effect to such arrangements as may be reached in accordance with paragraph 4 of this Resolution."

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