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Nineteenth session

OPENING DATE OF THE NINETEENTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to communicate to the Members of the General Assembly the correspondence relating to the decision to postpone the opening date of the nineteenth regular session of the Assembly to Tuesday, 10 November 1964, at 3 p.m.

- A. LETTER DATED 21 APRIL 1964 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF AFGHANISTAN, ALGERIA, CAMBODIA, CEYLON, CONGO (LEOPOLDVILLE), CUBA, CYPRUS, ETHIOPIA, GHANA, GUINEA, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAQ, LEBANON, MOROCCO, NEPAL, SOMALIA, SUDAN, UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC AND YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On behalf of our Governments we would like to inform you that the Second Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-aligned Countries is scheduled to take place in Cairo some time in October, 1964. The exact date of the Conference has not yet been settled.

Attending the Conference will be the Heads of State or Government of over fifty countries, representing nearly half the membership of the United Nations. Practically all the substantive items to be discussed at the Conference are also likely to be items on the agenda of the Nineteenth Session of the General Assembly. We venture to express the hope that the consideration of these items in the General Assembly will be facilitated by the discussions at the Conference.

In these circumstances it appears to us that it would be very convenient for those Member Governments whose Heads of State or Government will be attending that Conference, and perhaps useful to all Members of the United Nations, if the opening of the Nineteenth Regular Session of the General Assembly could be postponed to some suitable date in November.

We, the under-signed Permanent Representatives, would be grateful if you could transmit this proposal to the other Members of the United Nations for their consideration.

For the Government of Afghanistan

Abdul Rahman Pazhwak

For the Government of Algeria

Abdêlkader Uhanderli

For the Government of Cambodia

Voensai Sonn

For the Government of Ceylon

Senerat Gunewardene

For the Government of Congo  
(Leopoldville)

Pierre A. M'Bale

For the Government of Cuba

Carlos Lechuga

For the Government of Cyprus

Zenon Rossides

For the Government of Ethiopia	Tesfaye Gebre-Egzy
For the Government of Ghana	Alex Quaison-Sackey
For the Government of Guinea	Diallo Telli
For the Government of India	B.N. Chakravarty
For the Government of Indonesia	Lambertus N. Palar
For the Government of Iraq	Adnan M. Pachachi
For the Government of Lebanon	Georges Hakim
For the Government of Morocco	Ahmed Taibi Benhima
For the Government of Nepal	Ram C. Malhotra
For the Government of Somalia	Hassan Nur Elmi
For the Government of Sudan	Omar Abdel Hamid Adeel
For the Government of the United Arab Republic	Amin Hilmy II
For the Government of Yugoslavia	Danilo Lekic

B. NOTE VERBALE DATED 4 MAY 1964 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO  
THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER STATES

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of ... to the United Nations and has the honour to transmit a copy of a letter dated 21 April 1964 from the Permanent Representatives of Afghanistan, Algeria, Cambodia, Ceylon, Congo (Leopoldville), Cuba, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Lebanon, Morocco, Nepal, Somalia, Sudan, the United Arab Republic and Yugoslavia to the United Nations proposing that the opening of the nineteenth regular session of the General Assembly be postponed until some suitable date in November.

As requested in this letter and availing himself of the procedures of consultation with Members provided for in the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General has the honour to request the Permanent Representative to inform him before 1 June 1964 of the position of his Government with regard to this proposal.

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If the majority of the Members concur, the Secretary-General would suggest that the second Tuesday of November, i.e. 10 November 1964, might be a suitable date for the opening of the nineteenth session of the General Assembly.

C. NOTE VERBALE DATED 9 JUNE 1964 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL  
TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER STATES

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of ... to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to his note dated 4 May 1964, with which he transmitted the request from twenty Member States that the opening date of the nineteenth session of the General Assembly be postponed to some suitable date in November. In the same note, the Secretary-General suggested that the second Tuesday of November, i.e. 10 November 1964, might be a suitable date if the proposal for postponement were accepted.

A majority of Member States having now agreed to the postponement of the opening date to Tuesday, 10 November 1964, the General Assembly will convene on that date, at 3 p.m. The provisional agenda will be communicated to Member States, in accordance with rule 12 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, on 10 September 1964.

In this connexion, the Secretary-General wishes to draw attention to rules 13 (e) and 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly regarding the inclusion of items in the provisional agenda of a regular session, and to rules 14 and 20 concerning the inclusion of supplementary items. Members wishing to avail themselves of the provisions of rule 13 (e) are requested to do so not later than Wednesday, 9 September 1964.

The Secretary-General also wishes to draw attention to resolution 1898 (XVIII) of the General Assembly on the improvement of the methods of work of the General Assembly, in particular to the recommendations approved by the Assembly in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d). These provide as follows:

"(b) All the Main Committees, except the First Committee, should begin their work not later than two working days after they have received the list of agenda items referred to them by the General Assembly;

"(c) The First Committee should meet as soon as possible to organize its work, determine the order of discussion of the items allocated to it and start the systematic consideration of its agenda; at the beginning of the session, such meetings might be held when there is an interruption in the general debate; later, plenary meetings might be held during one part of the day, the other part being reserved for the First Committee, thus enabling the Committee to proceed with its regular work as soon as possible after the opening of the session;

"(d) Each of the Main Committees should establish its programme of work as soon as possible, including the approximate dates on which it will consider the various items referred to it and the date on which it proposes to conclude its work, on the understanding that this programme will be transmitted to the General Committee to enable it to make such recommendations as it may deem relevant, including, when the General Committee considers it appropriate, recommendations as to the dates by which Main Committees should conclude their work."

The Under-Secretary for General Assembly Affairs together with the members of his staff, as well as other Under-Secretaries and the Secretaries of the Main Committees, will be glad to render all possible assistance to Permanent Representatives and to the members of their offices in any preliminary consultations which may be considered helpful regarding the organization of the work of the nineteenth session.

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