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Agenda item 33

ACTIONS ON THE REGIONAL LEVEL WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING
GOOD NEIGHBOURLY RELATIONS AMONG EUROPEAN STATES HAVING
DIFFERENT SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS

Report of the First Committee

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1. By letter dated 25 September 1963 (A/5557), the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Romanian People's Republic requested the Secretary-General to include in the agenda of the eighteenth session of the General Assembly the item entitled "Actions on the regional level with a view to improving good neighbourly relations among European States having different social and political systems". An explanatory memorandum was attached to the request for inclusion of the item.
2. At its 1346th meeting, on 5 December 1963, during the eighteenth session of the General Assembly, the First Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the consideration of the item should be deferred until the nineteenth session of the General Assembly. Since the item could not be considered at that session, it was included in the provisional agenda of the twentieth session (A/5950/Rev.1).
3. At its 159th meeting, on 22 September 1965, the General Committee recommended inclusion of the item on the agenda and its allocation to the First Committee. At its 1336th meeting, on 26 September, the General Assembly approved the recommendation of the General Committee and allocated the item to the First Committee for consideration and report (A/5988).
4. At its 1392nd meeting, on 1 December, the First Committee decided to consider the item as the ninth item on its agenda (A/C.1/900/Add.1). The item was considered at the 1418th to 1420th meetings, from 17 to 18 December.

5. The First Committee had before it a draft resolution sponsored by Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Romania, Sweden and Yugoslavia (A/C.1/L.357), by the operative paragraphs of which the General Assembly would:

(1) Welcome the growing interest in the development of good neighbourly relations and co-operation among European States having different social and political systems, in the political, economic, technical, scientific, cultural and other fields;

(2) Emphasize the importance of maintaining and increasing contacts between those States for the purpose of developing peaceful co-operation among the peoples of the European continent, with a view to strengthening peace and security in Europe by all possible means;

(3) Request the Governments of the European States to intensify their efforts to improve reciprocal relations, with a view to creating an atmosphere of confidence which will be conducive to an effective consideration of the problems which are still hampering the relaxation of tension in Europe and throughout the world;

(4) Decide to continue to give its attention to measures and actions for promoting good neighbourly relations and co-operation in Europe.

6. At its 1420th meeting, the First Committee adopted by acclamation the nine-Power draft resolution (A/C.1/L.357).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

7. The First Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Actions on the regional level with a view to improving
good neighbourly relations among European States having
different social and political systems

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations in which Member States have affirmed their resolve to live together in peace with one another as good neighbours and to develop friendly relations among nations in order to strengthen peace,

Recalling its resolutions 1236 (XII) of 14 December 1957 and 1301 (XIII) of 10 December 1958 calling upon States to make every effort to strengthen international peace and to develop friendly and co-operative relations, and to take effective steps towards the implementation of principles of peaceful and neighbourly relations,

Aware of the responsibility which today devolves upon all countries, great and small, to establish an atmosphere of co-operation and security throughout the world, and of the role that the existence and development of bilateral good neighbourly relations and understanding among States can play in achieving that goal,

Noting with satisfaction the increasing concern for the development of reciprocal co-operative relations in many fields among European States having different social and political systems, based on the principles of equal rights, respect and mutual interests,

Convinced that any improvement in relations at the European level, being in the interest of the States of that part of the world, has at the same time a positive effect on international relations as a whole and thus contributes to the creation of an atmosphere conducive to peace and international security and to the settlement of the major problems which have not yet been solved,

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