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Agenda item 25

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Report of the Special Political Committee

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1. On 9 September 1957, the Security Council decided to submit to the General Assembly a special report (A/3662) on the question of the admission of new Members.
2. At its 682nd plenary meeting on 20 September 1957, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, to include in its agenda the item "Admission of New Members to the United Nations" and to refer it to the Special Political Committee for consideration and report.
3. The Special Political Committee considered the question at its 44th to 49th meetings, held between 10 and 17 October 1957.
4. At its 44th meeting three draft resolutions were submitted to the Committee:
  - (a) a draft resolution submitted by Australia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, France, Italy, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Philippines, the United Kingdom and the United States of America (A/SPC/L.15), who were later joined by Iraq and Japan (A/SPC/L.15/Add.1 and 2). Under the terms of this draft resolution the General Assembly, recalling its resolution 296 G (IV) and 1017 A (XI) finding the Republic of Korea qualified for membership in the United Nations, and noting with regret the continued inability of the Security Council to recommend the admission of the Republic of Korea owing to the negative vote of a permanent member of the Security Council, would reaffirm that the Republic of Korea was fully qualified for and should be admitted to membership in the United Nations.

(b) a draft resolution submitted by the same thirteen Powers (A/SPC/L.16 and Add.1 and 2), under which the General Assembly, recalling its resolutions 620 C (VII) and 1017 B (XI) finding Viet-Nam qualified for membership in the United Nations, and noting with regret the continued inability of the Security Council to recommend the admission of Viet-Nam owing to the negative vote of a permanent member of the Security Council, would reaffirm that Viet-Nam was fully qualified for and should be admitted to membership in the United Nations.

(c) a draft resolution submitted by India and Indonesia (A/SPC/L.17), under which the General Assembly, considering that the question of admission of new Members required further examination, (1) would decide to transmit to the Security Council the proposals made during the current session of the General Assembly together with the relevant records; and (2) would request the Security Council to consider all applications for admission of new Members.

5. At its 49th meeting the representative of India requested that the draft resolution submitted by India and Indonesia should be voted upon first.

6. At the same meeting the Committee voted on the procedural proposal made by India and on the various draft resolutions. The results of the voting were as follows:

(a) The proposal that the joint Indian-Indonesian draft resolution (A/SPC/L.17) should be voted upon first was adopted by 35 votes to 7, with 31 abstentions.

(b) The preamble to the Indian-Indonesian draft resolution (A/SPC/L.17) was adopted by 34 votes to 27, with 16 abstentions.

(c) Operative paragraph 1 was adopted by 33 votes to 32, with 10 abstentions.

(d) Paragraph 2 was rejected by 33 votes to 30, with 15 abstentions.

(e) A vote was taken by roll-call on the draft resolution as a whole, as amended, and it was rejected by 37 votes to 33, with 10 abstentions.

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Bulgaria, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cambodia, Ceylon, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, Ghana, Guatemala, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Poland, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Sweden, Syria, Tunisia, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Against: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, France, Honduras, Iceland, Iraq, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Abstaining: Bolivia, Canada, Ecuador, Greece, Haiti, Ireland, Lebanon, Libya, Malaya (Federation of), Thailand.

(f) A vote was taken by roll-call on the thirteen-Power draft resolution concerning the Republic of Korea (A/SPC/L.15 and Add.1 and 2) and it was adopted by 51 votes to 9, with 20 abstentions.

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Lebanon, Liberia, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Against: Albania, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Burma, Cambodia, Ceylon, Egypt, Finland, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Libya, Malaya (Federation of), Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

(g) A vote was taken by roll-call on the thirteen-Power draft resolution concerning Viet-Nam (A/SPC/L.16 and Add.1 and 2) and it was adopted by 49 votes to 9, with 22 abstentions.

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Against: Albania, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Burma, Cambodia, Canada, Ceylon, Egypt, Finland, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Liberia, Libya, Malaya (Federation of), Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

7. The Special Political Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following two draft resolutions:

Admission of new Members to the United Nations

A

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 296 G (IV) of 22 November 1949 and 1017 A (XI) of 28 February 1957 finding the Republic of Korea qualified for membership in the United Nations,

Noting with regret the continued inability of the Security Council to recommend the admission of the Republic of Korea to membership in the United Nations owing to the negative vote of a permanent member of the Security Council,

Reaffirms that the Republic of Korea is fully qualified for and should be admitted to membership in the United Nations.

B

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 620 C (VII) of 21 December 1952 and 1017 B (XI) of 28 February 1957 finding Viet-Nam qualified for membership in the United Nations,

Noting with regret the continued inability of the Security Council to recommend the admission of Viet-Nam to membership in the United Nations owing to the negative vote of a permanent member of the Security Council,

Reaffirms that Viet-Nam is fully qualified for and should be admitted to membership in the United Nations.