

MEASURES TO BE TAKEN AGAINST PROPAGANDA
AND THE INCITERS OF A NEW WAR
REPORT OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

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1. The General Assembly, on 23 September 1947 referred to the First Committee, for consideration and report, the question of "Measures to be taken against propaganda and the inciters of a new war", submitted by the delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (document A/BUR/86).
2. The Committee first discussed this question at its seventy-ninth meeting, held on 22 October 1947, when a statement was made by the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, who explained the Soviet proposal.
3. The general discussion continued until the eighty-fifth meeting inclusive with the following countries participating in the debate:
Australia, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, France, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Netherlands, New Zealand, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Sweden, Syria, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of South Africa, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela and Yugoslavia.
4. At the seventy-ninth meeting, the representative of Australia submitted an amendment (document A/C.1/219) to the proposal of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and at the eighty-first meeting, held on 21 October 1947, the representative of Canada presented a new draft resolution (document A/C.1/220).
5. At the eighty-third meeting held on 24 October 1947, two draft resolutions were submitted: one by the representative of France (document A/C.1/221) and the other by the representative of Venezuela proposing the setting up of a sub-committee to study the proposals submitted by various delegations (document A/C.1/223).
6. The general debate was concluded at the eighty-fifth meeting, held on 25 October and the Committee decided to vote on the proposal of Venezuela, which was rejected by twenty-nine votes to twelve, with twelve abstentions.

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7. At the eighty-sixth meeting held on 27 October 1947, the representatives of Australia, Canada and France submitted a draft joint resolution (document A/C.1/224) to replace their three separate proposals contained in documents A/C.1/219, A/C.1/220 and A/C.1/221 respectively. The representative of Poland also introduced a new amendment (document A/C.1/225) to paragraph 1 of the Soviet proposal. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics accepted the Polish amendment as a substitute for paragraph 1 of the Soviet proposal.

8. The proposal of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, as amended by the representative of Poland, was voted upon in parts with the following results:

Paragraph 1 was rejected by twenty-three votes to eighteen with fourteen abstentions.

Paragraph 2 was rejected by twenty-eight votes to nine, with eighteen abstentions.

Paragraph 3 was rejected by forty-two votes to six, with six abstentions.

Paragraph 4 was rejected by forty votes to seven, with seven abstentions.

9. After the above mentioned paragraphs of the proposal of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics had been rejected, the Committee then proceeded to vote on the draft joint resolution submitted by Australia, Canada and France (document A/C.1/224). In the meantime, the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics introduced amendments to paragraph 2 of the preamble and sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 2 of the draft joint resolution (documents A/C.1/226 and A/C.1/227). The representative of the United States of America also introduced new amendments to paragraph 2 of the preamble and paragraphs 2 and 3 of the draft joint resolution (document A/C.1/228).

This draft joint resolution was voted upon in parts with the following results:

Paragraph 1 of the preamble was unanimously adopted.

Paragraph 2 of the preamble, as amended by the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and further amended by the representative of Poland, was rejected by thirty votes to six, with six abstentions.

The original second paragraph of the preamble of the draft joint resolution, with the substitution for the word "including" of the words "which include", as suggested by the representative of the United States of America, was adopted by fifty-five votes to none, with one abstention.

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Paragraph 1 of the draft joint resolution was adopted by fifty-five votes to none.

The introductory sentence of paragraph 2 of the draft joint resolution, as amended by the representative of the United States of America, was adopted by twenty-two votes to seventeen, with fourteen abstentions.

Sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 2 of the draft joint resolution, as amended by the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, was rejected by thirty-four votes to eight, with ten abstentions.

The original sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 2 of the draft joint resolution was adopted by fifty-six votes to none.

Sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph 2 of the draft joint resolution was adopted by fifty-six votes to none.

Paragraph 3 of the draft joint resolution, as amended by the representative of the United States of America and further amended by the representative of Australia, was adopted by forty-five votes to six.

The entire joint resolution was adopted by fifty-six votes to none.

The vote was taken by a roll call:

FOR: Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Iceland, India, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Liberia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Siam, Sweden, Syria, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of South Africa, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, and Yugoslavia.

10. The First Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

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WHEREAS in the Charter of the United Nations the peoples express their determination to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours; and

WHEREAS the Charter also calls for the promotion of universal respect for, and observance of, fundamental freedoms which include freedom of expression, all Members having pledged themselves in Article 56 to take joint and separate action for such observance of fundamental freedoms.

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1. CONDEMNS all forms of propaganda, in whatsoever country conducted, which is either designed or likely to provoke or encourage any threat to the peace, breach of the peace, or act of aggression.
2. REQUESTS the Government of each Member to take appropriate steps within its constitutional limits:
 - (a) to promote, by all means of publicity and propaganda available to them, friendly relations among nations based upon the Purposes and Principles of the Charter;
 - (b) to encourage the dissemination of all information designed to give expression to the undoubted desire of all peoples for peace.
3. DIRECTS that this resolution be communicated to the forthcoming Conference on Freedom of Information."
