

FIRST COMMITTEE

REPORT ON ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

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The General Assembly, at its forty-sixth plenary meeting held on 31 October 1946, referred the question of the Admission of New Members to the First Committee for consideration and report to the plenary meeting. The Committee first took up the admission of Afghanistan, Iceland and Sweden and reported on the admission of these three States to the forty-seventh plenary meeting held on 9 November 1946, and now reports on the general question of the admission of New Members as follows:

The representatives of Egypt, Panama and the Philippine Republic submitted draft resolutions resolving that the applications for membership in the United Nations submitted by the People's Republic of Albania, the Mongolian People's Republic, the Hashemite Kingdom of Transjordan, Ireland and Portugal be re-examined by the Security Council.

At its fourteenth meeting held on 6 November 1946, the First Committee adopted the Chairman's proposal for a drafting Sub-Committee to co-ordinate the three draft resolutions. It was agreed that the Sub-Committee should consist of the representatives of Egypt, the Philippine Republic, Panama, Czechoslovakia, Chile, USSR, United Kingdom, United States, France and China and the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur of the First Committee.

The Sub-Committee held two meetings on 7 and 8 November 1946. After a full discussion, a single text combining the original resolutions was adopted by a vote of 7 to 4 with 2 abstentions.

At the seventeenth meeting of the First Committee held on 11 November 1946, the Rapporteur submitted the resolution to the First Committee.

The amendments presented by the representatives of Panama and Haiti to the resolution were rejected, and those of the representatives of France and Egypt were adopted. The amended resolution was carried by a vote of 42 with 7 abstentions. The First Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

"Applications for membership in the United Nations were submitted by the People's Republic of Albania, the Mongolian People's Republic, the Hashemite Kingdom of Transjordan, Ireland and Portugal, and

The Security Council, which examined these applications, has not made any recommendations

Since membership in the United Nations is open to all peace-loving States which accept the obligations contained in the Charter and which in the judgment of the Organization are able and willing to carry out these obligations, as stated in Article 4;

THEREFORE:

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDS that the Security Council re-examine applications for membership in the United Nations of the above-mentioned States on their respective merits as measured by the yardstick of the Charter, in accordance with Article 4."
