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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM IN THE AGENDA OF THE  
SIXTEENTH REGULAR SESSION: ITEM PROPOSED BY NEW ZEALAND

QUESTION OF THE REPRESENTATION OF CHINA IN THE UNITED NATIONS

Letter dated 17 September 1961 from the chargé d'affaires, a.i. of  
New Zealand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour, by direction of the Prime Minister and Minister of External  
Affairs of New Zealand, to transmit to you the following communication:

"Secretary-General,  
United Nations

17 September 1961

On behalf of the Government of New Zealand I have the honour to request  
the inclusion of the following additional item of an important and urgent  
character in the agenda of the sixteenth session of the United Nations  
General Assembly: 'Question of the representation of China in the  
United Nations'.

(Signed) K.J. HOLYOAKE  
Prime Minister and Minister of  
External Affairs of New Zealand"

In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly,  
an explanatory memorandum is attached to this letter.

(Signed) M. NORRISH  
Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.

# EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

For some years, the General Assembly has decided to defer examination of the substance of the question of the representation of China in the United Nations. Over the course of years there have been clear signs of a growing desire by Member States to undertake a full discussion of this question. In view of the importance of the matter, the New Zealand Government believes that the General Assembly at its sixteenth session should freely and fully discuss this vital issue with a view to ensuring that any action the Assembly may take will be based on the principles of the Charter and on a thorough consideration and examination of all the relevant factors.

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