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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM IN THE
AGENDA OF THE NINTH REGULAR SESSION: ITEM PROPOSED BY
THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

ACTS OF AGGRESSION AGAINST THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
CHINA AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY
FOR THOSE ACTS

Letter dated 15 October 1954 from the Chairman of the delegation
of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, addressed to the
President of the General Assembly

New York, 15 October 1954

I have the honour to ask you to include in the agenda of the ninth session of the General Assembly, as an urgent and important question, the following item: "Acts of aggression against the People's Republic of China and responsibility of the United States Navy for those acts".

In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure, I attach hereto an explanatory memorandum and a draft resolution on the question.

I would ask you to arrange for the distribution of the attached explanatory note and draft resolution as official documents of the General Assembly.

(Signed) A. VYSHINSKY

Chairman of the USSR Delegation

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

on acts of aggression against the People's Republic of China
and responsibility of the United States Navy for those acts

As a result of the cessation of hostilities in Korea and the restoration of peace in Indo-China, favourable conditions have been created for the settlement of other outstanding international problems and the further relaxation of international tension. This relates also to Asia and the Far East, where certain problems of great importance for the maintenance of peace in that area still remain unsolved. One of those highly important problems is that of Taiwan, which was forcibly seized by United States armed forces, in violation of China's sovereign rights and of the relevant international agreements, and is still held under United States military control.

The situation in the area of Taiwan and the China seas, far from changing for the better, has been aggravated by the acts of aggression against the People's Republic of China which are being committed with increasing frequency by armed forces controlled by the United States Seventh Fleet. This situation is reflected in the systematic provocative attacks by Kuomintang warships and aircraft against Chinese towns and coastal islands.

United States armed forces - naval vessels and military aircraft - are participating directly in the acts of provocation against the People's Republic of China. United States warships are staging provocative naval demonstrations off the Chinese coast and providing cover for the Chiang Kai-shek warships and aircraft which are committing acts of provocation against the People's Republic of China.

Kuomintang warships and aircraft are carrying out piratical raids against the merchant vessels of various countries on the high seas, seizing the vessels and meting out brutal treatment to their crews.

The situation which has been created in the area of Taiwan and the China seas by these acts on the part of the United States is converting that area into a breeding-ground of war in the Far East, with all the dangers that implies.

The aggressive acts of the United States armed forces in this area are creating a dangerous situation fraught with serious consequences for the cause of international peace and security. Direct responsibility for the situation that has arisen rests with aggressive circles in the United States, which, after the cessation of hostilities in Korea and the restoration of peace in Indo-China, are converting the area of Taiwan and the China seas into a new breeding-ground of war, creating a serious threat to peace and exacerbating the international situation.

The delegation of the USSR considers that this situation, which carries with it a threat to peace and security in the Far East, justifies the inclusion of this urgent and important question in the agenda of the General Assembly as a new item.

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Union of Soviet Socialist Republics: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Noting that recently, as a result of the cessation of hostilities in Korea and the restoration of peace in Indo-China, favourable conditions have been created for the settlement of other outstanding international problems and the further relaxation of international tension,

Noting with concern that in the area of the island of Taiwan and the China seas acts of aggression in the form of unprovoked armed attacks on the towns and coastal areas of China, which are converting that area into a new breeding-ground of war and represent a serious threat to peace, are being committed by armed forces under the control of the United States,

Noting also that piratical attacks on the high seas on the merchant vessels of various countries, the seizure of such vessels and the brutal maltreatment of their crews, are being carried out by the armed forces based in the above-mentioned area,

Condemns these acts of aggression, which create a threat to the maintenance of peace and security in the Far East; and

Recommends that the Government of the United States of America, which is responsible for the situation which has arisen in that area, should take the necessary steps to put an end to the said acts of aggression and to the piratical attacks on the merchant vessels of various countries.
