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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM  
IN THE AGENDA OF THE EIGHTH REGULAR SESSIONAPPLICATION OF JAPAN TO BECOME A PARTY TO THE  
STATUTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

Letter dated 3 December 1953 from the President of the  
Security Council, addressed to the President of the  
General Assembly

New York. 3 December 1953

I have the honour to inform you that by a letter dated 26 October 1953 (S/3126), addressed to the Secretary-General, the Permanent Observer of Japan to the United Nations transmitted a cablegram dated 24 October 1953 in which the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan expressed the desire to know the conditions on which Japan could become a party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice.

Under Article 93, paragraph 2, of the Charter, those conditions are to be determined by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council.

The Security Council, at its 641st meeting on 23 November 1953, decided to refer this communication to its Committee of Experts for consideration and report. After considering the Committee's report (S/3146), at its 645th meeting on 3 December 1953, the Council adopted the following recommendation by a vote of ten in favour, none against, and one abstention (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics):

"The Security Council recommends that the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 93, paragraph 2, of the Charter, determine the conditions on which Japan may become a party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice, as follows:

"Japan will become a party to the Statute on the date of the deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations of an instrument, signed on behalf of the Government of Japan and ratified as may be required by Japanese constitutional law, containing:

"(a) Acceptance of the provisions of the Statute of the International Court of Justice;

"(b) Acceptance of all the obligations of a Member of the United Nations under Article 94 of the Charter; and

"(c) An undertaking to contribute to the expenses of the Court such equitable amount as the General Assembly shall assess from time to time, after consultation with the Japanese Government."

(Signed) Alexis KYROU  
President of the Security Council

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