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PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE ELEVENTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY: ITEM PROPOSED BY COSTA RICA, CUBA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, HAITI AND SPAIN

QUESTION OF AMENDING THE STATUTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURE LAID DOWN IN ARTICLE 108 OF THE CHARTER: (a) INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF JUDGES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

Letter dated 19 June 1956 addressed to the Secretary-General by the Permanent Representatives to the United Nations of Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Haiti and Spain

New York, 19 June 1956

On behalf of our respective Governments we have the honour to propose the inclusion of the following item in the provisional agenda of the eleventh regular session of the General Assembly:

"Question of amending the Statute of the International Court of Justice, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 108 of the Charter:

(a) Increase in the number of judges of the International Court of Justice".

In conformity with the provisions of rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly our proposal is accompanied by an explanatory memorandum. A/3140English Page 2

## (Signed)

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## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

At the end of last year there was a substantial increase in the membership of the United Nations and it is probable that more Members will be admitted in the near future.

In the light of that development and with a view to maintaining a satisfactory distribution in the membership of some of the principal organs of the United Nations and to facilitating the participation of new Members in the work of those organs, the representatives whose signatures appear on the note of today's date to the Secretary-General have deemed it desirable to propose the inclusion of the following item in the provisional agenda of the eleventh regular session of the General Assembly:

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