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## THE QUESTION OF WEST IRIAN (WEST NEW GUINEA)

Report of the First Committee

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1. By a letter (A/2932) dated 10 August 1955, the representatives of Afghanistan, Burma, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Liberia, Pakistan, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Thailand and Yemen requested that the item "The question of West Irian (West New Guinea)" should be included in the supplementary list of items for the agenda of the tenth session of the General Assembly. An explanatory memorandum was submitted with the letter.
2. At its 532nd meeting on 3 October 1955, the General Assembly included the item in the agenda of the session and referred it to the First Committee for consideration and report.
3. The First Committee considered the item at its 811th meeting on 12 December 1955.
4. Ecuador, India, New Zealand, Norway and Syria, submitted a joint draft resolution (A/C.1/L.155), which provided that the General Assembly, having considered "The question of West Irian (West New Guinea)", hoping that the problem would be peacefully resolved and noting the joint statement issued by the Governments of Indonesia and the Netherlands on 7 December 1955, would express the hope that the negotiations referred to in the said joint statement would be fruitful.
5. The joint draft resolution was adopted without objection.

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

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "The question of West Irian (West New Guinea)",

Hoping that the problem will be peacefully resolved,

Noting the joint statement issued by the Governments of Indonesia and the Netherlands on 7 December 1955,

Expresses the hope that the negotiations referred to in the said joint statement will be fruitful.