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LIBYA

PROBLEM OF WAR DAMAGES: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Report of the Second Committee

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1. The General Assembly, at its 342nd plenary meeting held on 13 November 1951, decided to place on the agenda of its sixth session the item "Libya. Problem of war damages: report of the Secretary-General" and to allocate it to the Second Committee for consideration and report.
2. The Second Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/2000) on this matter which he had submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with the instructions contained in resolution 389 (V) of 15 December 1950.
3. The Committee invited representatives of Italy and the United Kingdom of Libya to participate in the discussion of the item in accordance with requests made by their respective Governments (A/C.2/173 and A/C.2/175).
4. The Committee considered the item at its 189th and 190th meetings held on 21 and 22 January 1952. The first meeting was devoted to a general discussion in which eighteen delegations, as well as the representatives of Italy and the United Kingdom of Libya, took part. At its 190th meeting, the Committee considered, in its revised form, a joint draft resolution submitted by France and the United Kingdom (A/C.2/L.150/Rev.1). At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the revised draft resolution by 44 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.
5. The Second Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The General Assembly,

Having examined and noted the report of the Secretary-General containing a general survey of the problem of war damages in Libya,^{1/} submitted in accordance with resolution 389 (V) adopted by the General Assembly on 15 December 1950,

Having heard a statement made by a representative of the United Kingdom of Libya,^{2/}

Believing that the problem of war damages should be considered within the general framework of the over-all economic development plans for the country,

Invites the Secretary-General, and the agencies participating in the Technical Assistance Board, to give sympathetic consideration to requests of the Libyan Government for assistance with economic development programmes which would strengthen the Libyan economy, including the repair or reconstruction of damaged property and installations, public and private, and in this connexion to appoint, as requested by the Libyan Government, any additional experts that may be required to collect the necessary data, to complete the survey of the problem of war damages and to make recommendations.

^{1/} A/2000.

^{2/} A/C.2/SR.189.