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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM IN THE
AGENDA OF THE TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

CELEBRATION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Letter dated 30 October 1968 from the representatives of Austria, Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, India, Iran, Italy, Lebanon, Peru, Somalia, Sweden, Togo and Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On the instructions of our Governments, we have the honour to request you to include an additional item entitled "Celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations" in the agenda of the twenty-third regular session of the General Assembly.

In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure, an explanatory memorandum is enclosed.

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. At the end of the introduction to his annual report on the work of the Organization, the Secretary-General called attention to the need to renew our efforts to promote the cause of international understanding and rededicate ourselves to the principles of international order and morality set out in the Charter. He added:

"It seems to me that such an occasion for rededication will present itself to all Member States as we approach the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. I believe that Member States would wish to celebrate this occasion with due solemnity and I should like to suggest that, very early in the twenty-third session, the President of the General Assembly may, after due consultations, appoint a Committee of Member States with a request to them to submit their report for consideration by the Assembly before the close of the present session. I hope that the Assembly will be able to adopt recommendations which will make it possible to celebrate, in a most fitting manner, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations." 1/

2. Welcoming this initiative of the Secretary-General our delegations would like to suggest that the President of the General Assembly should establish for this purpose a small Committee which could be a sub-committee of the General Committee to report to the Assembly by 15 December 1968 on the measures to be taken for the appropriate celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations.

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 1A (A/7201/Add.1), para. 205.