



Sixteenth session

REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM IN THE AGENDA OF THE SIXTEENTH REGULAR SESSION: ITEM PROPOSED BY ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, BOLIVIA, CHILE, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, CUBA, EL SALVADOR, ECUADOR, GUATEMALA, HAITI, HONDURAS, MEXICO, NICARAGUA, PANAMA, PARAGUAY, PERU, URUGUAY AND VENEZUELA

ENLARGEMENT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE  
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

Letter dated 10 October 1961 from the Permanent Representative of  
Costa Rica to the United Nations addressed to the President of the  
General Assembly

On behalf of the representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, El Salvador, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela, I have the honour to request the inclusion of the following item in the agenda of the sixteenth session of the General Assembly: "Enlargement of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions".

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

(Signed) GONZALO ORTIZ M.,  
Permanent Representative of Costa Rica  
to the United Nations

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. In February 1946, when the General Assembly established the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the United Nations comprised fifty-one Member States or just over one half of the present membership. At that time it was considered that a Committee comprising nine members would provide for "broad geographical representation".
2. Since that time, the number of Member States has risen from fifty-one to 100. The question therefore arises whether the size of the Committee, as initially established on the basis of the 1946 membership of the Organization, remains adequate today and can still ensure a broad geographical representation in the Committee. Not a single representative of an African Member State is included in the present composition of the Advisory Committee.
3. It is clearly for the General Assembly to determine the size and composition of its subsidiary, advisory organs. Accordingly, the authors of the present proposal, while believing that the enlargement of the Advisory Committee is called for, have refrained from including a specific figure of increase in the draft resolution that will be presented in due course by the sponsors of this proposal. They submit, however, that any enlargement of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions must, while on the one hand, being sufficient for the purpose which this proposal is intended to serve, also be within the limitations necessary to safeguard the effective functioning of the Committee as an expert body of the General Assembly.
4. The present proposal is submitted in the hope that through the enlargement of the Advisory Committee envisaged, and in the implementation of that action, the broad geographical representation desired will be achieved.

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