



Seventh session
Agenda item 16 (a) and (b)

KOREA

- (a) REPORTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE UNIFICATION AND REHABILITATION OF KOREA
- (b) REPORTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AGENT GENERAL FOR KOREAN RECONSTRUCTION

Supplementary report of the First Committee^{1/}

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1. At its 294th meeting on 7 October 1950, the General Assembly at its fifth session adopted resolution 376 (V) on the problem of the independence of Korea and established the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea.
2. In accordance with its terms of reference, UNCURK submitted a report to the General Assembly at its sixth session.^{2/}
3. At its 375th meeting on 5 February 1952, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the report (resolution 507 (VI)).
4. In accordance with its terms of reference, UNCURK submitted a further report to the General Assembly at its seventh session.^{2/}
5. At its 380th meeting on 16 October 1952, the General Assembly decided to include the two reports of the Commission in the agenda of the seventh session as item 16 (a). At its 382nd meeting on 17 October, the General Assembly referred item 16 (a) to the First Committee for consideration and report.

^{1/} On 2 December 1952, the First Committee submitted an interim report (A/2278) concerning its consideration of agenda item 16 (a).

^{2/} A/1881, Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixth Session, Supplement No. 12.

^{3/} A/2187, Ibid., Seventh Session, Supplement No. 14.

6. At its 314th meeting on 1 December 1950, the General Assembly at its fifth session adopted resolution 410 (V) and established the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency under the direction of a United Nations Agent General.

7. In accordance with resolution 410 (V), the Agent General submitted to the General Assembly at its seventh session a report^{4/} on the organization and work of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency, from its activation in February 1951 to 15 September 1952. The Agent General later submitted two supplementary reports,^{5/} the second relating to the period 15 September 1952 to 15 February 1953.

8. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 410 (V), UNCORK submitted to the General Assembly an interim report (A/2298) containing the Commission's comments on the report of the Agent General and the first supplementary report.

9. At its 380th meeting on 16 October 1952, the General Assembly decided to include the reports of the United Nations Agent General for Korean Reconstruction in the agenda of the seventh session as item 16 (b). At its 382nd meeting on 17 October, the General Assembly referred item 16 (b) to the Second Committee for consideration and report. At its 406th meeting on 18 December, the General Assembly re-allocated agenda item 16 (b) to the First Committee.

10. The First Committee considered agenda item 16 (a) at its 511th to 536th meetings inclusive between 23 October and 2 December 1952. The following draft resolutions were submitted:

(a) A joint draft resolution (A/C.1/725) submitted by Australia, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Honduras, Iceland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Nicaragua, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States of America and Uruguay;

(b) A draft resolution (A/C.1/729/Rev.1/Corr.1 and Add.1) submitted by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics;

4/ A/2222, Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventh Session, Supplement No. 19.

5/ A/2222/Add.1 and Add.2, Ibid, Seventh Session, Supplement No. 19 A.

- (c) A draft resolution (A/C.1/730) submitted by Mexico;
 - (d) A draft resolution (A/C.1/732) submitted by Peru;
 - (e) A draft resolution (A/C.1/734/Rev.2) submitted by India.
11. At the 535th meeting on 1 December 1952, the Committee, after incorporating certain amendments, adopted the Indian draft resolution which, inter alia, requested the President of the General Assembly to communicate certain proposals to the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China and to the North Korean authorities, to invite their acceptance of those proposals and to make a report to the General Assembly during its seventh session. At the 536th meeting on 2 December, the USSR draft resolution was rejected. At the same meeting, it was agreed that further consideration of the twenty-one-Power, Mexican and Peruvian draft resolutions should be deferred until the President of the General Assembly had submitted his report in accordance with the resolution which had been adopted.
12. Accordingly, on 2 December, the First Committee made an interim report (A/2278) to the General Assembly concerning agenda item 16 (a), recommending the adoption of the amended Indian draft resolution.
13. At its 399th meeting on 3 December, the General Assembly, after incorporating an amendment proposed by India, adopted the resolution recommended by the First Committee (resolution 610 (VII)).
14. In accordance with the terms of resolution 610 (VII), the President of the General Assembly on 5 December despatched similar communications to the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China and to the North Korean authorities, transmitting the text of the above-mentioned resolution, together with a message inviting acceptance of the proposals contained in it.
15. On 15 December, the President received a cablegram dated at Peking, 14 December, from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China. On 18 December, the President received a cablegram dated at Pyongyang, 17 December, from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Democratic Republic of Korea.
16. On 20 December, the President submitted a report (A/2354) to the General Assembly, setting out the texts of the four communications referred to in paragraphs 14 and 15 above.

17. At its 557th meeting on 25 February 1953, the First Committee decided to discuss agenda items 16 (a) and 16 (b) together. The items were considered by the Committee at its 557th to 569th meetings inclusive, between 25 February and 9 March.

18. At its 557th meeting on 25 February, by 35 votes to 16, with 6 abstentions, the Committee rejected a draft resolution (A/C.1/L.19) submitted by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, providing that the Committee, in connexion with the consideration of the Korean question, should decide to invite representatives of the People's Democratic Republic of Korea to attend its meetings for the purpose of taking part in the discussion.

19. At the 565th meeting on 5 March, Canada, Denmark, France, Philippines, Thailand, United Kingdom and United States of America submitted a joint draft resolution (A/C.1/L.21) on agenda item 16 (b), providing that the General Assembly should, inter alia, (a) take note of the reports of the Agent General on the work of UNKRA for the period February 1951 to 15 February 1953; (b) note with approval that the Agent General had undertaken a programme of relief and rehabilitation projects for the period ending June 1953, and look forward to its successful execution; and (c) request all governments, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations to assist in meeting the great and continuing need of the Korean people for relief and rehabilitation assistance.

20. At the 566th meeting on 6 March, Egypt submitted an amendment (A/C.1/L.22) to the seven-Power draft resolution, providing that the assistance of governments, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations referred to in the last paragraph of the draft resolution (clause (c) of paragraph 19 above) should be "within the limits of their financial resources and in accordance with the provisions of their constitutions and statutes". The sponsors of the seven-Power draft resolution accepted the Egyptian amendment.

21. At the 569th meeting on 9 March, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, submitted a draft resolution (A/C.1/L.24) on agenda item 16 (a), providing for the termination of UNCURK as being incapable of fulfilling the tasks assigned to it.

22. At the same meeting, the Chairman stated that he had been informed that the sponsors did not wish the twenty-one-Power draft resolution (A/C.1/725), the Mexican draft resolution (A/C.1/730) and the Peruvian draft resolution (A/C.1/732) to be put to the vote (see paragraph 10 above).
23. At the same meeting, the seven-Power draft resolution (A/C.1/L.21), as amended by the Egyptian amendment (A/C.1/L.22), was adopted by 54 votes to 5, with no abstentions.
24. At the same meeting, the USSR draft resolution (A/C.1/L.24) was rejected by 54 votes to 5, with no abstentions.
25. The First Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

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KOREAN RECONSTRUCTION**

The General Assembly

1. Reaffirms the objective of the United Nations, adopted by resolution 410 (V) of the General Assembly on 1 December 1950, to provide relief and rehabilitation in assisting the Korean people to relieve their sufferings and to repair the great devastation and destruction in their country;
2. Recognizes that the need of such relief and rehabilitation continues to be most urgent;
3. Takes note of the reports of the Agent General on the work of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency for the period February 1951 to 15 February 1953;
4. Notes with approval that the Agent General has now undertaken, in co-operation with the Government of the Republic of Korea and the United Nations Command, and in consultation with the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea, a programme of relief and rehabilitation projects for the period ending June 1953, which has received the approval of the United Nations Advisory Committee to the Agent General, and looks forward to its successful execution;

5. Expresses its appreciation of the contributions which have been made by governments, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations;
6. Requests those governments which have made pledges to the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency to make prompt payment of such pledges;
7. Further requests all governments, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations to assist, within the limits of their financial possibilities and in accordance with the provisions of their constitutions and statutes, in meeting the great and continuing need of the Korean people for relief and rehabilitation assistance.
