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### Proposal for a memorial to the late Dag Hammarskjöld

#### Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Antonio ARRAIZ (Venezuela)

1. At its 852nd meeting, held on 11 October 1961, the Fifth Committee considered a nine-Power proposal (A/C.5/885) submitted by Argentina, Ceylon, Denmark, Ireland, Liberia, Mexico, Norway, Tunisia and the United Arab Republic in which the sponsors, after referring to the forthcoming dedication of the new United Nations Library, suggested that "it would seem a most appropriate memorial that this beautiful edifice which will fill a significant role in the work of the United Nations, and in which Mr. Hammarskjöld himself had a profound interest, should be named in his memory".
2. The many representatives who spoke at the meeting gave voice to their grief over the death of Dag Hammarskjöld and recalled his noble and untiring efforts on behalf of the United Nations and on behalf of the cause for which this Organization stands - the cause of peace among the nations. They recalled also how earnestly the late Secretary-General had striven for the success of the great project which is now nearing completion, to build a library truly worthy of the United Nations.
3. The Committee acknowledged the heavy debt of gratitude that is owed to the Ford Foundation, } whose generosity two years ago had brought the new Library into being. More recently, the Foundation had itself put forward the suggestion that the United Nations might wish to name the Library "The Dag Hammarskjöld Library".

Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

4. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the nine-Power draft resolution (A/C.5/885, paragraph 6):

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE DAG HAMMARSKJOLD

The General Assembly,

Mourning the passing of Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary-General of the United Nations,

Desiring to establish an appropriate memorial commemorating his services to the United Nations,

Noting with appreciation the hope expressed by the Ford Foundation, as donor, that the new Library might be considered in some measure an appropriate remembrance of Mr. Hammarskjold's life,

Decides to dedicate the new Library on 16 November 1961 as "The Dag Hammarskjold Library".

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