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<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise indicated, all the items formed part of the agenda recommended by the General Committee in its first report (A/3926) and adopted by the General Assembly at its 752nd, 753rd, 754th and 755th plenary meetings on 22 and 23 September 1958. At its 752nd plenary meeting, the General Assembly adopted the recommendations of the General Committee on the allocation of agenda items.

<sup>2</sup> At its 752nd plenary meeting on 22 September 1958, the General Assembly took note of the communication dated 16 September 1958 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly (A/3919).

<sup>3</sup> In consequence of the adoption of resolution 1252 D (XIII), this item was not considered by the General Assembly.

<sup>4</sup> At its 789th plenary meeting on 12 December 1958, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its second report (A/4076), to include this item in the agenda and to consider it without reference to a Committee.

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<sup>5</sup> At its 792nd plenary meeting on 13 December 1958, the General Assembly voted on the draft resolution submitted by the First Committee in its report (A/4075). Having failed to obtain the required two-thirds majority, the draft resolution was not adopted.

4. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapter I, section VI) (item 12).<sup>6</sup>
5. Treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa (item 62):
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  - (c) Establishment of an international administrative service.
3. United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency (item 27):
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  - (b) Progress report of the Administrator for Residual Affairs of the Agency.
4. Question of assistance to Libya (item 30).
5. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapter I, section VI, and chapters II, III, IV and V) (item 12).<sup>7</sup>

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4. Recommendations concerning international respect for the right of peoples and nations to self-determination (item 33).
5. Advisory services in the field of human rights: report of the Economic and Social Council (item 34).

\* This question was also considered by the Second Committee under item 5 of the items allocated to that Committee.

<sup>7</sup> See footnote 6.

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<sup>8</sup> See resolution 1332 (XIII), note.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(b) United Nations Children's Fund (for the financial year ended 31 December 1957);</li> <li>(c) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (for the financial period ended 31 December 1957);</li> <li>(d) United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency (for the financial year ended 30 June 1958);</li> <li>(e) United Nations Refugee Fund (for the financial year ended 31 December 1957).</li> </ul> <p>2. Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1958 (item 43).</p> <p>3. Budget estimates for the financial year 1959 (item 44).</p> <p>4. Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly (item 45):           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;</li> <li>(b) Committee on Contributions;</li> <li>(c) Board of Auditors;</li> <li>(d) Investments Committee: confirmation of the appointment made by the Secretary-General;</li> <li>(e) United Nations Administrative Tribunal;</li> <li>(f) United Nations Staff Pension Committee.</li> </ul> </p> <p>5. Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds (item 46).</p> <p>6. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions (item 47).</p> <p>7. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (item 48).</p> <p>8. Audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account (item 49).</p> <p>9. Administrative and budgetary co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies: report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (item 50).</p> <p>10. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapter X) (item 12).</p> | <p>11. Control and limitation of documentation (item 51):           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Report of the Committee on the Control and Limitation of Documentation;</li> <li>(b) Report of the Secretary-General.</li> </ul> </p> <p>12. Offer by the Government of Chile of land in Santiago to be used as office site for the United Nations and other international organizations: report of the Secretary-General and observations thereon by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (item 52).</p> <p>13. Personnel questions (item 53):           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General;</li> <li>(b) Proportion of fixed-term staff;</li> <li>(c) Pensionable remuneration of the staff;</li> <li>(d) Staff Regulations of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General.</li> </ul> </p> <p>14. United Nations International School and delegation office facilities: reports of the Secretary-General (item 54).</p> <p>15. Public information activities of the United Nations: report of the Committee of Experts on United Nations Public Information, and comments and recommendations thereon by the Secretary-General (item 55).</p> <p>16. United Nations Emergency Force (item 65):           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Cost estimates for the maintenance of the Force.</li> </ul> </p> |
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## **APPOINTMENT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

**(Item 3 (a))**

In accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly appointed a Credentials Committee to examine the credentials of representatives.\*

The Committee was constituted as follows: ARGENTINA, CHILE, FRANCE, NEPAL, TUNISIA, TURKEY, UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

*747th plenary meeting,  
16 September 1958.*

## **COMPOSITION OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE**

**(Items 4, 5 and 6)**

The General Committee of the General Assembly for the thirteenth session was constituted as follows:

*President of the General Assembly:  
Mr. Charles Malik (Lebanon).*

*747th plenary meeting,  
16 September 1958.*

*Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly:*

The representatives of the following Member States: AUSTRALIA, CHINA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ECUADOR, FRANCE, INDONESIA, NEPAL, NETHERLANDS, PAKISTAN, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and URUGUAY.

*748th plenary meeting,  
16 September 1958.*

*Chairmen of the seven Main Committees of the General Assembly:*

*First Committee: Mr. Miguel Rafael Urquía (El Salvador) ;*

*Special Political Committee: Mr. Mihai Magheru (Romania) ;*

*Second Committee: Mr. Toru Hagiwara (Japan) ;*

*Third Committee: Mrs. Lina P. Tsaldaris (Greece) ;*

*Fourth Committee: Mr. Frederick H. Boland (Ireland) ;*

*Fifth Committee: Sir Claude Corea (Ceylon) ;*

*Sixth Committee: Mr. Jorge Castañeda (Mexico).*

*748th plenary meeting,  
16 September 1958.*

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\* For the resolution adopted on the report of the Credentials Committee, see p. 1.

## **ELECTION OF THREE NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL**

**(Item 15)**

The General Assembly elected three non-permanent members to the Security Council to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of **COLOMBIA, IRAQ and SWEDEN.**

The following States were elected: **ARGENTINA, ITALY and TUNISIA.**

*775th plenary meeting,  
8 October 1958.*

## **ELECTION OF SIX MEMBERS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

**(Item 16)**

The General Assembly elected six members to the Economic and Social Council to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of **BRAZIL, CANADA, GREECE, INDONESIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and YUGOSLAVIA.**

The following States were elected: **AFGHANISTAN, BULGARIA, NEW ZEALAND, SPAIN, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and VENEZUELA.**

*775th plenary meeting,  
8 October 1958.*

## **ELECTION OF THREE MEMBERS TO THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL**

**(Item 17)**

The General Assembly elected three members to the Trusteeship Council to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of **BURMA, GUATEMALA and UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC.**

The following States were elected: **BURMA, PARAGUAY and UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC.**

*775th plenary meeting,  
8 October 1958.*

## **ELECTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES**

**(Item 20)**

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Secretary-General,<sup>10</sup> elected Mr. Auguste R. Lindt as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

*780th plenary meeting,  
14 November 1958.*

<sup>10</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 20, document A/3987.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON THE REPORT  
OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

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**1346 (XIII). Credentials of representatives to the thirteenth session  
of the General Assembly**

*The General Assembly*

*Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.<sup>1</sup>*

*792nd plenary meeting,  
13 December 1958.*

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<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 3,  
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**1252 (XIII). Question of disarmament; the discontinuance of atomic and hydrogen weapons tests; the reduction of the military budgets of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and France by 10 to 15 per cent and the use of part of the savings so effected for assistance to the under-developed countries**

**A***The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* the continuing interest and responsibility of the United Nations in the field of disarmament, which have found expression in the Charter of the United Nations and in previous resolutions of the General Assembly,

*Welcoming* the agreement which has been achieved in the Conference of Experts to Study the Possibility of Detecting Violations of a Possible Agreement on the Suspension of Nuclear Tests,

*Noting* that negotiations on the suspension of nuclear weapons tests and on the actual establishment of an international control system on the basis of the report of the Conference of Experts<sup>1</sup> began on 31 October 1958,

*Noting further* that qualified persons are expected to meet soon to study the technical aspects of measures against the possibility of surprise attack,

*Recognizing* that these developments are encouraging steps in the direction of progressive openness of information concerning technologies and armaments, which may assist in promoting the fundamental aims of the United Nations in the field of disarmament,

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1. *Urges* that in the negotiations between States that have tested nuclear weapons the parties make every

effort to reach early agreement on the suspension of nuclear weapons tests under effective international control;

2. *Urges* the parties involved in these negotiations not to undertake further testing of nuclear weapons while these negotiations are in progress;

**II**

3. *Calls attention* to the importance and urgency of achieving the widest possible measure of agreement in the forthcoming study of the technical aspects of measures against the possibility of surprise attack;

**III**

4. *Expresses determination* that the trend of the recent encouraging initiatives, including the technical approach, should continue with a view to contributing to a balanced and effectively controlled world-wide system of disarmament;

**IV**

5. *Invites* the conferences on nuclear weapons tests and on surprise attack to avail themselves of the assistance and services of the Secretary-General and requests them to keep the United Nations informed;

6. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Governments concerned, to render whatever advice and assistance may seem appropriate to facilitate current developments or any further initiatives related to problems of disarmament;

7. *Requests* that the records of the meetings of the First Committee at which various aspects of disarmament were discussed be transmitted by the Secretary-General to the participants in the conferences on nuclear weapons tests and on surprise attack;

**V**

8. *Reiterates* to the States concerned the invitation, made in General Assembly resolution 1148 (XII) of 14 November 1957, to devote, out of the funds made avail-

<sup>1</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda items 64, 70 and 72, document A/3897.

able as a result of disarmament, as and when sufficient progress is made, additional resources to the improvement of living conditions throughout the world and especially in the less developed countries.

779th plenary meeting,  
4 November 1958.

**B***The General Assembly,*

*Welcoming the report of the Conference of Experts to Study the Possibility of Detecting Violations of a Possible Agreement on the Suspension of Nuclear Tests.<sup>1</sup>*

*Welcoming further the decision of the States which have tested nuclear weapons to meet in a conference at Geneva, commencing 31 October 1958, concerning the question of nuclear weapons tests,*

1. *Expresses the hope that the conference will be successful and lead to an agreement acceptable to all;*

2. *Requests the parties concerned to report to the General Assembly the agreement that may be the result of their negotiations;*

3. *Requests the Secretary-General to render such assistance and provide such services as may be asked for by the conference commencing at Geneva on 31 October 1958.*

779th plenary meeting,  
4 November 1958.

**C***The General Assembly,*

*Noting the agreement among certain States to meet to study the technical aspects of measures against the possibility of surprise attack,*

1. *Expresses the hope that the widest possible measure of agreement will be achieved in the forthcoming study;*

2. *Requests the Secretary-General to render such assistance and provide such services as may be asked for and required by this conference;*

3. *Requests the States participating in the study to inform the United Nations of the progress achieved.*

779th plenary meeting,  
4 November 1958.

**D***The General Assembly,*

*Having regard to the universal desire for the establishment of genuinely peaceful conditions in the world and therefore for taking steps to avoid the destruction that would result from a major armed conflict,*

*Reaffirming the responsibility of the United Nations for seeking a solution of the disarmament problem,*

*Expressing its determination that all Members of the United Nations should be in a position to contribute to a solution of this problem on a continuing basis,*

1. *Decides that the Disarmament Commission shall, for 1959 and on an *ad hoc* basis, be composed of all the Members of the United Nations;*

2. *Transmits to the Disarmament Commission all the documents, proposals and records of discussions relating to disarmament at the thirteenth session of the General Assembly;*

3. *Requests the Disarmament Commission to convene as appropriate and to submit to the Security Council and to the General Assembly, at a special session if necessary, constructive proposals and recommendations in the field of disarmament;*

4. *Decides that the first meeting of the Disarmament Commission shall be convened by the Secretary-General after consultation with the Member States and that the Commission, having begun its activities under rule 162 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and taking that rule into account, shall adopt its own rules of procedure.*

779th plenary meeting,  
4 November 1958.

**1264 (XIII). The Korean question***The General Assembly,*

*Having received the report of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea,<sup>2</sup>*

*Reaffirming its resolutions 112 (II) of 14 November 1947, 195 (III) of 12 December 1948, 293 (IV) of 21 October 1949, 376 (V) of 7 October 1950, 811 (IX) of 11 December 1954, 910 A (X) of 29 November 1955, 1010 (XI) of 11 January 1957 and 1180 (XII) of 29 November 1957,*

*Noting the exchange of correspondence between the communist authorities and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on behalf of the Governments of countries which have contributed forces to the United Nations Command in Korea, in which these Governments expressed their wish to see a genuine settlement of the Korean question in accordance with United Nations resolutions and their willingness at all times to further the consideration of measures designed to effect reunification on this basis, and stated that, in accordance with the existing recommendations of the General Assembly of the United Nations, the Governments concerned are prepared to withdraw their forces from Korea when the conditions for a lasting settlement laid down by the General Assembly have been fulfilled,<sup>3</sup>*

*Noting further that in this exchange the Governments concerned, observing that the greater part of the forces sent to Korea in accordance with resolutions of the United Nations have already been withdrawn, welcomed the announcement that the Chinese communist troops were also to be withdrawn from North Korea,*

1. *Calls to the attention of the communist authorities concerned the continued determination of the United Nations to bring about by peaceful means the establishment of a unified, independent and democratic Korea under a representative form of government, and the full restoration of international peace and security in the area;*

2. *Calls upon these authorities to accept the established United Nations objectives in order to achieve a settlement in Korea based on the fundamental principles for unification set forth by the nations participating on behalf of the United Nations in the Korean Political Conference held at Geneva in 1954, and reaffirmed by the General Assembly;*

<sup>1</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/3865).  
<sup>2</sup> A/3845.

3. *Urges* these authorities to agree at an early date on the holding of genuinely free elections in accordance with the principles endorsed by the General Assembly;

4. *Requests* the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea to continue its work in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to place the Korean question on the provisional agenda of the fourteenth session of the General Assembly.

*781st plenary meeting,  
14 November 1958.*

### 1287 (XIII). Question of Cyprus<sup>4</sup>

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered the question of Cyprus,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1013 (XI) of 26 February 1957,

*Expresses its confidence* that continued efforts will be made by the parties to reach a peaceful, democratic and just solution in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.

*782nd plenary meeting,  
5 December 1958.*

### 1347 (XIII). Effects of atomic radiation

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 913 (X) of 3 December 1955,

*Noting with satisfaction* the unanimously adopted report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation,<sup>5</sup>

*Recalling also* its resolution 1147 (XII) of 14 November 1957 which requested the Secretary-General in consultation with the Committee to consider the question of the strengthening and widening of scientific activities in this field,

*Taking note* of the Secretary-General's report<sup>6</sup> prepared in response to the above-mentioned resolution,

1. *Commends* the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation for its work and for the valuable report which it has presented;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations agencies, to the international non-governmental and the national scientific organizations, and to the individual scientists who have assisted the Committee in its work;

3. *Urges* all concerned to take note of the suggestions made and the views expressed in the report of the Committee;

4. *Decides* to request the Committee to continue its useful work, and to report to the General Assembly as appropriate;

<sup>4</sup> This resolution was submitted directly in plenary meeting and adopted by the General Assembly after consideration of the report of the First Committee. For the text of the report, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 68, document A/4029.

<sup>5</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 17* (A/3838).

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid., Thirteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 25, documents A/3864 and Add.1.

5. *Requests* the Committee to consult with the other agencies and organizations concerned on projects within its sphere of activities so as to avoid the duplication of work and ensure effective co-ordination;

6. *Calls upon* all concerned to assist the Committee by making available to it reports and studies relating to the short-term and long-term effects of ionizing radiation upon man and his environment and radiological data collected by them, and by pursuing such investigations as may broaden world scientific knowledge in this sphere and by transmitting their results to the Committee;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Committee with the assistance necessary for the conduct of its work.

*792nd plenary meeting,  
13 December 1958.*

### 1348 (XIII). Question of the peaceful use of outer space

*The General Assembly,*

*Recognizing* the common interest of mankind in outer space and recognizing that it is the common aim that outer space should be used for peaceful purposes only,

*Bearing in mind* the provision of Article 2, paragraph 1, of the Charter of the United Nations, which states that the Organization is based on the principle of the sovereign equality of all its Members,

*Wishing to* avoid the extension of present national rivalries into this new field,

*Desiring* to promote energetically the fullest exploration and exploitation of outer space for the benefit of mankind,

*Conscious* that recent developments in respect of outer space have added a new dimension to man's existence and opened new possibilities for the increase of his knowledge and the improvement of his life,

*Noting* the success of the scientific co-operative programme of the International Geophysical Year in the exploration of outer space and the decision to continue and expand this type of co-operation,

*Recognizing* the great importance of international co-operation in the study and utilization of outer space for peaceful purposes,

*Considering* that such co-operation will promote mutual understanding and the strengthening of friendly relations among peoples,

*Believing* that the development of programmes of international and scientific co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space should be vigorously pursued,

*Believing* that progress in this field will materially help to achieve the aim that outer space should be used for peaceful purposes only,

*Considering* that an important contribution can be made by the establishment within the framework of the United Nations of an appropriate international body for co-operation in the study of outer space for peaceful purposes,

*Desiring* to obtain the fullest information on the many problems relating to the peaceful uses of outer space before recommending specific programmes of international co-operation in this field,

1. Establishes an *ad hoc* Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space composed of the representatives of Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Czechoslovakia, France, India, Iran, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Poland, Sweden, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Arab Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, and requests it to report to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session on the following:

(a) The activities and resources of the United Nations, of its specialized agencies and of other international bodies relating to the peaceful uses of outer space;

(b) The area of international co-operation and programmes in the peaceful uses of outer space which could appropriately be undertaken under United Nations auspices to the benefit of States irrespective of the state of their economic or scientific development, taking into account the following proposals, *inter alia*:

(i) Continuation on a permanent basis of the outer space research now being carried on within the framework of the International Geophysical Year;

(ii) Organization of the mutual exchange and dissemination of information on outer space research;

(iii) Co-ordination of national research programmes for the study of outer space, and the rendering of all possible assistance and help towards their realization;

(c) The future organizational arrangements to facilitate international co-operation in this field within the framework of the United Nations;

(d) The nature of legal problems which may arise in the carrying out of programmes to explore outer space;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to render appropriate assistance to the above-named Committee and to recommend any other steps that might be taken within the existing United Nations framework to encourage the fullest international co-operation for the peaceful uses of outer space.

792nd plenary meeting,  
13 December 1958.

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE

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**1248 (XIII). Question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of *apartheid* of the Government of the Union of South Africa**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its previous consideration of the question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of *apartheid* of the Government of the Union of South Africa,

Recalling in particular paragraph 6 of its resolution 917 (X) of 6 December 1955 calling upon the Government of the Union of South Africa to observe its obligations under the Charter of the United Nations,

1. Declares again that, in a multiracial society, harmony and respect for human rights and freedoms and the peaceful development of a unified community are best assured when patterns of legislation and practice are directed towards ensuring equality before the law of all persons regardless of race, creed or colour, and when the economic, social, cultural and political participation of all racial groups is on a basis of equality;

2. Affirms that governmental policies of Member States which are not directed towards these goals, but

which are designed to perpetuate or increase discrimination, are inconsistent with the pledges of the Members under Article 56 of the Charter of the United Nations;

3. Solemnly calls upon all Member States to bring their policies into conformity with their obligation under the Charter to promote the observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

4. Expresses its regret and concern that the Government of the Union of South Africa has not yet responded to appeals of the General Assembly that it reconsider governmental policies which impair the right of all racial groups to enjoy the same rights and fundamental freedoms.

*778th plenary meeting,  
30 October 1958.*

**1263 (XIII). Progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Emergency Force**

*The General Assembly,*

Having considered the progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Emergency Force,<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session. Annexes, agenda item 65, document A/3899.

*Noting with satisfaction the effective way in which the Force continues to carry out its function,*

*Requests the Fifth Committee to recommend such action as may be necessary to finance the continuing operation of the United Nations Emergency Force.<sup>2</sup>*

780th plenary meeting,  
14 November 1958.

**1299 (XIII).** *Question of amending the United Nations Charter, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 108 of the Charter, to increase the number of non-permanent members of the Security Council and the number of votes required for decisions of the Council*

*Question of amending the United Nations Charter, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 108 of the Charter, to increase the membership of the Economic and Social Council*

*Question of amending the Statute of the International Court of Justice, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 108 of the Charter of the United Nations and Article 69 of the Statute of the Court, with respect to an increase in the number of judges of the International Court of Justice*

*The General Assembly,*

*Realizing that the membership of the United Nations has increased considerably in recent years,*

*Taking note of the feeling expressed by many Members that there should be an increase in the membership of some of the organs of the United Nations,*

*Noting that such increases would necessitate amendments to the Charter of the United Nations,*

*Realizing that such amendments to the Charter require a larger area of agreement than prevails at present,*

*1. Decides to postpone until its fourteenth session the consideration of items 21, 22 and 23 of the agenda of the thirteenth session;*

*2. Decides that these items should be placed on the provisional agenda of its fourteenth session.*

783rd plenary meeting,  
10 December 1958.

**1300 (XIII).** *Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapter I, section VI): question of increasing the membership of the Council*

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 690 B (XXVI) of 31 July 1958,*

*1. Recognizes that, in view of the increase in the membership of the United Nations since its establishment, an increase in the membership of the Economic and Social Council is desirable in order to achieve a wider representation and thus to make the Council a more effective organ for carrying out the obligations*

*placed upon it under Chapters IX and X of the Charter of the United Nations, and that such an increase should be so designed as to preserve the expeditious conduct of the work of the Council;*

*2. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fourteenth session the item entitled "Question of amending the United Nations Charter, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 108 of the Charter, to increase the membership of the Economic and Social Council".*

783rd plenary meeting,  
10 December 1958.

**1301 (XIII).** *Measures aimed at the implementation and promotion of peaceful and neighbourly relations among States*

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling its resolution 1236 (XII) of 14 December 1957,*

*Considering the paramount importance of ensuring international peace and security,*

*Realizing the urgent need of finding solutions to temporary problems which stand in the way of the promotion of friendly and neighbourly relations among States,*

*Welcoming the trends towards greater interchange among Member States in various fields,*

*Recognizing that the United Nations plays an increasingly important part in international co-operation, negotiation and conciliation,*

*Recognizing furthermore that in the observance of the purposes and principles of the United Nations lies the best basis of ensuring the conditions essential for the nations and peoples of the world to live and to assist each other in mutual tolerance and understanding for the benefit of all,*

*1. Reaffirms the purposes and principles of the United Nations;*

*2. Calls upon Member States to live together within the letter and spirit of the Charter of the United Nations;*

*3. Urges all Member States, while making full use of Article 33 of the Charter, to resort to the Organization for the peaceful solution of problems which interfere with friendly and neighbourly relations among States or threaten international peace;*

*4. Calls upon Member States to take effective steps towards the implementation of principles of peaceful and neighbourly relations;*

*5. Recommends that all Member States should take practical measures or make arrangements in conjunction with and not inconsistent with the programmes of the United Nations and its specialized agencies to foster open, free and friendly co-operation and understanding in the fields of economy, culture, science, technology and communications;*

*6. Welcomes with satisfaction agreements between Member States which are working or will work towards the attainment of the aims envisaged in the present resolution.*

783rd plenary meeting,  
10 December 1958.

<sup>\*</sup>See resolution 1337 (XIII).

**1302 (XIII). Treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling its resolution 1179 (XII) of 26 November 1957,*

*Having considered the reports of the Governments of India<sup>3</sup> and Pakistan,<sup>4</sup>*

**1.** *Notes that the Governments of both India and Pakistan have reiterated their readiness to enter into negotiations with the Government of the Union of South Africa in accordance with the expressed desires of the United Nations, and with the express declaration that such negotiations would not in any way prejudice their own position or the position taken by the Government of the Union of South Africa regarding their respective juridical stands in the dispute;*

**2.** *Regrets that the Government of the Union of South Africa has not replied to the communications sent by the Governments of India and Pakistan on this subject and has not yet agreed to confer with those Governments with a view to arriving at a solution of this problem in accordance with the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;*

**3.** *Appeals to the Government of the Union of South Africa to enter into negotiations to that end with the Governments of India and Pakistan without prejudice to the position taken by the Union of South Africa regarding its juridical stand on the issue;*

**4.** *Invites Member States to use their good offices, as appropriate, to bring about negotiations in accordance with the desires expressed by the General Assembly at previous sessions;*

**5.** *Invites the parties concerned to report to the General Assembly as appropriate, jointly or separately, regarding any progress which may be made.*

*783rd plenary meeting,  
10 December 1958.*

**1315 (XIII). Report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling its resolutions 194 (III) of 11 December 1948, 302 (IV) of 8 December 1949, 393 (V) of 2 December 1950, 513 (VI) of 26 January 1952, 614 (VII) of 6 November 1952, 720 (VIII) of 27 November 1953, 818 (IX) of 4 December 1954, 916 (X) of 3 December 1955, 1018 (XI) of 28 February 1957 and 1191 (XII) of 12 December 1957,*

*Noting the annual report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East,<sup>5</sup> and in particular the observations relating to the expiration of the Agency's mandate on 30 June 1960, and noting the report of the Advisory Commission of the Agency,<sup>6</sup>*

*Noting with regret that repatriation or compensation of the refugees, as provided for in paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III), has not been effected, that no substantial progress has been made in the programme endorsed in paragraph 2 of Assembly resolution 513 (VI) for the reintegration of refugees and that, therefore, the situation of the refugees continues to be a matter of serious concern,*

*Having reviewed the budget prepared by the Director and having noted the endorsement thereof by the Advisory Commission of the Agency,*

*Noting with grave concern that contributions to the budget are not yet sufficient and that the financial situation of the Agency remains serious,*

*Recalling that the Agency is a subsidiary organ of the United Nations,*

**1.** *Draws the attention of Governments to the precarious financial position of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and urges them to consider to what extent they can contribute or increase their contributions in order that the Agency may carry out relief and rehabilitation programmes for the welfare of the refugees;*

**2.** *Requests the Secretary-General, in view of the serious financial position of the Agency, to continue, as a matter of urgent concern, his special efforts to secure the additional financial assistance needed to meet the Agency's budget and to provide adequate working capital;*

**3.** *Directs the Agency to pursue its programme for refugees bearing in mind the response to paragraphs 1 and 2 above;*

**4.** *Requests the Director of the Agency, without prejudice to paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III), to plan and carry out projects capable of supporting substantial numbers of refugees and, in particular, programmes relating to education and vocational training;*

**5.** *Requests the host Governments to co-operate fully with the Agency and with its personnel and to extend to the Agency every appropriate assistance in carrying out its functions;*

**6.** *Requests the Agency to continue its consultations with the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine in the best interests of their respective tasks, with particular reference to paragraph 11 of resolution 194 (III);*

**7.** *Expresses its thanks to Mr. Henry R. Labouisse, Director of the Agency, for the devoted attention he has given to the affairs of the Agency and to the welfare of the refugees for the four years of his incumbency, to the staff of the Agency for their continued faithful efforts to carry out its mandate, and to the specialized agencies and the many private organizations for their valuable and continuing work in assisting the refugees;*

**8.** *Requests the Director of the Agency to continue to submit the reports referred to in paragraph 21 of General Assembly resolution 302 (IV), as modified by paragraph 11 of Assembly resolution 1018 (XI).*

*788th plenary meeting,  
12 December 1958.*

<sup>3</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 62, document A/3850.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.* document A/3854.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/3931).

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 26, document A/3948.



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### **1240 (XIII). Establishment of the Special Fund**

#### *The General Assembly,*

*In conformity with the determination of the United Nations, as expressed in its Charter, to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom and, for these ends, to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,*

*Conscious of the particular needs of the less developed countries for international aid in achieving accelerated development of their economic and social infrastructure,*

*Recalling its resolution 1219 (XII) of 14 December 1957,*

*Further recalling previous resolutions on the establishment of an international fund for economic development within the framework of the United Nations,*

*Noting the recommendations contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 692 (XXVI) of 31 July 1958,*

#### *Part A*

1. *Commends the Preparatory Committee on its work;*
2. *Establishes a Special Fund in accordance with the provisions set forth in part B below;*

#### *Part B*

##### I. GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND CRITERIA

1. Pursuant to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 1219 (XII) and pending a review by the Assembly of the scope and future activities of the Special Fund, as envisaged in section III of that resolution, the Special Fund shall:

(a) Be a separate fund;

(b) Provide systematic and sustained assistance in fields essential to the integrated technical, economic and social development of the less developed countries;

(c) In view of the resources prospectively available at this time, which are not likely to exceed \$100 million annually, direct

its operations towards enlarging the scope of the United Nations programmes of technical assistance so as to include special projects in certain basic fields as outlined hereunder.

The Special Fund is thus envisaged as a constructive advance in United Nations assistance to the less developed countries which should be of immediate significance in accelerating their economic development by, *inter alia*, facilitating new capital investments of all types by creating conditions which would make such investments either feasible or more effective.

2. In establishing programmes, the Managing Director and the Governing Council of the Special Fund shall be guided by the following principles and criteria:

(a) The Special Fund shall concentrate, as far as practicable, on relatively large projects and avoid allocation of its resources over a great number of small projects;

(b) Due consideration shall be given to the urgency of the needs of the requesting countries;

(c) Projects shall be undertaken which will lead to early results and have the widest possible impact in advancing the economic, social or technical development of the country or countries concerned, in particular by facilitating new capital investment;

(d) Due consideration shall be given to a wide geographical distribution in allocations over a period of years;

(e) Due consideration shall be given to technical, organizational and financial problems likely to be encountered in executing a proposed project;

(f) Due consideration shall be given to the arrangements made for the integration of projects into national development programmes and for effective co-ordination of the project with other multilateral and bilateral programmes;

(g) In accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the assistance furnished by the Special Fund shall not be a means of foreign economic and political interference in the internal affairs of the country or countries concerned and shall not be accompanied by any conditions of a political nature;

(h) Projects shall be devised in such a way as to facilitate transfer, as soon as practicable, of the responsibilities of the Special Fund to assisted countries or to organizations designated by them.

3. Projects may be for one country or a group of countries or a region.

4. Projects may be approved for the period of time needed for their execution, even if more than one year.

## II. BASIC FIELDS OF ASSISTANCE AND TYPES OF PROJECT

5. The Special Fund shall assist projects in the fields of resources, including the assessment and development of manpower, industry, including handicrafts and cottage industries, agriculture, transport and communications, building and housing, education, statistics and public administration.

6. In view of the resources prospectively available at the time of the initial period of the Special Fund's operations, projects to be assisted by the Fund might be in one or a combination of the following forms: surveys; research and training; demonstration, including pilot projects. These may be implemented by the provision of staff, experts, equipment, supplies and services, as well as the establishment of institutes, demonstration centres, plants or works, and other appropriate means, including fellowships, in so far as they are integral parts of a specific project financed by the Fund, in such proportions as are judged necessary by the Managing Director for each project, taking into account the type of assistance requested by Governments.

## III. PARTICIPATION IN THE SPECIAL FUND

7. Participation in the Special Fund shall be open to any States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

## IV. ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

8. There are established as organs of the Special Fund: a Governing Council, a Managing Director and his staff, and a consultative board. The Special Fund shall be an organ of the United Nations administered under the authority of the Economic and Social Council and of the General Assembly, which will exercise in respect of the Fund their powers under the Charter.

9. The Economic and Social Council shall be responsible for the formulation of the general rules and principles which will govern the administration and operations of the Special Fund; the review of the operations of the Fund on the basis of the annual reports to be submitted by the Governing Council; and the consideration of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and of the Special Fund in relation to each other.

10. The Economic and Social Council shall transmit the report of the Governing Council, together with its own comments, to the General Assembly. The Assembly will review the progress and operations of the Special Fund as a separate subject of its agenda and make any appropriate recommendations.

### Governing Council

11. The immediate inter-governmental control of the policies and operations of the Special Fund shall be exercised by a Governing Council which will consist of representatives of eighteen States.

12. The Governing Council shall provide general policy guidance on the administration and operations of the Special Fund. It shall have final authority for the approval of the projects and programmes recommended by the Managing Director. It shall review the administration and the execution of the Fund's approved projects, and shall submit reports and recommendations to the Economic and Social Council, including such recommendations as the Governing Council may deem appropriate in the light of the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 1219 (XII).

13. The States members of the Governing Council shall be elected by the Economic and Social Council from among Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

14. There shall be equal representation on the Governing Council of economically more developed countries, on the one hand, having due regard to their contributions to the Special Fund, and of less developed countries, on the other hand, taking into account the need for equitable geographical distribution among the latter members.

15. States members of the Governing Council shall be elected for a term of three years, provided, however, that of the members elected at the first election, the terms of six members shall expire at the end of one year and the terms of six other members at the end of two years. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.

16. Decisions of the Governing Council on important questions shall be made by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting. These questions shall include questions of policy, the approval of projects and the allocation of funds. Decisions of the Governing Council on other questions shall be made by a majority of the members present and voting.

17. The Governing Council shall adopt its own rules of procedure, including the method of selecting its officers.

18. The Governing Council shall normally meet twice a year and on such occasions as may be necessary, in conformity with its rules of procedure.

19. The Managing Director of the Special Fund shall participate without vote in the deliberations of the Governing Council.

20. The Governing Council shall make appropriate arrangements in its rules of procedure for the representation of the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board. To this end, it shall take due account of the practice followed by the Economic and Social Council.

#### *Managing Director*

21. The Special Fund shall be administered by a Managing Director under the policy guidance of the Governing Council. The Managing Director shall have the over-all responsibility for the operations of the Fund, with sole authority to recommend to the Governing Council projects submitted by Governments.

22. After having consulted the Governing Council, the Secretary-General will appoint the Managing Director, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly.

23. The Managing Director shall be appointed for a term of four years, or for a shorter period. He shall be eligible for reappointment.

24. Appropriate arrangements shall be made for the participation of the Managing Director in the Technical Assistance Board.

25. The Managing Director shall establish and maintain close and continuing working relationships with the specialized agencies concerned with those fields of activity in which the Special Fund will operate, and with the International Atomic Energy Agency. He may also establish appropriate contacts with other organizations which may be concerned with the activities of the Fund.

#### *Consultative Board*

26. A Consultative Board shall be established to advise the Managing Director. The function of the Board shall be to assist the Managing Director with advice in the examination and appraisal of project requests and proposed programmes of the Special Fund. The Board shall be composed of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board and the President of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development or their designated representatives.

27. The Managing Director shall make, as appropriate, arrangements for representatives of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency to be invited to the deliberations of the Consultative Board when projects falling mainly within their fields of activity are considered.

#### *Staff*

28. The Managing Director shall be assisted by a small group of officials to be selected by him or in consultation with him, on the basis of their special competence.

29. For other services, the Managing Director shall rely as far as possible on the existing facilities of the United Nations, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency, and the Technical Assistance Board. These facilities should be made available to the Special Fund without charge except when clearly identifiable additional expenses are involved. The Managing Director may also, as required, engage expert consultants.

30. To facilitate the field co-ordination between the Special Fund and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance

in the countries seeking assistance, the Managing Director shall enter into an agreement with the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board concerning the role of the resident representatives in the work of the Fund.

#### V. PROCEDURES

##### *Sources and formulation of requests*

31. Projects shall be undertaken only at the request of a Government or group of Governments eligible to participate in the Special Fund.

32. Governments shall present their requests for assistance in a form indicated by the Managing Director. Requests shall include all possible information on the intended use and benefits expected to be derived from the Special Fund's assistance, evidence of a technical nature regarding the projects for which assistance is requested, data bearing upon the economic appraisal of such projects, and statements concerning the part of costs which the Government itself would be ready to assume. The Special Fund, the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency should be ready to assist and advise Governments, at their request, in the preparation of their applications for assistance.

33. The Special Fund shall utilize only the official channel designated by each Government for the submission of requests.

##### *Evaluation and approval of requests*

34. The Managing Director shall be responsible for the evaluation of project requests. In this evaluation, he will normally be expected to rely upon the assistance of existing services within the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency. He shall also be authorized to contract the services of other agencies, private firms or individual experts for this purpose, in case the services of the United Nations, the specialized agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency are wholly or partly unavailable or inadequate.

35. On the basis of the evaluation of project requests, the Managing Director shall periodically develop programmes for submission to the Governing Council. In developing his recommendations to the Governing Council, he shall consult the Consultative Board.

36. The Managing Director shall, at the request of the Government or Governments which have submitted such projects, submit to the Governing Council for its consideration a report on project requests which he has been unable to include in his programme.

37. The Governing Council shall examine the programmes and projects submitted by the Managing Director. Each project shall be accompanied by:

(a) An evaluation of the benefits expected to be derived by the requesting country or countries;

(b) A summary of its technical evaluation;

(c) A proposed budget showing the financial implications of the project in their entirety, including a statement on the costs which would be borne by the recipient Governments;

(d) A draft agreement with the requesting Government or Governments;

(e) When appropriate, a draft agreement with the agent or agents responsible for the execution of the project.

38. The Governing Council shall take final decision on the projects and programmes recommended by the Managing Director and authorize him to conclude the appropriate agreements.

*Execution of projects*

39. Projects shall be executed, whenever possible, by the United Nations, by the specialized agencies concerned, or by the International Atomic Energy Agency, it being understood that the Managing Director shall also be authorized to contract for the services of other agencies, private firms or individual experts in the cases mentioned in paragraph 34 above.

40. Arrangements for the execution of projects shall be subject to the approval of the requesting Government or Governments, and shall be specified in an agreement with these Governments. Such arrangements shall contain provisions regarding the cost, including any local costs, which the requesting Government will assume and those facilities and services which it will provide.

41. Where requests for assistance fall within the sphere of two or more organizations, arrangements shall be made for joint execution by the organizations concerned and for proper co-ordination.

42. The Managing Director shall make appropriate arrangements to follow the execution of projects.

43. The Managing Director shall report to the Governing Council on the status of projects and the financial position of the projects and programmes.

44. The Managing Director and the Governing Council shall take appropriate measures to ensure an objective evaluation of the results of projects and programmes.

## VI. FINANCES

45. The financial resources of the Special Fund shall be derived from voluntary contributions by Governments of States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency. The Fund is also authorized to receive donations from non-governmental sources. It is recommended that contributions by Governments should be paid as early in each year as possible. Furthermore, while contributions will normally be on an annual basis, it is recommended, in view of the expected longer term of many of the Fund's projects, that contributions be pledged or indicated, whenever possible, for a number of years.

46. The Secretary-General is requested to convene annually a pledging conference at which Governments would announce their contributions to the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and to the Special Fund respectively. If a Government pledges an initial lump sum, it should, within a reasonably short period, indicate the division of its contribution between the two programmes.

47. Contributions shall be made by Governments in currency readily usable by the Special Fund consistent with the need for efficiency and economy of the Fund's operations, or shall be transferable to the greatest possible extent into currency readily usable by the Fund. To this end, Governments are urged to make available as large a percentage as they may find possible of their contributions in such currency or currencies as the Managing Director may indicate are required for the execution of the Fund's programme. The Managing Director should, consistent with the criteria set forth respecting the nature and utilization of contributions, endeavour to make the fullest possible use of available currencies.

48. The Managing Director shall, at the end of the first year of the operations of the Special Fund and subsequently as he deems necessary, report to the Governing Council for its consideration on the extent to which restrictions which may have been maintained on contributions have affected the flexibility, efficiency and economy of the Fund's operations. The Governing Council shall also consider what action may be necessary with respect to currency found not readily usable in order to facilitate the Fund's operations. Any action in this respect

shall be subject to review by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly.

49. Contributions shall be made without limitation as to use by a specific agency or in a specific recipient country or for a specific project.

50. To the end that the multilateral character of the Special Fund shall be strictly respected, no contributing country should receive special treatment with respect to its contribution nor should negotiations for the use of currencies take place between contributing and receiving countries.

51. Since programmes shall be developed on a project basis, there should be no *a priori* allocation of funds on a country basis or among basic fields of assistance.

52. Recipient Governments shall be expected to finance part of the costs of projects, at least that part payable in local currency. This general rule may, however, be waived in the case of countries deemed financially unable to make even a local currency payment.

53. The Special Fund shall be governed by financial regulations consistent with the financial regulations and policies of the United Nations. The financial regulations for the Fund shall be drafted by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in consultation with the Managing Director, for approval by the Governing Council, after review by the Advisory Committee for Administrative and Budgetary Questions. In the preparation of these regulations, account shall be taken of the special requirements of the Fund's operations; in particular, appropriate provision shall be made to permit the approval of projects of more than one year's duration and for an exchange of currencies between the Fund and the Special Account for the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance. Provision should also exist under which the Managing Director is authorized in consultation with the Governing Council to establish appropriate financial rules and procedures.

54. The administrative budget prepared by the Managing Director with the assistance of the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall be submitted for approval to the Governing Council with the comments, if any, of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. It shall be submitted to the General Assembly at the same time as the annual report of the Governing Council with the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

55. The Special Fund shall be authorized to build up gradually a reserve fund by earmarking a specific percentage of the total contributions of each year up to an amount to be determined by the Governing Council on the recommendation of the Managing Director.

56. The Governing Council shall be authorized to consider allocating part of the resources of the Special Fund for assistance on a refundable basis at the request of Governments for projects within the terms of reference of the Fund.

## Part C

*Reaffirms* the conditions set forth in section III of General Assembly resolution 1219 (XII) under which the Assembly shall review the scope and future activities of the Special Fund and take such action as it may deem appropriate.

776th plenary meeting,  
14 October 1958.

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*At its 782nd plenary meeting on 5 December 1958, the General Assembly confirmed the nomination by the Secretary-General<sup>1</sup> of Mr. Paul G. Hoffman as Managing Director of the Special Fund in accordance with the resolution above.*

<sup>1</sup> See A/4024.

**1255 (XIII). United Nations programmes of technical assistance**

**A**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered Economic and Social Council resolution 701 (XXVI) of 31 July 1958,*

*Sharing the belief expressed in that resolution that a continued gradual expansion in the activities of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and its financial resources is desirable,*

*Noting with appreciation the fact that, at the Pledging Conference of 16 October 1958 and subsequently, seventy-eight Governments made definite pledges to contribute to the Expanded Programme in 1959, fourteen of which represent increases over the 1958 pledges,*

*Concerned however over the possibility that these pledges and those which may still be forthcoming may be insufficient to allow for an increase in the Expanded Programme in 1959,*

*Bearing in mind the desirability of making the best possible use of all available resources,*

*Noting with appreciation that efforts are being made in that direction,*

*Noting with satisfaction that the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency decided, at its second session, that the Agency shall seek to participate in the Expanded Programme,*

*Welcoming the decision of the Economic and Social Council to amend its resolution 222 (IX) of 14 and 15 August 1949 to enable the International Atomic Energy Agency to participate in the Expanded Programme, and recognizing that the demands on the Programme's resources may consequently increase,*

*1. Expresses the hope that the resources prospectively available to the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance will permit a moderately higher level of operations in 1959;*

*2. Invites Governments to continue to contribute to the Expanded Programme in amounts that will provide for the gradual expansion of the Programme;*

*3. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to the Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency.*

*780th plenary meeting,  
14 November 1958.*

**B**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered chapter III, section V, of the report of the Economic and Social Council,<sup>2</sup>*

*Takes note with appreciation of the activities undertaken by the Secretary-General under the United Nations regular programme of technical assistance.*

*780th plenary meeting,  
14 November 1958.*

**C**

*The General Assembly,*

*Bearing in mind that one of the primary problems facing the less developed countries in the field of their technical resources is the shortage of skilled technical personnel,*

*Taking into account the necessity of making the best use of the relatively scarce resources available for the United Nations technical assistance programmes,*

*Noting with interest the existing arrangements for the training of middle-level technical personnel carried out within the framework of these programmes,*

*Recognizing that further technical training of qualified personnel in industry, agriculture, transport and other fields could be achieved by taking advantage to the maximum possible extent of the middle-level technical training facilities existing in many countries,*

*Requests the Technical Assistance Board to continue to consult participating countries where middle-level training facilities are available as to the possibility of taking further advantage, under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, of these facilities for the training of personnel of the less developed countries, and to report on this matter to the Economic and Social Council at its twenty-eighth session.*

*780th plenary meeting,  
14 November 1958.*

**D**

*The General Assembly,*

*Bearing in mind the importance of international co-operation in the field of technical assistance for economic development and the promotion of welfare of the population, particularly in less developed countries,*

*Recommends to the Governments of Member States that they continue to develop international co-operation in this field through the United Nations technical assistance programmes and other multilateral and bilateral agreements or programmes, being guided in particular by the principles contained in paragraphs 1 and 2 (d) (i) of annex I to Economic and Social Council resolution 222 A (IX) of 15 August 1949, and particularly to continue to develop appropriate forms of co-operation which would enable the less developed countries to obtain such technical assistance as is needed for the accelerated development of those sectors of their economy which they consider essential.*

*780th plenary meeting,  
14 November 1958.*

**E**

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering that the essential purpose of international aid, and in particular of technical assistance, should be to enable countries in the process of economic development to be in a position, as soon as possible, to carry on their development themselves,*

*Considering that for this reason, and also because of the limited resources at the disposal of the United Nations regular programme of technical assistance and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, a con-*

<sup>2</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/3848).

siderable portion of the available resources should be devoted to programmes which make possible the training of high-level national personnel capable of replacing international technical assistance as soon as possible,

*Bearing in mind* that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 699 (XXVI) of 31 July 1958, noted with regret that there had been a certain decrease in technical assistance activities in connexion with fellowships in 1956 and again in 1957,

*Recognizing* that, under the country-programming procedure, the decisions of the recipient Governments determine the distribution of funds by types of assistance,

*Recalling* the advantages which Governments benefiting by the United Nations technical assistance programmes could obtain by making wider use of the fellowship facilities afforded them under those programmes,

*Believing* that the training of high-level national personnel would be greatly facilitated if the countries in the process of development could, with the help of international co-operation, have at their disposal a greater number of national or regional centres for the training in the country or region concerned of the qualified specialists needed in economic development,

1. *Expresses its conviction* that the award of fellowships is one of the most effective means of training high-level national personnel capable, *inter alia*, of continuing and developing the work accomplished by experts;

2. *Draws the attention* of Governments to the desirability, for countries in the process of development, of establishing or developing national or regional centres for the training of the qualified specialists needed in economic development;

3. *Requests* the various services responsible for the administration of technical assistance programmes to give due attention to requests for projects relating to fellowships and to the establishment or development of such national or regional centres.

*780th plenary meeting,  
14 November 1958.*

### **1256 (XIII). United Nations technical assistance in public administration**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recognizing* the important role of public administration in the implementation of programmes of economic and social development,

*Noting* the memorandum of the Secretary-General<sup>3</sup> and the report of the Economic and Social Council on the technical assistance programmes of the United Nations,<sup>4</sup> as well as Council resolution 681 (XXVI) of 16 July 1958,

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 29, document A/C.2/200.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/3848), chap. III, part B.

*Noting further* that a number of Governments have expressed their desire to obtain temporary assistance from or through the United Nations to fill executive or operational posts in their administrative machinery,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the results already achieved by the United Nations technical assistance programmes in the field of public administration;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to supplement these programmes with a view to:

(a) Assisting Governments participating in these programmes, at their request, to secure on a temporary basis the services of well qualified persons to perform duties of an executive or operational character as may be defined by the requesting Governments, and as servants of such Governments, it being understood that such duties shall normally include the training of nationals to assume as early as possible the responsibilities temporarily assigned to these internationally recruited experts;

(b) Assisting the interested Governments, as necessary, to meet the expenses which the employment of these experts will involve;

3. *Decides* that any Government requesting such assistance should contribute towards the total cost of employment of each expert an amount not less than the total emoluments of one of its nationals performing similar duties;

4. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to negotiate agreements defining the relationship to be established between the United Nations, the experts and the Governments concerned, including the terms and conditions of employment of the experts;

5. *Recommends further* that, whenever requests for assistance fall within the competence of a specialized agency, no action shall be taken without prior consultation and agreement with that agency;

6. *Decides* that this assistance shall be provided on a modest scale and on an experimental basis, using the existing machinery of the United Nations Secretariat and without any increase in administrative costs;

7. *Invites* the Secretary-General to report in detail, to the Economic and Social Council at its twenty-eighth session and to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session, on the progress of this experiment.

*780th plenary meeting,  
14 November 1958.*

### **1303 (XIII). Question of assistance to Libya**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the part played by the United Nations in the creation of the independent State of the United Kingdom of Libya, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 289 A (IV) of 21 November 1949 recommending that Libya should be constituted as an independent and sovereign State, and recalling that this independence was achieved on 24 December 1951, in accordance with that resolution,

*Recalling* its resolution 515 (VI) of 1 February 1952, by which it requested the Economic and Social Council

to study, in consultation with the Government of the United Kingdom of Libya, ways and means by which the United Nations, with the co-operation of all Governments and the competent specialized agencies, and upon the request of the Government of Libya, could furnish additional assistance to the United Kingdom of Libya with a view to financing its fundamental and urgent programmes of economic and social development, giving consideration to the possibility of opening a special account of voluntary contributions to that end, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its seventh session,

*Recalling further its resolution 529 (VI) of 29 January 1952 on the problem of war damages in Libya,*

*Recalling its resolution 398 (V) of 17 November 1950 which recognizes the special responsibility assumed by the United Nations for the future of Libya, and its resolution 924 (X) of 9 December 1955,*

*Having noted the communication dated 17 September 1958 from the Prime Minister of Libya<sup>5</sup> addressed to the Secretary-General,*

*Having noted the report of the Secretary-General<sup>6</sup> on the question of assistance to Libya,*

*Noting with satisfaction the technical assistance given to Libya under the United Nations technical assistance programmes, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 726 (VIII) of 8 December 1953 and 924 (X) of 9 December 1955,*

1. *Invites anew all Governments willing and in a position to do so to provide financial assistance to the United Kingdom of Libya through the appropriate mechanisms available within the United Nations for receiving voluntary contributions, in order to assist Libya in the financing of its fundamental and urgent programmes of reconstruction and of economic and social development;*

2. *Recommends that, if and when further means become available for assisting in the financing of the development of under-developed areas and for expanding technical assistance to them, the United Nations and the specialized agencies should give due consideration to the specific development needs of Libya;*

3. *Requests the Secretary-General, the Technical Assistance Board, and the specialized agencies concerned to continue to waive local costs and to give all possible favourable consideration to the requests of Libya for technical assistance, taking into account the special needs of Libya and the principles of the technical assistance programmes of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies enumerated in Economic and Social Council resolution 222 (IX) of 15 August 1949;*

4. *Requests the Secretary-General to draw the attention of the Managing Director of the Special Fund to the communication of the Prime Minister of Libya dated 17 September 1958 and to the recommendations contained in paragraph 2 above;*

5. *Requests the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of the Governments of*

Member States and to take the necessary measures to facilitate the implementation of paragraph 1 above;

6. *Requests the Secretary-General to make a special report on the question of United Nations assistance to Libya in time for the report to be placed on the provisional agenda of the fifteenth session of the General Assembly.*

783rd plenary meeting,  
10 December 1958.

**1304 (XIII). Report of the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency and progress report of the Administrator for Residual Affairs of the Agency**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling its resolutions 410 (V) of 1 December 1950, 701 (VII) of 11 March 1953, 725 (VIII) of 7 December 1953, 828 (IX) of 14 December 1954, 920 (X) of 25 October 1955, 1020 (XI) of 7 December 1956 and 1159 (XII) of 26 November 1957,*

*Taking note of:*

(a) *The report of the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency on the work of the Agency for the period 1 July 1957 to 30 June 1958,<sup>7</sup> and of the comments thereon by the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea,<sup>8</sup>*

(b) *The progress report of the Administrator for Residual Affairs of the Agency covering the period from 1 July to 30 September 1958,<sup>9</sup>*

*Recognizing the especial importance of the Agency's programme for the relief and rehabilitation of the Republic of Korea,*

1. *Commends the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency for the excellent work performed by the Agency in pursuing its mission of assisting the Korean people to relieve the sufferings and repair the devastation caused by aggression;*

2. *Expresses its conviction that the work of the Agency will have long-lasting and significant effects upon the economy of Korea and upon the well-being of the Korean people;*

3. *Expresses its appreciation for the valuable assistance given to the Agency by specialized agencies of the United Nations and by voluntary non-governmental organizations;*

4. *Decides that any funds remaining in residual accounts when the Administrator for Residual Affairs of the Agency has completed his task should be used in conformity with General Assembly resolution 410 (V) entitled "Relief and rehabilitation of Korea";*

5. *Reaffirms the action taken at its twelfth session regarding the arrangements and procedures for the completion of the residual responsibilities of the Agency and the liquidation of its accounts.*

783rd plenary meeting,  
10 December 1958.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/3907).

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 27, document A/3946.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/3953.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 30, document A/3961.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/3960.

**1305 (XIII). Confirmation of the allocation of funds for the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance in 1959**

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting* that the Technical Assistance Committee has reviewed and approved the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance for the year 1959,

1. *Confirms* the allocation of funds authorized by the Technical Assistance Committee to each of the organizations participating in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance as follows:

<i>Participating organization</i>	<i>Allocation</i>		
	<i>From contributions and general resources</i>	<i>From local costs assessments</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>(Equivalent of US dollars)</i>			
United Nations Technical Assistance Administration.....	6,986,600	563,200	7,549,800
International Labour Organisation.....	3,441,100	254,500	3,695,600
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations..	8,225,400	706,000	8,931,400
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization .....	4,794,700	345,800	5,140,500
International Civil Aviation Organization.....	1,347,600	155,500	1,503,100
World Health Organization.....	5,456,400	617,200	6,073,600
International Telecommunication Union.....	335,700	24,900	360,600
World Meteorological Organization.....	398,500	31,400	429,900
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30,986,000</b>	<b>2,698,500</b>	<b>33,684,500</b>

2. *Concurs* in the Committee's authorizations to the Technical Assistance Board to allocate an amount of \$200,000 to cover the cost of programmes to be administered by the International Atomic Energy Agency plus the amount that may be approved by the Committee for the Agency in connexion with its administrative and operational services costs for 1959, further to allocate to the participating organizations an undistributed amount of \$162,162, neither of which sums has been included in the amount of \$30,986,000 shown above, and to make changes in these allocations as may be necessary to provide as far as possible for the full utilization of contributions to the Expanded Programme, provided that such changes shall not in the aggregate exceed 3 per cent of the total amount allocated to the organizations participating in the Expanded Programme.

*783rd plenary meeting,  
10 December 1958.*

**1316 (XIII). International co-operation for economic development of under-developed countries**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the pledge of all Member States, contained in Article 56 of the Charter of the United Nations, to take joint and separate action in co-operation with the United Nations for the achievement, *inter alia*, of higher standards of living and conditions of economic and social progress and development,

*Recognizing* that significant efforts have been made by both the less developed and the more developed countries to achieve these ends,

*Considering however* the continuing need for greater efforts to accelerate the economic development of the less developed countries,

*Noting with satisfaction* the initiatives which have been taken looking towards an increase in the capital of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the quotas of the International Monetary Fund, and the increasing attention being given by these agencies to the less developed countries,

1. *Calls upon* Member States to undertake a review of accomplishments to date and, in the light of this review, to chart their future courses of co-operative action

relating to both the public and private sectors for the purpose of giving further impetus to the economic development of the less developed countries;

2. *Invites* Member States, having in mind General Assembly resolution 1260 (XIII) of 14 November 1958, to explore further the possibility of enlisting the aid of their universities and scientific institutions for the purpose of accelerating, in co-operation with similar institutions in other Member States, the solution of scientific and technological problems of particular concern to the less developed countries;

3. *Invites* Member States in a position to assist the economic development of under-developed countries to inform the Economic and Social Council at its twenty-eighth session and the General Assembly at its fourteenth session, through the Secretary-General, of measures which they have taken or may contemplate taking in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 above, such information to be additional to the information which they are now called upon to submit, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 824 (IX) of 11 December 1954 and 1034 (XI) of 26 February 1957, concerning what they are now doing in this field;

4. *Invites* the less developed countries similarly to inform the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly of any measures which they may decide

to take in order to advance their economic and social progress;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to compile the information received pursuant to the above paragraphs in the form of an interim report for submission to the Economic and Social Council at its twenty-eighth session and a final report to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session for consideration under the item entitled "Economic development of under-developed countries", including a review of the financing of the economic development of the under-developed countries;

6. Requests the Economic and Social Council, during its review of the consolidated report of the five-year appraisal of the scope, trend and cost of the economic and social programmes of the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization and the World Meteorological Organization, called for in Council resolutions 665 C (XXIV) of 1 August 1957 and 694 D (XXVI) of 31 July 1958, to give special consideration to the development needs of the less developed countries and to ways in which such programmes can be more effectively organized to help meet these needs.

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12 December 1958.

### 1317 (XIII). United Nations capital development fund

*The General Assembly,*

Bearing in mind the obligations assumed by the Governments of Member States under Articles 55 and 56 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling previous resolutions of the General Assembly and of the Economic and Social Council on the establishment of a United Nations Fund for financing the economic development of the less developed countries,

Noting with satisfaction the establishment of the Special Fund,

Noting however that the Preparatory Committee for the Special Fund expressed the hope that for the year 1959 an amount of at least \$100 million would be available for the operations envisaged in General Assembly resolution 1219 (XII) of 14 December 1957,<sup>10</sup>

Taking into account bilateral, regional and multi-lateral efforts to advance international co-operation in the field of financial assistance for the economic development of the less developed countries,

Recognizing that financing the economic development of the less developed countries is one of the main world economic problems,

Conscious of the urgent need to furnish financial assistance for the economic development of the less developed countries,

1. Calls upon Member States to consider appropriate contributions to the Special Fund in order to achieve the volume of resources envisaged by General Assembly resolution 1219 (XII);

<sup>10</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-sixth Session, Annexes, agenda item 4, document E/3098, para. 23.

2. Urges Member States to continue working for the establishment of a United Nations capital development fund;

3. Decides to continue to review, as a separate subject of its agenda, progress in the field of financing the economic development of the less developed countries, particularly progress towards the establishment of a United Nations capital development fund.

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12 December 1958.

### 1318 (XIII). Promotion of the international flow of private capital

*The General Assembly,*

Reaffirming the need for a higher level of capital formation for the economic and social progress of the under-developed countries,

Taking note of the expanding bilateral and multi-lateral arrangements in the field of capital investment, particularly the establishment of the International Finance Corporation and the prospective increase in the resources of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development,

Confident that such arrangements contribute to a general improvement in the conditions necessary for an expanding flow of private capital for investment beneficial to under-developed countries,

Taking into account its resolution 824 (IX) of 11 December 1954 on the international flow of private capital for the economic development of under-developed countries, and section B of Economic and Social Council resolution 368 (XIII) of 22 August 1951 concerning the objective of achieving an expansion and steadier flow of private foreign capital,

Welcoming the fact that a growing number of countries have become increasingly conscious of the need to improve the international climate in relation to both existing and prospective private investment,

Stressing the need for increased knowledge and better understanding of the conditions of and opportunities for international investment,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to consult as appropriate and obtain the views of qualified persons, drawn from both capital-exporting and capital-importing countries, regarding:

(a) The fields of activity in which foreign private investment is needed and sought by under-developed countries and the volume and forms in which such investment would be acceptable;

(b) The types of projects—including, where possible, specific examples—which private foreign investors may be interested in financing or undertaking in under-developed countries in suitable circumstances;

2. Further requests the Secretary-General, drawing on the views of the qualified persons concerned and taking into account other available information, to prepare a report concerning measures in operation or contemplated, both in capital-exporting and capital-importing countries, for the channelling of an increasing flow of private capital investment into the development of under-developed countries under mutually satisfactory arrangements;

3. Invites the Secretary-General to submit his report to the Economic and Social Council at its twenty-ninth session for transmission, with the Council's recommendations, to the General Assembly for consideration at its fifteenth session.

788th plenary meeting,  
12 December 1958.

**1319 (XIII). Transmission of the report on the proceedings of the symposium on the development of petroleum resources of Asia and the Far East**

*The General Assembly,*

Considering that more effective use of the natural resources of the under-developed countries is important for their economic development,

Recalling that in December 1958 a symposium on the development of petroleum resources of Asia and the Far East is taking place at New Delhi under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Invites the Secretary-General to transmit the report on the proceedings of the above-mentioned symposium to the Economic and Social Council for appropriate consideration and for possible transmission to other appropriate United Nations organs and bodies.

788th plenary meeting,  
12 December 1958.

**1320 (XIII). Rosters of scientific and technical personnel of the less developed countries**

*The General Assembly,*

Considering that economic development plans can be carried out more economically in those countries which achieve a real increase in their human capital resources through a better knowledge and distribution of their qualified technicians,

Considering that ready and easy access to a common pool of qualified technicians who are easy to find would enable countries in the process of development to make more rational and complete use of scientific and technical personnel in and outside their country of origin and to benefit from the experience of other countries which are passing through similar stages, thus increasing the effectiveness of international co-operation,

1. Invites the Economic and Social Council to examine at its twenty-eighth session the desirability and feasibility of establishing and maintaining, under the auspices of the United Nations, rosters of scientific and technical personnel of the less developed countries, whose services might also be utilized outside their respective countries;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency and to ask them to state their views on this subject at the twenty-eighth session of the Economic and Social Council.

788th plenary meeting,  
12 December 1958.

**1321 (XIII). Objectives and means of international economic co-operation**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 1157 (XII) of 26 November 1957, and taking into account Economic and Social Council resolution 690 A (XXVI) of 31 July 1958,

Noting that the compendium of resolutions concerning various principles of international economic co-operation which the Secretary-General was requested to prepare has been transmitted by him to the Governments of Member States for their consideration,

Reaffirming its view that renewed efforts should be made, on an international scale, to achieve fully the purposes laid down in the Charter of the United Nations with respect to economic and social well-being,

Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To ask the Governments of Member States for their views on the desirability of formulating, in the light of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and of the resolutions contained in the above-mentioned compendium and of any other international declarations that may be relevant, a statement of the economic objectives of the United Nations and of the means of international co-operation that may serve to attain those objectives in an atmosphere of harmony and understanding;

(b) To transmit the replies received, together with the compendium, to the Economic and Social Council for its consideration.

788th plenary meeting,  
12 December 1958.

**1322 (XIII). Promotion of international co-operation in the field of trade**

*The General Assembly,*

Having regard to the fact that continuous development of international trade is important for economic and social progress in the world,

Bearing in mind the difficulties which hamper the development of international trade in general and trade among less developed countries and industrially developed countries in particular,

Realizing the desirability of utilizing most effectively all means at the disposal of the Economic and Social Council and its regional economic commissions with a view to promoting and expanding trade and to furthering international co-operation aimed at the promotion of international trade,

Recalling its resolution 1158 (XII) of 26 November 1957 on activities of the regional economic commissions,

1. Expresses its confidence that the Economic and Social Council and its regional economic commissions will continue to pay due attention to the needs of the development of international trade;

2. Invites the Economic and Social Council to continue the consideration of all practical steps that can be initiated within the Council and its regional economic commissions and their trade committees toward the improvement of co-operation and toward co-ordination of efforts in the field of the development of trade, particu-

larly with the less developed countries, including joint studies on trade among various regions, on the lines of those already made, such as studies on possibilities of the expansion of international trade with a view to assisting the economic development of the less developed countries;

3. Requests the Economic and Social Council to include in its next annual report to the General Assembly the results produced by the studies and research undertaken pursuant to paragraph 2 above.

788th plenary meeting,  
12 December 1958.

**1323 (XIII). Questions relating to the promotion of international trade and to assistance in the development of less developed countries**

*The General Assembly,*

Bearing in mind the main economic objectives of the United Nations, which consist in promoting higher standards of living, full employment and conditions of economic and social progress and development,

Aware of the lack of balance shown in the trend of economic growth in the different parts of the world during the last decades,

Conscious of the highly detrimental effect that an uneven trend of development may, in some cases, exercise on the economies of the less developed countries and, thereby, on the degree of gainful employment and on the level of standards of living existing in these countries,

Noting the keen interest shown by the delegations in international economic problems during the general debate in the Assembly,

Convinced that the United Nations should show a still greater interest in the factors of world economy influencing the rate of economic development of the less developed countries,

Requests the Secretary-General, on the basis of the records of the work of United Nations economic bodies during recent years and other appropriate materials, including information to be received from Governments in response to General Assembly resolution 1316 (XIII) of 12 December 1958:

(a) To prepare an analytical summary of various means of accelerating economic growth in less developed countries through international action;

(b) To present the above-mentioned analytical summary to the Economic and Social Council at its twenty-eighth session for discussion, and for submission to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session of such comments on the matter as the Council deems necessary.

788th plenary meeting,  
12 December 1958.

**1324 (XIII). International commodity problems**

*The General Assembly,*

Having in mind the importance of export earnings to the economic development of many countries, in particular the less developed countries, and bearing in mind

the fact that changes in the terms of trade have consequences on the economic development of many countries,

Appreciating that a more rapid rate of expansion in the export trade of the less developed countries is of major importance for their soundly based economic development,

Considering the serious problems both of a short-term and a long-term nature which confront many countries, particularly the less developed countries, as a result of excessive fluctuations in the prices of many primary products and of the impact on international trade in such products of protectionism in its varied forms,

Realizing therefore the urgent need for continuing efforts to bring about more assured conditions for commodity trade and a mitigation of the difficulties at present facing many producers of both agricultural and mineral commodities,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution, 691 A (XXVI) of 31 July 1958 reconstituting the Commission on International Commodity Trade,

Recognizing that, as stated in that resolution, the development of specific proposals for possible action by Governments with respect to particular commodities continues to be the responsibility mainly of inter-governmental commodity study groups,

Expressing the hope that the Commission on International Commodity Trade will be able to make a greater contribution to the establishment of more assured conditions for international commodity trade,

Recognizing the increasing attention which Governments are giving to commodity problems as evidenced by the work of the Committee on Commodity Problems of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and such developments as the recent establishment of a coffee study group, the meetings on copper, lead and zinc recently convened by the United Nations, the recent renegotiations of the International Sugar Agreement, the discussions taking place toward the renegotiation of the International Wheat Agreement, and the consideration currently being given by the contracting parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to the commodity aspects of international trade,

Recognizing further that, for the most part, effective action with respect to given commodities will require the active co-operation of both major producing and major consuming countries in their mutual interests,

Noting with satisfaction the growing tendency of Governments to broaden the scope of international study and discussion of commodity problems to cover not only price instability as such but also its underlying causes, economic effects and possible means of dealing with them,

1. Urges Governments of Member States to continue to examine, on a commodity-by-commodity basis, the question what measures may be desirable and feasible in offering solutions to particular commodity problems;

2. Supports the action taken by the Economic and Social Council under resolution 691 (XXVI) for the purpose of making the Commission on International

Commodity Trade more effective, and its decision to convene the Commission early in 1959;

3. *Recommends* that the principal producing and consuming countries give careful consideration to the possibility of becoming parties to or actively co-operating with existing international trading arrangements dealing with the problems of commodity trade;

4. *Expresses the hope* that countries which do not participate in or co-operate with established international trading arrangements will refrain from the use of trade practices generally considered to be unfair

which would impede or prevent the satisfactory working of those arrangements;

5. *Appeals* to the Governments of all Member States to increase their efforts to promote conditions favourable to the expansion of international trade and, in relation to their commercial policies and trade practices, to take into account any possible harmful repercussions which they might have, particularly on the trade of under-developed countries.

788th plenary meeting,  
12 December 1958.

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### **1257 (XIII). United Nations Children's Fund**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered chapter VI, section 1, of the report of the Economic and Social Council,<sup>1</sup> dealing with the United Nations Children's Fund,*

*Welcoming the emphasis on strengthening co-operation which has developed in the past year with the Bureau of Social Affairs, the specialized agencies and the non-governmental organizations,*

*Recognizing that the impact of the Fund on social and economic development is steadily increasing,*

*Recognizing also the increasing opportunities for effective use of aid from the Fund,*

*1. Expresses the hope that all Governments will contribute to the United Nations Children's Fund as generously as possible;*

*2. Congratulates the Fund on its outstanding achievements.*

*780th plenary meeting,  
14 November 1958.*

### **1258 (XIII). Formulation of social policies related to economic development**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling its resolution 1161 (XII) of 26 November 1957 on balanced and integrated economic and social progress,*

*<sup>1</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 3, (A/3848).*

*Noting with satisfaction the increased attention given by the Economic and Social Council to the social aspects of economic development in the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Africa, and the Council's decision to ask the other regional economic commissions to consider and give advice on this question,*

*Recognizing the special problems of countries with insufficiently developed resources in ensuring balanced economic and social development,*

*Recognizing that the promotion of higher standards of living, full employment and conditions of economic and social progress and development, called for in Article 55 of the Charter of the United Nations, requires not only a general rise in the national production of the countries concerned but also the raising of family levels of living by, *inter alia*, appropriate use of national income,*

*Realizing the close interdependence of economic development and social development,*

*Requests the Economic and Social Council, in collaboration with the specialized agencies concerned, to consider as early as possible what social programmes and policies would be best designed to:*

*(a) Accelerate economic growth through increases in the national production by, *inter alia*, instituting appropriate health and education programmes;*

*(b) Promote social services to meet the problems which result from economic and technological change and from rapid urbanization;*

(c) Raise family levels of living by, *inter alia*, avoiding an inequitable distribution of national income.

780th plenary meeting,  
14 November 1958.

### 1259 (XIII). Technical assistance to Afghanistan

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* Economic and Social Council resolution 689 H (XXVI) of 28 July 1958,

*Welcoming* the adoption by Afghanistan, which was formerly an important opium-producing country, of the law of Kaus 2, 1336 (24 November 1957) prohibiting opium cultivation in Afghanistan,

*Believing* that technical assistance in the field of economic and social development is necessary for the full execution of the policy incorporated in the above-mentioned law and for minimizing serious economic and social consequences,

*Recognizing* that the success of Afghanistan in this field requires international co-operation,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the policy adopted by Afghanistan;

2. *Requests* the relevant technical assistance organs of the United Nations and the specialized agencies concerned to pay due attention to requests from the Government of Afghanistan for technical assistance in this field.

780th plenary meeting,  
14 November 1958.

### 1260 (XIII). Co-ordination of results of scientific research

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting* the remarkable advances made in recent years in the natural sciences, pure and applied,

*Believing* that the United Nations and the specialized agencies should stimulate and encourage further the general direction of scientific research toward the peaceful ends of economic progress and human welfare, and in the interest of peace and international co-operation,

*Recalling* its resolution 1164 (XII) of 26 November 1957 on the development of international co-operation in the fields of science, culture and education, and Economic and Social Council resolution 695 (XXVI) of 31 July 1958 on the survey which is to be prepared on international relations and exchanges in the fields of education, science and culture,

*Recognizing* the responsibility of the United Nations for co-ordinating the activities of its organs and those of the specialized agencies in accordance with Articles 58 and 63 of the Charter of the United Nations, and noting that the Economic and Social Council has requested the United Nations and five of the specialized agencies to undertake appraisals of their activities and programmes for the period 1959 to 1964,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the other specialized agencies concerned with the peaceful application of science, as well as the International Atomic Energy Agency, to arrange for a survey to be made on the main trends of

inquiry in the field of the natural sciences and the dissemination and application for peaceful ends of such scientific knowledge, and on the steps which might be taken by the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency towards encouraging the concentration of such efforts upon the most urgent problems, having regard to the needs of the various countries; and requests the Secretary-General, in arranging for such a survey, to take into account the report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to be prepared in response to Economic and Social Council resolution 695 (XXVI);

2. *Invites* the above-mentioned organizations to co-operate with the Secretary-General in this connexion;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit this survey to the Economic and Social Council at its thirtieth session for comment and any appropriate recommendations;

4. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to transmit this survey to the General Assembly, together with its comments and recommendations.

780th plenary meeting,  
14 November 1958.

### 1261 (XIII). Advisory services in the field of human rights

*The General Assembly,*

*Taking note* of chapter VII, section X, of the report of the Economic and Social Council,<sup>1</sup>

*Recalling* its resolution 926 (X) of 14 December 1955 requesting the Economic and Social Council to submit to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session an evaluation of the projects carried out under the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights and recommendations concerning the future of the programme,

*Recalling also* its resolution 1163 (XII) of 26 November 1957, in which the General Assembly noted with satisfaction the success of the seminar held in August 1957 at Bangkok (Thailand) and expressed the hope that seminars on the status of women would be held as frequently as possible in the future under the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights,

*Noting with satisfaction* the important results achieved at the two seminars held during 1958 under the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights,

*Having considered* the plan presented by the Secretary-General to the Economic and Social Council for holding seminars in the year 1959,<sup>2</sup> and Council resolution 684 (XXVI) of 21 July 1958 approving this plan,

1. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the manner in which the projects have been carried out under the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights;

2. *Approves* the plan presented by the Secretary-General to the Economic and Social Council for holding seminars in the year 1959 and recommends that, if possible, three seminars should be held in 1959, taking

\* Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-sixth Session, Annexes, agenda item 12, document E/3075/Add.1.

note of Council resolution 684 (XXVI) requesting the Secretary-General to keep in mind the possibility of organizing in the future an international seminar on a subject of universal interest.

780th plenary meeting,  
14 November 1958.

### 1283 (XIII). International Health and Medical Research Year

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* that active international co-operation and the exchange of knowledge and experience in the field of health and medical research are important factors in improving the health and welfare of mankind,

*Desiring* to encourage further practical steps to combat widely prevalent diseases, such as malaria, tuberculosis, smallpox, cholera, cancer, cardiovascular ailments, leprosy and poliomyelitis, which still represent a serious threat to the health of the people,

*Believing* that these aims could be greatly furthered by the organization of an International Health and Medical Research Year,

1. *Invites* the World Health Organization to consider, in accordance with article IV of the Agreement between the United Nations and the World Health Organization,<sup>3</sup> the recommendation to organize, primarily on a national basis, an International Health and Medical Research Year, preferably in 1961, and to adopt methods for intensifying international co-operation in this field with a view to, *inter alia*:

- (a) Disseminating the knowledge gained from experience in combating these diseases;
- (b) Substantially expanding, co-ordinating and organizing joint scientific research in the prevention and treatment of these diseases and in the rehabilitation of patients;
- (c) Exchanging experience in the use of atomic energy in medicine;
- (d) Organizing popular health education on a broad scale;
- (e) Providing assistance to under-developed countries, including equipment, medicine, special literature and qualified specialists;

2. *Further invites* the World Health Organization to transmit its views on this matter to the Economic and Social Council at its twenty-eighth session and to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session.

782nd plenary meeting,  
5 December 1958.

### 1284 (XIII). Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

*The General Assembly,*

*Having taken note* of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,<sup>4</sup>

*Bearing in mind* that a substantial international effort still needs to be made in order to achieve solutions for

non-settled refugees, and in particular for those living in camps,

*Having considered* the decisions taken by the Executive Committee of the United Nations Refugee Fund<sup>5</sup> at its ninth (special) session pursuant to General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII) of 26 November 1957,

1. *Welcomes* the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the United Nations Refugee Fund that the protection activities of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees should be increased;

2. *Takes note* of the programme recommended for 1959 by the Executive Committee of the United Nations Refugee Fund;

3. *Notes* that the High Commissioner has been authorized by the Executive Committee of the United Nations Refugee Fund to appeal for the funds required for the programme;

4. *Appeals* to Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to support the High Commissioner's programme, either through financial contributions or through offers of resettlement or both.

782nd plenary meeting,  
5 December 1958.

### 1285 (XIII). World Refugee Year

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,<sup>4</sup> together with the resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the United Nations Refugee Fund at its ninth (special) session on 26 September 1958,<sup>6</sup>

*Convinced* of the need to make a further world-wide effort to help resolve the world refugee problem,

*Having considered* the proposal for a World Refugee Year to begin in June 1959,

*Noting* that this proposal has two aims, namely:

(a) To focus interest on the refugee problem and to encourage additional financial contributions from Governments, voluntary agencies and the general public for its solution,

(b) To encourage additional opportunities for permanent refugee solutions, through voluntary repatriation, resettlement or integration, on a purely humanitarian basis and in accordance with the freely expressed wishes of the refugees themselves,

1. *Urges* States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to co-operate, in accordance with the national wishes and needs of each country and from a humanitarian point of view, in promoting a World Refugee Year as a practical means of securing increased assistance for refugees throughout the world;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take such steps as he may think fit to assist in the promotion of a World Refugee Year in accordance with the present resolution.

782nd plenary meeting,  
5 December 1958.

<sup>3</sup>United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 19 (1948), No. 115.

<sup>4</sup>Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/3828/Rev.1) and Supplement No. 11A (A/3828/Rev.1/Add.1).

<sup>5</sup>Ibid., Supplement No. 11A (A/3828/Rev.1/Add.1), para. 21.

<sup>6</sup>Ibid., Supplement No. 11A (A/3828/Rev.1/Add.1), appendix II.

**1286 (XIII). Refugees in Morocco and Tunisia**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having examined the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,<sup>4</sup> and in particular chapter II,*

*Considering the efforts made by the United Nations Refugee Fund to assist refugees,*

*Noting the action taken in 1958 by the High Commissioner on behalf of refugees from Algeria in Tunisia,*

*Considering that a similar problem exists in Morocco,*

*Recommends the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue his action on behalf of the refugees in Tunisia on a substantial scale and to undertake similar action in Morocco.*

*782nd plenary meeting,  
5 December 1958.*

**1313 (XIII). Freedom of information****A**

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting that the Commission on Human Rights at its fourteenth session requested the Economic and Social Council and, through it, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other specialized agencies concerned to initiate action to consider and implement the suggestions of the Committee on Freedom of Information concerning under-developed countries wherever possible and as expeditiously as possible, with the object of assisting them to build up adequate media of information which could facilitate the free flow of accurate and undistorted news and information within these countries and throughout the membership of the United Nations,<sup>7</sup>*

*Noting that the Commission on Human Rights will give further consideration at its fifteenth session to the suggestions of the Committee on Freedom of Information and that the Economic and Social Council has requested the Commission on Human Rights to complete its recommendations on freedom of information,*

*1. Expresses the hope that the Economic and Social Council, on the basis of the analysis to be prepared by the Secretary-General in response to Council resolutions 574 D (XIX) of 26 May 1955 and 643 (XXIII) of 25 April 1957, and taking into account recommendations of the Commission on Human Rights to be submitted in response to Council resolution 683 C (XXVI) of 21 July 1958, will formulate at its twenty-eighth session a programme of concrete action and measures on the international plane which could be undertaken for the development of information enterprises in under-developed countries, with an evaluation of the material, financial and professional requirements and resources for the implementation of this programme;*

*2. Invites the Economic and Social Council to request the Commission on Human Rights to give particular attention to procedures by which constant review of the problems of providing technical assistance to under-developed countries in the field of information*

<sup>4</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 8 (E/3088), para. 123, resolution 6 (XIV).

*may be assured, and to report regularly to the Council on progress in this field;*

*3. Invites the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other specialized agencies as appropriate to formulate concrete proposals to assist in meeting the needs of less developed countries in building up adequate media of information, and to include an account of their efforts on this and other aspects of freedom of information in their annual reports to the Economic and Social Council.*

*788th plenary meeting,  
12 December 1958.*

**B**

*The General Assembly,*

*Reiterating its belief in the free flow of undistorted news and information within countries and across national frontiers as the essential basis for an accurate and undistorted understanding of events and situations,*

*Recognizing however that the development of media of information constitutes only a partial measure in ensuring freedom of information.*

*Recognizing further that greater freedom of communications would lessen international tension and promote mutual understanding and confidence, thereby allowing countries and peoples more easily to understand and compose their differences,*

*Recommends that all Member States, as a contribution to building peace and confidence, should encourage better mutual understanding by taking practical measures, in co-operation with the programmes of the United Nations and its specialized agencies, to open their countries to greater freedom of communications by:*

*(a) Facilitating access to United Nations information programmes;*

*(b) Supporting the activities of United Nations information centres;*

*(c) Facilitating the free flow of accurate information through all media.*

*788th plenary meeting,  
12 December 1958.*

**C**

*The General Assembly,*

*Taking note of the Secretary-General's report<sup>8</sup> on the consultations he held with Governments pursuant to General Assembly resolution 1189 A (XII) of 11 December 1957 concerning the draft Convention on Freedom of Information,*

*Bearing in mind the lengthy and heretofore inconclusive discussions which have taken place in various bodies of the United Nations on the draft Convention,*

*Believing that a convention on freedom of information can play an important role in guaranteeing to the peoples of States parties to it their fundamental right to freedom of expression and of opinion, as enunciated in article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,*

*Realizing that in view of the importance of the draft Convention it is desirable that additional opportunity be given Member States to crystallize their views thereon,*

<sup>8</sup> A/3868 and Add.1 to 8.

*Desirous however* of formulating promptly a widely acceptable final text of the draft Convention with a view to opening it for signature as soon as possible,

*Decides:*

1. To proceed, at its fourteenth session, to a discussion of the text of the draft Convention as formulated by the Committee on the Draft Convention on Freedom of Information,<sup>9</sup> established by the General Assembly in its resolution 426 (V) of 14 December 1950, giving special consideration to any new proposals that may be made;
2. To request the Secretary-General, in the light of the discussion in the Third Committee on this matter, to invite the Governments of States with which he communicated pursuant to General Assembly resolution 1189 A (XII) to transmit to him any comments, observations, suggestions, proposals or amendments concerning the text of the draft Convention on Freedom of Information and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session.

*788th plenary meeting,  
12 December 1958.*

**1314 (XIII). Recommendations concerning international respect for the right of peoples and nations to self-determination**

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting* that the right of peoples and nations to self-determination as affirmed in the two draft Covenants

<sup>9</sup>Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 29, document A/AC.42/7, annex.

completed by the Commission on Human Rights<sup>10</sup> includes "permanent sovereignty over their natural wealth and resources",

*Believing* it necessary to have full information at its disposal regarding the actual extent and character of this sovereignty,

1. *Decides* to establish a Commission composed of Afghanistan, Chile, Guatemala, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Sweden, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Arab Republic and the United States of America to conduct a full survey of the status of this basic constituent of the right to self-determination, with recommendations, where necessary, for its strengthening, and further decides that, in the conduct of the full survey of the status of the permanent sovereignty of peoples and nations over their natural wealth and resources, due regard shall be paid to the rights and duties of States under international law and to the importance of encouraging international co-operation in the economic development of under-developed countries;

2. *Invites* the regional economic commissions and the specialized agencies to co-operate with the Commission in its task;

3. *Requests* the Commission to report to the Economic and Social Council at its twenty-ninth session;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Commission with the necessary staff and facilities.

*788th plenary meeting,  
12 December 1958.*

<sup>10</sup>Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Eighteenth Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/2573), annex I.

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***Other decisions taken by the General Assembly  
on the recommendation of the Third Committee***

**Draft International Covenants on Human Rights (item 32)**

At its 788th plenary meeting on 12 December 1958, the General Assembly approved the recommendation of the Third Committee<sup>11</sup> that the Assembly, at its fourteenth session, should give priority to the consideration of the draft International Covenants on Human Rights.

<sup>11</sup>Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 32, document A/4045, para. 92.



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**1243 (XIII). Report of the Good Offices Committee on South West Africa<sup>1</sup>**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered*, with appreciation of the difficulties of the task, the report of the Good Offices Committee on South West Africa<sup>2</sup> established under General Assembly resolution 1143 (XII) of 25 October 1957,

1. *Decides* not to accept the suggestions contained in the report of the Good Offices Committee on South West Africa that envisage partition and annexation of any part of the Territory as a basis for the solution of the question of South West Africa;

2. *Invites* the Committee to renew discussions with the Government of the Union of South Africa in order to find a basis for an agreement which would continue to accord to the Mandated Territory of South West Africa as a whole an international status, and which would be in conformity with the purposes and principles of the United Nations;

3. *Requests* the Committee, in the conduct of its work, to bear fully in mind the discussions held at the thirteenth session of the General Assembly;

4. *Requests* the Committee to submit a further report to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Committee with all necessary staff and facilities.

*778th plenary meeting,  
30 October 1958.*

**1244 (XIII). Petitions and communications in regard to the Territory of South West Africa**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having accepted* the advisory opinion of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa,<sup>3</sup>

*Having authorized* the Committee on South West Africa, by resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953, to examine petitions in accordance with the Mandates procedure of the League of Nations,

*Having received* a report from the Committee dealing with petitions dated 24 July and 10 August 1957, as well as an undated petition from Mr. Jacobus Beukes of the Rehoboth Community, a petition dated 12 October 1957

<sup>1</sup> See resolution 1333 (XIII).

<sup>2</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 39, document A/3900.

<sup>3</sup> International status of South West Africa, Advisory Opinion: I.C.J. Reports 1950, p. 128.

and related communications from Mr. Johannes Dausab and others in the Hoachanas Native Reserve, a petition dated 27 November 1957 from Chief Hosea Kutako, a petition dated 22 July 1958 from the Reverend Michael Scott and a related communication dated 29 July 1958 from Chief Hosea Kutako and other Hereros, a petition dated 13 June 1957 from Mr. Nguwo Jepongo of the Ukuanyama Tribal Congress, a petition dated 3 August 1957 from Mr. Toivo Herman Ja Toivo and eighty other Ovambo, a petition dated 22 November 1957 from Mr. S. Shoombé and one hundred other Ovambo, and petitions dated 14 May and 1 and 4 July 1958 from Mr. Mburumba Kerina (Getzen),<sup>4</sup>

*Noting* that these petitions and communications raise questions relating to various aspects of the administration of the Territory of South West Africa and of conditions in the Territory upon which the Committee has presented a report,

*Decides* to draw the attention of the petitioners to the report and observations of the Committee on South West Africa regarding conditions in the Territory submitted to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session, and to the action taken by the General Assembly on this report.

*778th plenary meeting,  
30 October 1958.*

**1245 (XIII). Conditions in the Territory of South West Africa**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the fifth report submitted to it in accordance with its resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953 by the Committee on South West Africa,<sup>5</sup>

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the work of the Committee on South West Africa;

2. *Approves* the report of the Committee concerning conditions in the Territory of South West Africa;<sup>6</sup>

3. *Expresses its deep concern* regarding the social, economic and political situations now prevailing in the Territory;

4. *Draws the attention* of the Government of the Union of South Africa to the report of the Committee.

*778th plenary meeting,  
30 October 1958.*

<sup>4</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session Supplement No. 12 (A/3906 and Add.1), part I, chap. V; see also annexes II to VII and IX to XIII.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid., Supplement No. 12 (A/3906 and Add.1).

<sup>6</sup> Ibid., Supplement No. 12 (A/3906 and Add.1), part III.

**1246 (XIII). Status of the Territory of South West Africa**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having recommended*, by its resolutions 65 (I) of 14 December 1946, 141 (II) of 1 November 1947, 227 (III) of 26 November 1948, 337 (IV) of 6 December 1949, 449 B (V) of 13 December 1950, 570 B (VI) of 19 January 1952, 749 B (VIII) of 28 November 1953, 852 (IX) of 23 November 1954, 940 (X) of 3 December 1955, 1055 (XI) of 26 February 1957 and 1141 (XII) of 25 October 1957, that the Mandated Territory of South West Africa be placed under the International Trusteeship System, and having repeatedly invited the Government of the Union of South Africa to propose, for the consideration of the General Assembly, a trusteeship agreement for South West Africa,

*Having accepted*, by its resolution 449 A (V) of 13 December 1950, the advisory opinion of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa,<sup>3</sup>

*Considering* that, in accordance with Chapter XII of the Charter of the United Nations, all Mandated Territories which have not achieved independence have been brought under the International Trusteeship System, with the sole exception of the Territory of South West Africa,

1. *Reiterates* its resolutions 65 (I) of 14 December 1946, 141 (II) of 1 November 1947, 227 (III) of 26 November 1948, 337 (IV) of 6 December 1949, 449 B (V) of 13 December 1950, 570 B (VI) of 19 January 1952, 749 B (VIII) of 28 November 1953, 852 (IX) of 23 November 1954, 940 (X) of 3 December 1955, 1055 (XI) of 26 February 1957 and 1141 (XII) of 25 October 1957, to the effect that the Territory of South West Africa be placed under the International Trusteeship System;

2. *Asserts* that, in the present conditions of political and economic development of South West Africa, the normal way of modifying the international status of the Territory is to place it under the International Trusteeship System by means of a trusteeship agreement in accordance with the provisions of Chapter XII of the Charter of the United Nations.

778th plenary meeting,  
30 October 1958.

**1247 (XIII). Legal action to ensure the fulfilment of the obligations assumed by the Union of South Africa in respect to the Territory of South West Africa**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 449 A (V) of 13 December 1950, 1060 (XI) of 26 February 1957 and 1142 (XII) of 25 October 1957,

*Having received* from the Committee on South West Africa a further report<sup>7</sup> on the question of securing from the International Court of Justice advisory opinions in regard to the administration of South West Africa,

*Decides* to resume further consideration of this question at its fourteenth session.

778th plenary meeting,  
30 October 1958.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, part II.

**1253 (XIII). The future of Togoland under French administration**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1182 (XII) of 29 November 1957, .

*Taking note* of the report of the United Nations Commissioner for the Supervision of the Elections in the Trust Territory of Togoland under French Administration<sup>8</sup> on the organization, conduct and results of the elections which took place on 27 April 1958 in the Territory,

*Taking note* of Trusteeship Council resolution 1921 (S-VIII) of 17 October 1958,

*Taking note* of the statements made by the representative of France and the Prime Minister of the Republic of Togoland during the thirteenth session of the General Assembly,<sup>9</sup>

*Noting further* the resolution adopted by the Chamber of Deputies of the Republic of Togoland on 23 October 1958,<sup>10</sup>

1. *Notes* that the Governments of France and of the Republic of Togoland have decided, by mutual agreement, that Togoland shall attain independence in 1960, in accordance with the wishes of the Chamber of Deputies of Togoland;

2. *Expresses its high appreciation* of the work of the United Nations Commissioner and his staff;

3. *Congratulates* France and the authorities and people of Togoland on their achievements in Togoland, which enable the basic objectives of the International Trusteeship System to be attained;

4. *Resolves accordingly*, in agreement with the Administering Authority, that on the day which will be agreed upon between the Government of France and the Government of Togoland, and on which the Republic of Togoland becomes independent in 1960, the Trusteeship Agreement approved by the General Assembly on 13 December 1946 shall cease to be in force, in accordance with Article 76 b of the Charter of the United Nations.

780th plenary meeting,  
14 November 1958.

**1254 (XIII). Assistance to Togoland under French administration**

*The General Assembly,*

*Bearing in mind* the wish expressed by the Chamber of Deputies of Togoland on 23 October 1958 that assistance should be given to Togoland by the United Nations,<sup>10</sup>

*Having taken note* of the undertaking given by the representative of France at the 784th meeting of the Fourth Committee that the Administering Authority will transmit and facilitate the requests of the Government of Togoland for United Nations assistance through normal procedures,

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 40, document A/3957.

<sup>9</sup> *See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Fourth Committee*, 782nd meeting.

<sup>10</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 40, document A/C.4/382.

*Taking note* of the important assistance already given by France to the Trust Territory of Togoland under French administration,

*Considering* the useful and constructive role that the United Nations and the specialized agencies have played in the past in assisting various countries in their development plans,

*Recalling* the recent establishment of the Special Fund and of the Economic Commission for Africa,

*Considering* that requests for assistance to Trust Territories deserve sympathetic consideration by the United Nations,

*Invites* the Secretary-General, the Special Fund, the Technical Assistance Board and the specialized agencies to give urgent and sympathetic consideration to any requests for assistance concerning Togoland, submitted through the Administering Authority.

780th plenary meeting,  
14 November 1958.

#### 1274 (XIII). Attainment of self-government or independence by Trust Territories

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 558 (VI) of 18 January 1952 and subsequent resolutions on the same subject, inviting the Administering Authority of each Trust Territory, *inter alia*, to estimate the period of time in which it would attain self-government or independence, and recommending that the Administering Authorities take the necessary measures for the attainment of this goal at an early date,

*Having examined* part I, chapter V, of the report of the Trusteeship Council,<sup>11</sup>

1. *Notes* that by the measures already taken or to be taken by some Administering Authorities in consultation with the United Nations and the peoples of the Territories concerned, Togoland under French administration, the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration, the Cameroons under French administration, Somaliland under Italian administration and Western Samoa under New Zealand administration, are expected to achieve in 1960 the objective of the Trusteeship System laid down in Article 76 b of the Charter of the United Nations;

2. *Invites* the Administering Authorities concerned to formulate, in respect of the remaining Trust Territories, early successive intermediate targets and dates in the fields of political, economic, social and educational development of these Territories so as to create, as soon as possible, the pre-conditions for the attainment of self-government or independence;

3. *Reaffirms* its resolutions 558 (VI) of 18 January 1952, 1064 (XI) of 26 February 1957, 1207 (XII) of 13 December 1957 and other pertinent resolutions on the same subject, and once again urges the Administering Authorities to implement the terms of those resolutions;

4. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to report to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session on the progress made in implementing the present resolution.

782nd plenary meeting,  
5 December 1958.

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 4, (A/3822), vol. I.

#### 1275 (XIII). Effects of the European Economic Community on the development of certain Trust Territories

*The General Assembly,*

*Referring* to its resolution 1210 (XII) of 13 December 1957,

*Noting with concern* that the Administering Authorities having thus far submitted no information on the possible effects of the association with the European Economic Community of the Trust Territories under their administration,

*Considering* that the association of Trust Territories with the European Economic Community may have a significant impact upon their development towards independence or self-government,

1. *Requests again* the Administering Authorities to include in their annual reports information concerning the effects of the association with the European Economic Community of the Trust Territories under their administration on the economic development of these Territories and on their development towards independence or self-government;

2. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to examine this question at its next session and to report to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session;

3. *Resolves* to resume consideration of this question at its fourteenth session.

782nd plenary meeting,  
5 December 1958.

#### 1276 (XIII). Dissemination of information on the United Nations and on the International Trusteeship System in Trust Territories

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* the opinions expressed in its resolutions 556 (VI) of 18 January 1952 and 754 (VIII) of 9 December 1953 that it is essential that the peoples of the Trust Territories should receive adequate information concerning the United Nations and the International Trusteeship System,

*Recalling* that in resolution 754 (VIII) the General Assembly, *inter alia*, requested the Secretary-General to initiate at the earliest possible date, on the basis of the suggestions furnished by the Administering Authorities or of his own knowledge of appropriate information channels, or by making use of both of these sources together, a direct flow of information material addressed to the general public in Trust Territories,

*Noting* the report submitted by the Secretary-General to the Trusteeship Council<sup>12</sup> under Council resolution 36 (III) of 8 July 1948,

1. *Considers* that the task of dissemination of information on the United Nations and on the International Trusteeship System could be substantially facilitated by the establishment of United Nations information centres in or near the Trust Territories;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, taking into account the report of the Committee of Experts on United Nations Public Information<sup>13</sup> and the decision, if any,

<sup>12</sup> *Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Twenty-second Session, Annexes*, agenda item 10, document T/1378.

<sup>13</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 55, document A/3928.

taken upon that report by the General Assembly at its current session,<sup>14</sup> to prepare for the twenty-fourth session of the Trusteeship Council a report on the early establishment of such information centres in which the responsible positions would be occupied preferably by indigenous inhabitants of the Trust Territories, and further requests the Council to report on this matter to the Assembly at its fourteenth session.

*782nd plenary meeting,  
5 December 1958.*

**1277 (XIII). Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having examined chapter VII, section C, of part I of the report of the Trusteeship Council<sup>15</sup> and the report of the Secretary-General on offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories,<sup>16</sup>*

*Recalling* that, in its resolutions 753 (VIII) of 9 December 1953, 1063 (XI) of 26 February 1957 and 1209 (XII) of 13 December 1957, the General Assembly recommended that the Administering Authorities of the Trust Territories take all such measures as would ensure the greatest possible use by inhabitants of the Trust Territories of the scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States,

*Noting* that the major part of the scholarships offered by Member States remain unutilized,

1. *Takes note* of chapter VII, section C, of part I of the report of the Trusteeship Council and of the report of the Secretary-General on offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Trust Territories;

2. *Reaffirms* its resolution 1209 (XII) of 13 December 1957, and once again invites the Administering Authorities to take all necessary measures consistent with the interests and needs of the Territories and their peoples to ensure that scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States may be utilized by inhabitants of the Trust Territories, and to render every assistance to those persons who have applied for or have been granted scholarships or fellowships, particularly with regard to facilitating their travel formalities;

3. *Requests* the Member States offering scholarships to take into account, whenever possible, the need to provide travel funds to prospective students;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give such assistance as is possible, and as may be sought by the Member States concerned and by the applicants, within the framework of the procedures laid down by the Trusteeship Council;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include, in his future reports to the Trusteeship Council, detailed information concerning the actual use of scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States for the education of inhabitants of the Trust Territories;

6. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to resume, at its sessions held in 1959, the consideration of this question

<sup>14</sup> See resolution 1335 (XIII).

<sup>15</sup> Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Twenty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 12, document T/1377.

and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session;

7. *Decides* to place this question as a separate item on the provisional agenda of its fourteenth session.

*782nd plenary meeting,  
5 December 1958.*

**1278 (XIII). Economic aid for Somalia**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1206 (XII) of 13 December 1957 in which it requested the Trusteeship Council to explore the possible means of furnishing, after 1960, the necessary technical and financial assistance to Somaliland under Italian administration,

*Noting* the special report made to the Trusteeship Council by the Administering Authority on the extent of the assistance which will be necessary, and the estimate made therein of an annual budget deficit of \$5 million,<sup>17</sup>

*Bearing in mind* the encouraging trends in the economic development of the Territory, and the statement of the Government of Somalia<sup>18</sup> that these trends may mean that external financial assistance will be required for a period considerably less than the twenty years forecast by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development,

1. *Notes* from the report of the Trusteeship Council that the Administering Authority and the Government of Somalia are continuing to explore possible sources of financial aid for the Territory after 1960, and that they will inform the Trusteeship Council, when conditions in the Territory are next considered, regarding the results of these consultations;

2. *Welcomes* the statement of the representative of Italy<sup>19</sup> in regard to the various sources from which assistance has been secured or is in prospect, thus indicating that the problem is progressing satisfactorily towards its solution;

3. *Expresses the hope* that, at the appropriate time, the authorities of the Special Fund, already established under General Assembly resolution 1240 (XIII) of 14 October 1958, the Secretary-General, the specialized agencies concerned and the Technical Assistance Board will give sympathetic consideration to the requests for assistance made on behalf of the Government of Somalia, taking into account the needs of the country and the principles of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, in accordance with the request made by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 660 (XXIV) of 30 July 1957;

4. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council at its twenty-fourth session to consider the prospects of further assistance from the Special Fund, from the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and from the specialized agencies, and to report to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session so that the Assembly may have a complete picture of the economic prospects of Somalia when that Territory achieves independence in 1960.

*782nd plenary meeting,  
5 December 1958.*

<sup>16</sup> See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/3822), vol. I, part II, chap. I, paras. 106-127.

<sup>17</sup> See Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Twenty-second Session, 921st meeting.

**1279 (XIII). Hearing of Mr. John Kale***The General Assembly,**Having granted a hearing to Mr. John Kale on the Trust Territory of Ruanda-Urundi,<sup>18</sup>**Draws the attention of the Trusteeship Council to the statement of the petitioner on the Trust Territory of Ruanda-Urundi.**782nd plenary meeting,  
5 December 1958.***1280 (XIII). Report of the Trusteeship Council***The General Assembly,**Having examined the report of the Trusteeship Council covering the work of its twenty-first and twenty-second sessions,<sup>19</sup>**1. Takes note of the report of the Trusteeship Council;**2. Recommends that the Trusteeship Council, in its future deliberations, should take into account the comments and suggestions made during the discussion of its report at the thirteenth session of the General Assembly.**782nd plenary meeting,  
5 December 1958.***1281 (XIII). Resumption of the thirteenth session of the General Assembly to consider the question of the future of the Trust Territories of the Cameroons under French administration and the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration***The General Assembly**Decides to resume its thirteenth session on 20 February 1959 to consider exclusively the question of the future of the Trust Territories of the Cameroons under French administration and the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration.**782nd plenary meeting,  
5 December 1958.***1282 (XIII). Question of the future of the Trust Territories of the Cameroons under French administration and the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration***The General Assembly,**Having considered the memorandum dated 12 November 1958 of the Government of France<sup>20</sup> concerning the future of the Cameroons under French administration,**Noting the statement made by the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland<sup>21</sup> to the Fourth Committee on 15 November 1958 concerning the future of the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration,*<sup>18</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Fourth Committee, 804th and 805th meetings.*<sup>19</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/3822).*<sup>20</sup> *Ibid., Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 13, document A/C.4/388.*<sup>21</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Fourth Committee, 803rd meeting.**Noting the statements made by the representative of France, Prime Minister of the Cameroons under French administration, to the Fourth Committee on 11 November 1958<sup>22</sup> and on 14 November 1958<sup>23</sup> and the wishes expressed by the Legislative Assembly of the Cameroons in its resolution of 24 October 1958.**Having heard the petitioners on the conditions in the Trust Territories of the Cameroons under French administration and the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration,<sup>24</sup>**Recalling that a visiting mission of the Trusteeship Council is now in the said Territories, in pursuance of Council resolutions 1907 (XXII) of 28 July 1958 and 1924 (S-IX) of 7 November 1958 adopted by the Council at its twenty-second session and ninth special session, respectively,**1. Notes the declarations of the Government of France<sup>25</sup> that the Cameroons under French administration is to achieve independence on 1 January 1960, thus fulfilling the objectives of the Trusteeship System;**2. Notes the statement made by the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland<sup>26</sup> that the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration is expected to achieve in 1960 the objectives set forth in Article 76 b of the Charter of the United Nations;**3. Requests the Trusteeship Council to examine, as early as possible during its twenty-third session, the reports of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in West Africa, 1958, and to transmit the same, with its observations and recommendations, to the General Assembly not later than 20 February 1959, to enable the Assembly, in consultation with the Administering Authorities, to take the necessary measures in connexion with the full attainment of the objectives of the Trusteeship System in the two Territories.**782nd plenary meeting,  
5 December 1958.***1326 (XIII). Report on social conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories***The General Assembly,**Recalling that by its resolutions 643 (VII) of 10 December 1952 and 929 (X) of 8 November 1955 it had approved two reports on social conditions prepared by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories in 1952<sup>27</sup> and 1955,<sup>28</sup>**Having received the further report on social conditions prepared in 1958 by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories,<sup>27</sup>**Noting the valuable contributions of the specialized agencies concerned and of the Secretariat,**1. Approves the further report on social conditions prepared in 1958 by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories, and considers that it*<sup>22</sup> *Ibid., 794th meeting.*<sup>23</sup> *Ibid., 800th meeting.*<sup>24</sup> *Ibid., 775th, 776th, 779th, 780th, 792nd, 807th and 808th meetings.*<sup>25</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventh Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/2219), part two.*<sup>26</sup> *Ibid., Tenth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/2908), part two.*<sup>27</sup> *Ibid., Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/3837), part two.*

should be read with the earlier reports approved in 1952 and 1955;

2. Invites the Secretary-General to transmit the 1958 report to the Members of the United Nations responsible for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories to the Economic and Social Council, to the Trusteeship Council and to the specialized agencies concerned, for their consideration.

*789th plenary meeting,  
12 December 1958.*

**1327 (XIII). International collaboration in respect of Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories in Africa**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having regard to the objectives set forth in Chapter XI, and particularly Article 73 d, and in Chapter XII of the Charter of the United Nations,*

*Having regard to its resolution 331 (IV) of 2 December 1949 on international collaboration in connexion with economic, social and educational conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories,*

*Considering that the terms of reference contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 671 A (XXV) of 29 April 1958 establishing an Economic Commission for Africa take fully into account measures to be taken towards the economic advancement of Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories in Africa, including its social aspects, these measures lying within the scope of the Commission's activities,*

*Considering that many Territories on which information is transmitted by the Administering Members concerned under Article 73 e of the Charter and a majority of Trust Territories are in Africa, and that the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Africa provide for such Territories to become associate members of the Commission,*

1. *Welcomes the establishment of the Economic Commission for Africa as an important step towards the further raising of the levels of living in Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories in Africa;*

2. *Expresses the hope that all African Territories will apply for associate membership in the Economic Commission for Africa through the Member States responsible for their administration;*

3. *Requests the Member States concerned to encourage and expedite such applications for associate membership;*

4. *Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to the Economic and Social Council and to the Economic Commission for Africa at their forthcoming session.*

*789th plenary meeting,  
12 December 1958.*

**1328 (XIII). Racial discrimination in Non-Self-Governing Territories**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling its resolution 644 (VII) of 10 December 1952 inviting the Members responsible for the admin-*

*istration of Non-Self-Governing Territories to abolish discriminatory laws and practices in those Territories,*

*Noting the need for providing more adequate information on human rights,*

*Noting further that the progress made in certain Territories towards the removal of practices and the abolition of laws based on racial grounds has been limited,*

*Having regard to the fundamental importance of race relations, particularly under modern conditions, for the attainment of the objectives of Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations,*

*Recognizing the necessity of intensifying the promotion and encouragement of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, regardless of race, sex, language or religion,*

1. *Reaffirms its resolution 644 (VII), and draws the particular attention of the Administering Members to the recommendation contained in paragraph 2 thereof concerning the examination of existing discriminatory laws, statutes and ordinances, and their application, with a view to the abolition of any such discriminatory provisions and practices;*

2. *Urges all Members responsible for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories to pay special and constant attention in the future to the implementation of the terms of its resolution 644 (VII);*

3. *Invites the Administering Members to include in the annual reports submitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations information on the measures taken by them for the implementation of the present resolution.*

*789th plenary meeting,  
12 December 1958.*

**1329 (XIII). Economic development of Non-Self-Governing Territories**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having regard to the objectives of Chapter XI and particularly Article 73 a of the Charter of the United Nations,*

*Recalling its resolution 1152 (XII) of 26 November 1957,*

*Bearing in mind the terms of Economic and Social Council resolution 671 (XXV) of 29 April 1958, which established the Economic Commission for Africa,*

*Considering that the association of some Non-Self-Governing Territories with the European Economic Community is likely to affect their economic development and their attainment of the objectives set forth in Article 73 b of the Charter,*

*Invites the Administering Members to examine the advisability of adopting in the Non-Self-Governing Territories an investment policy which will ensure balanced economic development and the progressive increase of the *per capita* income of the inhabitants of those Territories.*

*789th plenary meeting,  
12 December 1958.*

**1330 (XIII). Effects of the European Economic Community on the development of certain Non-Self-Governing Territories**

*The General Assembly,*

Referring to its resolution 1153 (XII) of 26 November 1957,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the association of Non-Self-Governing Territories with the European Economic Community,<sup>28</sup>

Noting with concern that the Administering Members have thus far submitted no information on the possible effects of the association of the Non-Self-Governing Territories under their administration with the European Economic Community,

Considering that the association of Non-Self-Governing Territories with the European Economic Community may have significant effects on the development of these Territories towards the objectives of Article 73 of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the association of Non-Self-Governing Territories with the European Economic Community;

2. Invites again the Administering Members concerned to transmit to the Secretary-General information on the association of the Non-Self-Governing Territories under their administration with the European Economic Community;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare for the fourteenth session of the General Assembly a report on new developments connected with the association of Non-Self-Governing Territories with the European Economic Community, taking into account the information to be submitted by the Administering Members and the studies that may be undertaken in this connexion by the Economic and Social Council, the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, the Economic Commission for Latin America and other international organs, in so far as these studies may be relevant to the development of Non-Self-Governing Territories;

4. Resolves to resume consideration of this question at its fourteenth session.

*789th plenary meeting,  
12 December 1958.*

**1331 (XIII). Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories**

*The General Assembly,*

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on offers of study and training facilities under General Assembly resolution 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954,<sup>29</sup>

Noting with satisfaction the further response to resolution 845 (IX) inviting Member States to extend offers of facilities for study and training to inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories,

<sup>28</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 36, document A/3916/Rev.1.

<sup>29</sup> *Ibid.*, documents A/3917/Rev.1 and Add.1.

Taking into account the interest in the offers indicated by the steadily increasing number of applications,

Noting that the major part of the scholarships offered by Member States remains unutilized,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on offers of study and training facilities under General Assembly resolution 845 (IX);

2. Reaffirms its resolution 1154 (XII) of 26 November 1957, and invites the Administering Members to take all necessary measures consistent with the interests and needs of the Non-Self-Governing Territories and their peoples to ensure that scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States may be utilized by inhabitants of those Territories, and to render every assistance to those persons who have applied for, or have been granted, scholarships or fellowships, particularly with regard to facilitating their travel formalities;

3. Requests the Member States offering scholarships to take into account the necessity of furnishing complete information about the scholarships offered, and, whenever possible, the need to provide travel funds to prospective students;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to give such assistance as is possible, and as may be sought by the Member States concerned and by the applicants;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to include, in his future reports, detailed information concerning the actual use of scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States for the education of the inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories.

*789th plenary meeting,  
12 December 1958.*

**1332 (XIII). Question of the renewal of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories**

*The General Assembly,*

Having considered the work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Recognizing the continued value of the work of the Committee in the interests of the advancement of the peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories and the attainment of the objectives set forth in Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. Decides to continue the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories on the same basis for a further period of three years;

2. Decides that, as provided in General Assembly resolutions 332 (IV) of 2 December 1949, 646 (VII) of 10 December 1952 and 933 (X) of 8 November 1955, the Committee should be composed of those Members of the United Nations transmitting information in accordance with Article 73 e of the Charter and of an equal number of non-Administering Members elected by the Fourth Committee on behalf of the General Assembly on as wide a geographical basis as possible;

3. Invites the members of the Committee to continue to attach to their delegations persons specially qualified in the functional fields within the Committee's purview;

4. *Invites* the Administering Members to attach to their delegations indigenous persons specially qualified to speak on economic, social and educational policies in the Non-Self-Governing Territories;

5. *Instructs* the Committee to examine, in the spirit of Article 1, paragraphs 3 and 4, and of Article 55 of the Charter, the summaries and analyses of information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter on economic, social and educational conditions in the Non-Self-Governing Territories, including any papers prepared by the specialized agencies and any reports or information on measures taken in pursuance of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly concerning economic, social and educational conditions in the Non-Self-Governing Territories;

6. *Instructs* the Committee to submit to the General Assembly at its regular sessions reports containing such procedural recommendations as it may deem fit and such substantive recommendations as it may deem desirable relating to functional fields generally but not with respect to individual Territories;

7. *Considers* that the Committee should, without prejudice to the annual consideration of all the functional fields enumerated in Article 73 e of the Charter, give special attention to educational, economic and social conditions in turn and should consider the information transmitted in respect of these questions in the light of the reports approved by the General Assembly on such conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories;

8. *Decides* that, at its sixteenth session, the General Assembly will reconsider the question of continuing the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories, together with the questions of the composition and terms of reference of this or any such future committee.

789th plenary meeting,  
12 December 1958.

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*At its 839th meeting, the Fourth Committee, acting in the name of the General Assembly, in accordance with the terms of the above resolution, was called upon to fill the four vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories created by the expiration of the terms of office of CHINA, INDIA, IRAQ and VENEZUELA.*

*The following States were elected for a three-year period:*  
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, GHANA, INDIA and IRAQ.

### 1333 (XIII). Verbatim record of the debate on the report of the Good Offices Committee on South West Africa

*The General Assembly,*

*Having invited the Good Offices Committee on South West Africa, by its resolution 1243 (XIII) of 30 October 1958, to renew discussions with the Government of the Union of South Africa in order to find a basis for an agreement which would continue to accord to the Mandated Territory of South West Africa as a whole an international status, and which would be in conformity with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,*

*Having requested the Committee, in the conduct of its work, to bear fully in mind the discussions held at the thirteenth session of the General Assembly,*

*Keeping in view the vital importance of the question of South West Africa,*

*Believing that a verbatim record of the debate concerning the report of the Committee will permit a proper understanding of the position of the United Nations on this question and will also facilitate the implementation of General Assembly resolution 1243 (XIII),*

*Requests the Secretary-General to have the verbatim record of the debate concerning the report of the Good Offices Committee on South West Africa mimeographed and circulated.*

790th plenary meeting,  
13 December 1958.

### 1345 (XIII). Question of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia<sup>30</sup>

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling its resolution 1213 (XII) of 14 December 1957,*

*Having taken note of the reports transmitted to the General Assembly by the Governments of Ethiopia<sup>31</sup> and Italy<sup>32</sup> in accordance with resolution 1213 (XII),*

*Noting with satisfaction the establishment of an arbitration tribunal to delimit the frontier in accordance with the recommendation contained in the aforementioned resolution,*

*Noting with regret that the two Governments have not so far reached agreement on the terms of reference for the arbitration or on the appointment of the independent person provided for in resolution 1213 (XII),*

*Having regard to the urgency of the matter,*

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 1213 (XII);
2. *Urges* the parties once again to intensify their efforts to implement the terms of resolution 1213 (XII);
3. *Recommends* that the two Governments agree on the choice of an independent person within three months and, failing such agreement, invite His Majesty the King of Norway to nominate such independent person;

4. *Requests* the Governments of Ethiopia and Italy to report to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session on the measures taken by them to give effect to the present resolution.

792nd plenary meeting,  
13 December 1958.

<sup>30</sup> This resolution was submitted directly in plenary meeting and adopted by the General Assembly after consideration of the report of the Fourth Committee. For the text of the report, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 41, document A/4073.

<sup>31</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 41, documents A/4031 and Add.1.

<sup>32</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4030.

**Note****Election of three members of the Committee on South West Africa  
(item 39 (d))**

At its 790th plenary meeting on 13 December 1958, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fourth Committee,<sup>88</sup> appointed three members to the Committee on South West Africa to replace MEXICO, PAKISTAN and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The following States were appointed: GUATEMALA, IRELAND and PHILIPPINES.

<sup>88</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 39, document A/3959/Add.2, para. 4.

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**1249 (XIII). Appointment to fill a vacancy in the membership of the Board of Auditors**

*The General Assembly*

Appoints the Auditor-General of the Netherlands as a member of the Board of Auditors for a three-year term to commence on 1 July 1959.

*778th plenary meeting,  
30 October 1958.*

**1250 (XIII). Confirmation of the appointment made by the Secretary-General to the membership of the Investments Committee**

*The General Assembly*

Confirms the reappointment by the Secretary-General of Mr. Ivar Rooth as a member of the Investments Committee for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1959.

*778th plenary meeting,  
30 October 1958.*

**1251 (XIII). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal**

*The General Assembly*

1. Appoints the following persons as members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal:

Mrs. Paul Bastid,  
Mr. Omar Loutfi,  
Mr. Harold Riegelman,  
Mr. R. Venkataraman;

2. Declares Mrs. Bastid, Mr. Loutfi and Mr. Venkataraman to be appointed for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1959, and Mr. Riegelman to be appointed for a period commencing on the date of the present resolution and ending on 31 December 1959.

*778th plenary meeting,  
30 October 1958.*

**1265 (XIII). United Nations: financial reports and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1957 and reports of the Board of Auditors**

*The General Assembly*

1. Accepts the financial reports and accounts of the United Nations for the financial year ended 31 December 1957 and the certificates of the Board of Auditors;<sup>1</sup>

2. Concurs in the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its fifteenth report to the thirteenth session of the General Assembly.<sup>2</sup>

*781st plenary meeting,  
14 November 1958.*

**1266 (XIII). United Nations Children's Fund: financial reports and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1957 and report of the Board of Auditors**

*The General Assembly*

1. Accepts the financial reports and accounts of the United Nations Children's Fund for the financial year ended 31 December 1957 and the certificates of the Board of Auditors;<sup>3</sup>

2. Takes note of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its sixteenth report to the thirteenth session of the General Assembly.<sup>4</sup>

*781st plenary meeting,  
14 November 1958.*

<sup>1</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/3826).

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 42, document A/3976.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 6A (A/3833).

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 42, document A/3977.

**1267 (XIII). United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: accounts for the financial period from 1 July 1956 to 31 December 1957 and report of the Board of Auditors**

*The General Assembly*

1. *Accepts* the accounts of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for the financial period from 1 July 1956 to 31 December 1957 and the certificates of the Board of Auditors;<sup>5</sup>

2. *Takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its seventeenth report to the thirteenth session of the General Assembly.<sup>6</sup>

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14 November 1958.*

**1268 (XIII). United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency: financial report and accounts for the financial year ended 30 June 1958 and report of the Board of Auditors**

*The General Assembly*

1. *Accepts* the financial report and accounts of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency for the financial year ended 30 June 1958 and the certificates of the Board of Auditors;<sup>7</sup>

2. *Takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its eighteenth report to the thirteenth session of the General Assembly.<sup>8</sup>

*781st plenary meeting,  
14 November 1958.*

**1269 (XIII). United Nations Refugee Fund: accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1957 and report of the Board of Auditors**

*The General Assembly*

1. *Accepts* the accounts of the United Nations Refugee Fund for the financial year ended 31 December 1957 and the certificates of the Board of Auditors;<sup>9</sup>

2. *Takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its nineteenth report to the thirteenth session of the General Assembly.<sup>10</sup>

*781st plenary meeting,  
14 November 1958.*

**1270 (XIII). Audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account**

*The General Assembly*

*Takes note* of the audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies of technical assistance funds

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 6D (A/3836).

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 42, document A/3978.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 6B (A/3941).

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 42, document A/3979.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 6C (A/3834 and Corr.1).

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 42, document A/3980.

allocated from the Special Account for the financial year ended 31 December 1957,<sup>11</sup> and of the observations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its fourteenth report to the thirteenth session of the General Assembly.<sup>12</sup>

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14 November 1958.*

**1271 (XIII). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

*The General Assembly*

1. *Appoints* the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:

Mr. Carlos Blanco,

Mr. John E. Fobes,

Mr. A. H. M. Hillis;

2. *Declares* Mr. Blanco, Mr. Fobes and Mr. Hillis to be appointed for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1959.

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14 November 1958.*

**1272 (XIII). Control and limitation of documentation**

*The General Assembly*,

*Noting* the report of the Committee on the Control and Limitation of Documentation<sup>13</sup> set up under General Assembly resolution 1203 (XII) of 13 December 1957 to consult with and advise the Secretary-General on the most effective means of implementing that resolution,

*Noting further* the Secretary-General's report<sup>14</sup> on the steps taken and on the nature and extent of the reductions achieved,

1. *Commends* the Secretary-General for the appreciable results achieved so far during 1958;

2. *Endorses* the report of the Committee on the Control and Limitation of Documentation, particularly the basic approaches enunciated in paragraph 10 and the proposals set out in paragraph 27, except those contained in sub-paragraph (c); in regard to the maintenance of verbatim and summary records, the existing practice shall continue unaltered in all respects;

3. *Draws the particular attention* of all organs and subsidiary bodies to the recommendations contained in paragraph 27 (e) of the Committee's report, requesting those organs and bodies to include in the agenda of their next session the question of the control and limitation of their documentation;

4. *Emphasizes* in this connexion the importance of strict adherence to regulation 13.1 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations and the relevant rules of procedure of the organs concerned, with the object of ensuring that no organ or subsidiary body takes decisions on any measure until it has been informed in

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, Annexes, separate fascicle (A/3855).

<sup>12</sup> *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 49, document A/3975.

<sup>13</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 51, document A/3888.

<sup>14</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/3921.

advance of the financial and administrative considerations involved;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that no effort is spared within the Secretariat to maintain the progress achieved and to extend it in all ways possible, taking into account the guiding principles set forth in paragraph 10 of the report of the Committee;

6. Further requests the Secretary-General, within the existing establishment, to extend the editorial control services;

7. Urges the representatives of Member States as well as all other members of commissions, committees and similar bodies to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General in carrying out the policy laid down by the General Assembly, particularly in resolutions 593 (VI) of 4 February 1952, 789 (VIII) of 9 December 1953 and 1203 (XII) of 13 December 1957;

8. Requests the Secretary-General and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to report on the operation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session or earlier.

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### 1273 (XIII). Construction of the United Nations building in Santiago, Chile

#### *The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 1224 (XII) of 14 December 1957, in accordance with which the Secretary-General accepted the generous offer by the Government of Chile of a plot of land for the construction of a building to house the United Nations offices in Chile,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>15</sup> in which financial proposals for the construction of the building, based on resolution 147 (A.C.41) adopted on 3 October 1958 by the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America, are presented,

Taking note of the thirteenth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the thirteenth session of the General Assembly,<sup>16</sup>

1. Authorizes the Secretary-General to proceed with the preparation of plans and with the construction of the United Nations building in Santiago, Chile, at a cost not to exceed \$850,000;

2. Decides to appropriate in the regular United Nations budget for 1959 the sum of \$50,000 for initial preparatory and construction expenses for the building;

3. Decides, in principle, that the balance of the building cost shall be included in the regular United Nations budget in annual instalments of \$200,000 for each of the ensuing four years;

4. Authorizes the Secretary-General to initiate negotiations, if he finds it necessary, with the Governments of States members of the Economic Commission for Latin America with a view to their making reimbursable interest-free advances to the United Nations to meet cash requirements for the construction;

5. Authorizes the Secretary-General to advance out of the Working Capital Fund the moneys required for building costs for which no cash is available;

<sup>15</sup> Ibid., agenda item 52, document A/3952.

<sup>16</sup> Ibid., document A/3972.

6. Requests the Secretary-General to keep the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions informed of developments in 1959 and to present a progress report on this project to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session.

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14 November 1958.

### 1292 (XIII). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Contributions

#### *The General Assembly*

1. Appoints the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions:

Mr. Raymond T. Bowman,  
Mr. F. Nouredin Kia,  
Mr. Jerzy Michalowski;

2. Declares Mr. Bowman, Mr. Kia and Mr. Michalowski to be appointed for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1959.

782nd plenary meeting,  
5 December 1958.

### 1293 (XIII). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee

#### *The General Assembly*

1. Appoints the following persons as members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee:

#### *Members:*

Mr. A. H. M. Hillis,  
Mr. Rigoberto Torres Astorga,  
Mr. Albert S. Watson;

#### *Alternate members:*

Mr. Bahman Ahaneen,  
Mr. Johan Kaufmann,  
Mr. Arthur C. Liveran;

2. Declares these members and alternate members to be appointed for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1959.

782nd plenary meeting,  
5 December 1958.

### 1294 (XIII). Geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat of the United Nations

#### *The General Assembly,*

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General regarding the geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat of the United Nations,<sup>17</sup>

Noting that some progress has been made towards the implementation of its resolutions 1097 (XI) of 27 February 1957 and 1226 (XII) of 14 December 1957,

1. Recommends that:

(a) The Secretary-General should continue his efforts to achieve a better geographical distribution of the staff of the United Nations Secretariat at all levels, giving particular regard to posts at the top level;

<sup>17</sup> Ibid., agenda item 53, document A/C.5/750.

(b) More interchange of personnel between Headquarters and the field offices of the United Nations should be carried out whenever possible;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to report more fully to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session on the progress which has been made in this regard, including an analysis of the problems arising in this matter.

782nd plenary meeting,  
5 December 1958.

### 1295 (XIII). Amendments to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations

#### *The General Assembly*

Resolves that the Staff Regulations of the United Nations shall be modified by the amendments annexed to the present resolution, with effect from 1 January 1959.

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5 December 1958.

#### ANNEX

##### *Regulation 3.4 (Dependency benefits)*

Replace the present text of paragraph (c) by the following:

"With a view to avoiding duplication of benefits and in order to achieve equality between staff members who receive dependency benefits under applicable laws in the form of governmental grants and staff members who do not receive such dependency benefits, the Secretary-General shall prescribe conditions under which the dependency allowance for a child specified in (a) (i) above shall be payable only to the extent that the dependency benefits enjoyed by the staff member or his spouse under applicable laws amount to less than such a dependency allowance."

##### *Annex IV, paragraph 2 (Service benefit)*

Replace the present text of paragraph (b) by the following:

"Should such a staff member be granted a probationary or permanent appointment, or complete five years of qualifying service and remain on a contract providing for further service of at least one year, or remain in employment for more than one year thereafter, he shall lose entitlement to the service benefit."

### 1296 (XIII). Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds

#### A

#### *The General Assembly,*

Having considered the report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds<sup>18</sup> appointed at the twelfth session of the General Assembly,

Recognizing the importance of determining the financial resources for activities and programmes to be financed by voluntary contributions before the reports on such activities and programmes are considered and acted upon by the General Assembly,

Decides that:

1. An *ad hoc* Committee of the whole Assembly, under the chairmanship of the President of the session, shall be convened as soon as practicable after the opening of the fourteenth session, where pledges of voluntary contributions for the two refugee programmes for the following year would be announced, with separate meetings dedicated to each programme;

<sup>18</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 46, documents A/3944 and Add.1.

2. States not Members of the United Nations, but members of one or more of the specialized agencies, shall be invited to attend the meetings of the *ad hoc* Committee for the purpose of announcing their pledges to the two refugee programmes;

3. In order to ensure maximum attendance, as great advance publicity as possible shall be given to the meetings of the *ad hoc* Committee and they shall be so scheduled that no other meetings are held at the same time.

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5 December 1958.

#### B

#### *The General Assembly*

1. Requests the President of the General Assembly to appoint a Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds consisting of not more than ten members, with the same terms of reference as those laid down in Assembly resolution 693 (VII) of 25 October 1952, to serve from the close of the thirteenth session to the close of the fourteenth session of the Assembly;

2. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fourteenth session the item entitled "Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds".

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5 December 1958.

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*At the 782nd plenary meeting on 5 December 1958, the President of the General Assembly appointed a Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds to serve until the close of the fourteenth session of the Assembly. The Committee is composed as follows: ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, CANADA, FRANCE, LEBANON, NEW ZEALAND, PAKISTAN, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.*

### 1297 (XIII). United Nations International School

#### *The General Assembly,*

Having considered the progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations International School<sup>19</sup> as well as the report by the Board of Trustees of the School,<sup>20</sup>

Recalling its earlier resolutions on this subject, namely resolutions 1102 (XI) of 27 February 1957 and 1228 A (XII) of 14 December 1957,

Noting with satisfaction that steps taken by the Secretary-General have resulted in the acquisition, for a period of up to three years, of premises for the School in Manhattan, and that the School has been in operation at these premises since the beginning of the present academic year,

Noting further the continued need of the School for suitable permanent premises as near as practicable to United Nations Headquarters,

Noting also that the Board of Trustees, in furthering the desired development of the School in Manhattan, is faced with a consequential deficit of up to \$54,000 in regard to the current academic year,

1. Reaffirms the belief that the provision of adequate accommodation for the United Nations International School is in the best interest of the Organization;

<sup>19</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 54, document A/3911.

<sup>20</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/C.5/754.

2. *Hopes that steps will be taken to make the School available to the children of the greatest possible number of members of delegations, United Nations staff members and others associated with the United Nations;*

3. *Expresses appreciation to the Secretary-General and to the authorities of New York City for their efforts in finding temporary accommodation for the School;*

4. *Decides, as a special measure, to make a grant of \$32,700 to the School towards meeting the expected deficit in respect of the academic year 1958-1959;*

5. *Requests the Secretary-General to continue to use his good offices to assist the Board of Trustees of the School in finding suitable permanent accommodation for the School in the immediate vicinity of United Nations Headquarters, in developing plans for a building, and in pursuing its efforts to raise funds from private sources for the construction of the building, and, if necessary, for the acquisition of a site therefor;*

6. *Requests the Secretary-General to present a further progress report on this question to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session.*

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5 December 1958.*

### **1308 (XIII). Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations**

#### **A**

##### *The General Assembly*

*Resolves that:*

1. The scale of assessments for Members' contributions to the United Nations budget for the financial years 1959, 1960 and 1961 shall be as follows:

<i>Member States</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
Afghanistan .....	0.06
Albania .....	0.04
Argentina .....	1.11
Australia .....	1.79
Austria .....	0.43
Belgium .....	1.30
Bolivia .....	0.04
Brazil .....	1.02
Bulgaria .....	0.16
Burma .....	0.08
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic.....	0.47
Cambodia .....	0.04
Canada .....	3.11
Ceylon .....	0.10
Chile .....	0.27
China .....	5.01
Colombia .....	0.31
Costa Rica .....	0.04
Cuba .....	0.25
Czechoslovakia .....	0.87
Denmark .....	0.60
Dominican Republic .....	0.05
Ecuador .....	0.06
El Salvador .....	0.05
Ethiopia .....	0.06
Federation of Malaya .....	0.17
Finland .....	0.36
France .....	6.40
Ghana .....	0.07
Greece .....	0.23
<b>Member States</b>	<b>Per cent</b>
Guatemala .....	0.05
Haiti .....	0.04
Honduras .....	0.04
Hungary .....	0.42
Iceland .....	0.04
India .....	2.46
Indonesia .....	0.47
Iran .....	0.21
Iraq .....	0.09
Ireland .....	0.16
Israel .....	0.14
Italy .....	2.25
Japan .....	2.19
Jordan .....	0.04
Laos .....	0.04
Lebanon .....	0.05
Liberia .....	0.04
Libya .....	0.04
Luxembourg .....	0.06
Mexico .....	0.71
Morocco .....	0.14
Nepal .....	0.04
Netherlands .....	1.01
New Zealand .....	0.42
Nicaragua .....	0.04
Norway .....	0.49
Pakistan .....	0.40
Panama .....	0.04
Paraguay .....	0.04
Peru .....	0.11
Philippines .....	0.43
Poland .....	1.37
Portugal .....	0.20
Romania .....	0.34
Saudi Arabia .....	0.06
Spain .....	0.93
Sudan .....	0.06
Sweden .....	1.39
Thailand .....	0.16
Tunisia .....	0.05
Turkey .....	0.59
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic.....	1.80
Union of South Africa .....	0.56
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.....	13.62
United Arab Republic .....	0.32
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland .....	7.78
United States of America .....	32.51
Uruguay .....	0.12
Venezuela .....	0.50
Yemen .....	0.04
Yugoslavia .....	0.35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00</b>

2. Subject to rule 161 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the scale of assessments given in paragraph 1 above shall be reviewed by the Committee on Contributions in 1961, when a report shall be submitted for the consideration of the Assembly at its sixteenth session;

3. Notwithstanding the terms of regulation 5.5 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, the Secretary-General shall be empowered to accept, at his discretion and after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions, a portion of the contribu-

tions of Member States for the financial years 1959, 1960 and 1961 in currencies other than United States dollars;

4. Subject to rule 161 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, States which are not Members of the United Nations but which participate in certain of its activities shall be called upon to contribute towards the 1959, 1960 and 1961 expenses of such activities on the basis of the following rates:

<i>Non-member States</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
Germany, Federal Republic of .....	5.33
Korea, Republic of .....	0.21
Liechtenstein .....	0.04
Monaco .....	0.04
San Marino .....	0.04
Switzerland .....	0.97
Viet-Nam .....	0.20

the following countries being called upon to contribute:

(a) To the International Court of Justice: Liechtenstein, San Marino and Switzerland;

(b) To the international control of narcotic drugs: Federal Republic of Germany, Republic of Korea, Liechtenstein, Monaco, San Marino, Switzerland and Viet-Nam;

(c) To the International Bureau for Declarations of Death of Missing Persons: Federal Republic of Germany;

(d) To the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East: Republic of Korea and Viet-Nam;

(e) To the Economic Commission for Europe: Federal Republic of Germany.

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10 December 1958.

## B

### The General Assembly

Taking into account the views expressed that the consideration of the recommendations of the Committee on Contributions might be facilitated if Member States could have access to the statistical and other information at the Committee's disposal,

1. Requests the Committee on Contributions to consider an arrangement which would enable representatives of Member States, on request, to acquaint themselves with the statistical and other information at the Committee's disposal;

2. Requests the Committee on Contributions to submit its recommendations on this matter to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session.

783rd plenary meeting,  
10 December 1958.

### 1309 (XIII). Annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board and amendments to the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

## A

### The General Assembly

Takes note of the annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board.<sup>21</sup>

783rd plenary meeting,  
10 December 1958.

<sup>21</sup> Ibid., Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/3938).

## B

### The General Assembly

Approves the adjustment of retirement, disability and widow benefits from 1 January 1958 as recommended by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board in its resolution 4 (IX).<sup>22</sup>

783rd plenary meeting,  
10 December 1958.

## C

### The General Assembly

1. Adopts the texts annexed to the present resolution as amendments to the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;

2. Decides that the amended text of article XVIII, paragraph 1, and the new article XLII shall be effective from the date of the present resolution, and that the amended text of article XXII, paragraph 1, shall be effective from the date on which the General Assembly has taken action on the recommendations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board resulting from the proposed comprehensive review of the Fund,<sup>23</sup> or on 1 January 1962, whichever is earlier.

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10 December 1958.

## ANNEX

### Article XVIII, paragraph 1 (amended text)

In addition to the contributions deducted from the remuneration of the participant as provided in article XVI, any participant may, subject to the approval of the Joint Staff Pension Board and under such conditions as the Board may prescribe, deposit in the Pension Fund, in a lump sum or sums and/or by an increased rate of contribution, an amount computed to be sufficient to purchase an additional retirement benefit which, together with his prospective regular retirement benefit as provided herein, will provide for him a total retirement benefit not to exceed 60 per cent of his final average remuneration at the age of retirement. Interest at such rates as may be set from time to time by the Board shall be allowed on such contributions.

### Article XXII, paragraph 1 (amended text)

The Joint Staff Pension Board shall consist of eighteen members:

(a) Six members appointed by the United Nations Staff Pension Committee, two from the members elected by the General Assembly, two from the members appointed by the Secretary-General and two from the members elected by the participants;

(b) Twelve members appointed by the staff pension committees of the other member organizations in accordance with a table fixed by the administrative rules of the Fund which shall provide for equal representation of the three groups referred to in article XX.

### Article XLII (new text)

#### FORFEITURE OF THE RIGHT TO A BENEFIT

1. The right to a lump-sum benefit shall be forfeit if, for two years after the date on which payment would have been due, the person entitled has lodged no claim and has failed to submit payment instructions or has refused to accept payment.

2. The right to a pension or life annuity shall be forfeit if, for five consecutive years, the person entitled has lodged no claim and has failed to submit payment instructions or has refused to accept arrears.

3. The right to unpaid instalments of a pension or life annuity shall be forfeit if, for two years after payment would

<sup>22</sup> Ibid., p. 6.

<sup>23</sup> See resolution 1310 (XIII).

have been due, the person entitled has lodged no claim and has failed to submit instructions or has refused to accept payment.

4. The provisions of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this article shall not affect any right to a benefit which has not been exercised for reasons beyond the beneficiary's control.

5. Forfeitures as described above shall be reported to the Board. Where the right to a benefit has been forfeited pursuant to paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this article and information subsequently received shows that such forfeiture would have been contrary to the provisions of paragraph 4 if the facts of the case had been known in time, the Board shall restore the right to a benefit.

6. The Board may reinstate the right to a benefit when it has been satisfied that exceptional circumstances exist which warrant such action.

### 1310 (XIII). Pensionable remuneration of the staff

#### *The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board<sup>21</sup> and the report of the Secretary-General on the pensionable remuneration of the staff,<sup>24</sup>

1. *Decides* that a comprehensive review of the system of benefits and their present and future adequacy, of the methods by which pensionable remuneration could be revised and of the financial and technical bases of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund shall be undertaken in the light of the observations and suggestions made on this subject in the Fifth Committee;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to appoint such experts as may be required to accomplish this comprehensive review;

<sup>21</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 53, documents A/C.5/760 and Add.1.

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in conjunction with the executive heads of the other member organizations and in co-operation with the Joint Staff Pension Board, to submit proposals for action by the General Assembly at its fifteenth session;

4. *Decides* that, for the purposes of contributions to and benefits payable from the Joint Staff Pension Fund, the pensionable remuneration of the professional category and higher salary levels shall be increased, with effect from 1 January 1959, by 5 per cent of the pensionable remuneration otherwise in force at that time;

5. *Authorizes* the Joint Staff Pension Board to supplement, with effect from 1 January 1959 and pending the outcome of the comprehensive review requested above, the pensions and life annuities paid under articles IV, V, VII and X.1 (d) of the Regulations of the Joint Staff Pension Fund, the amount of the supplement to be 5 per cent of the regular benefit;

6. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to advance the necessary funds to the Joint Staff Pension Fund for supplementary payments made under paragraph 5 above, such advances to be repaid by the Fund after the next meeting of the Joint Staff Pension Board;

7. *Invites the attention* of the member organizations participating in the Joint Staff Pension Fund to the decisions set out above.

783rd plenary meeting,  
10 December 1958.

### 1311 (XIII). Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapter X)

#### *The General Assembly*

*Takes note* of chapter X of the report of the Economic and Social Council.<sup>25</sup>

783rd plenary meeting,  
10 December 1958.

<sup>25</sup> Ibid., Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/3848).

### 1334 (XIII). Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1958

#### *The General Assembly*

1. *Resolves* that for the financial year 1958 the amount of \$US55,062,850 appropriated by its resolution 1230 (XII) of 14 December 1957 be increased by \$6,059,050 as follows:

Section	A. UNITED NATIONS	Amount appropriated by resolution 1230 (XII)	Supplementary appropriation	Revised amount of appropriation			
		(US dollars)					
<i>Part I. Sessions of the General Assembly, the councils, commissions and committees: special meetings and conferences</i>							
1.	Travel of representatives, members of commissions, and committees .....	638,800	207,900	846,700			
2.	Special meetings and conferences .....	2,250,000	166,000	2,416,000			
3.	Board of Auditors .....	53,000	—	53,000			
	<b>TOTAL, PART I</b>	<b>2,941,800</b>	<b>373,900</b>	<b>3,315,700</b>			

Section		Amount appropriated by resolution 1230 (XII)	Supplementary appropriation	Revised amount of appropriation
			(US dollars)	
<i>Part II. Special missions and related activities</i>				
4.	Special missions and related activities .....	2,082,900	97,100	2,180,000
4a.	United Nations Observation Group in Lebanon and General Assembly resolution 1237 (ES-III) .....	—	3,700,000	3,700,000
5.	United Nations Field Service .....	893,600	20,800	914,400
	<b>TOTAL, PART II</b>	<b>2,976,500</b>	<b>3,817,900</b>	<b>6,794,400</b>
<i>Part III. The Secretariat</i>				
6.	Salaries and wages .....	27,685,250	714,750	28,400,000
6a.	Economic Commission for Africa .....	—	185,000	185,000
7.	Common staff costs .....	5,830,000	437,000	6,267,000
8.	Travel of staff .....	1,422,200	77,800	1,500,000
9.	Hospitality .....	20,000	—	20,000
9a.	Payments under annex I, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the Staff Regulations .....	65,000	—	65,000
	<b>TOTAL, PART III</b>	<b>35,022,450</b>	<b>1,414,550</b>	<b>36,437,000</b>
<i>Part IV. Special offices</i>				
10.	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees .....	739,700	16,300	756,000
11.	Permanent Central Opium Board and Drug Supervisory Body .....	99,200	2,300	101,500
12.	Joint Staff Pension Board and United Nations Staff Pension Committee .....	134,600	9,800	144,400
	<b>TOTAL, PART IV</b>	<b>973,500</b>	<b>28,400</b>	<b>1,001,900</b>
<i>Part V. Common services and equipment</i>				
13.	General expenses .....	5,026,100	393,900	5,420,000
14.	Printing, stationery and library supplies .....	2,169,900	—	2,169,900
15.	Permanent equipment .....	507,000	—	507,000
	<b>TOTAL, PART V</b>	<b>7,703,000</b>	<b>393,900</b>	<b>8,096,900</b>
<i>Part VI. Technical programme</i>				
16.	Technical Assistance Administration .....	386,700	—	386,700
17.	Economic development .....	479,400	—	479,400
18.	Social activities .....	925,000	—	925,000
18a.	Human rights activities .....	55,000	—	55,000
19.	Public administration .....	300,000	—	300,000
	<b>TOTAL, PART VI</b>	<b>2,146,100</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,146,100</b>
<i>Part VII. Special expenses</i>				
20.	Special expenses .....	2,649,500	—	2,649,500
	<b>TOTAL, PART VII</b>	<b>2,649,500</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,649,500</b>
<b>B. INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE</b>				
<i>Part VIII. International Court of Justice</i>				
21.	International Court of Justice .....	650,000	30,400	680,400
	<b>TOTAL, PART VIII</b>	<b>650,000</b>	<b>30,400</b>	<b>680,400</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>55,062,850</b>	<b>6,059,050</b>	<b>61,121,900</b>

2. Authorizes the Secretary-General to charge to the relevant provision in the budget for the financial year 1959 those expenses for the Second United Nations International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy incurred in 1958 in excess of the provision of \$2 million for that Conference included in the above appropriations.

790th plenary meeting,  
13 December 1958.

**1335 (XIII). Public information activities of the United Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting with appreciation the report of the Committee of Experts on United Nations Public Information<sup>26</sup> and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon,<sup>27</sup>*

*Noting further the statements made by the Secretary-General at the 682nd and 689th meetings of the Fifth Committee concerning the public information activities of the United Nations, in particular his statement that it is his intention to act upon the many excellent recommendations included in paragraph 227 of the report of the Committee of Experts in the light of the basic principles as interpreted in his statement made at the 682nd meeting,*

*Recalling its resolution 13 (I) of 13 February 1946, as modified by its resolution 595 (VI) of 4 February 1952, setting forth the basic policy of the United Nations public information programme and the principles for the implementation thereof,*

*Considering that, pursuant to the above-mentioned resolutions, the Secretary-General should, within budgetary limitations imposed by the General Assembly, make available objective and factual information concerning the United Nations and its activities to all the peoples of the world through any appropriate media,*

*Believing that, consistent with this policy, the Secretary-General should give priority to the use of all media of information which ensure the maximum of effectiveness at the lowest possible cost,*

*Considering that the Secretary-General should place greater emphasis than heretofore upon enlisting the co-operation of Governments of Member States, privately-owned mass media of information, private institutions, non-governmental organizations, and educators in the programme of informing the peoples of the world of the United Nations and its activities,*

*Considering that greater emphasis should be placed upon the operations and effectiveness of information centres in relation to the Office of Public Information at Headquarters, without impairing the over-all central direction of the United Nations information programme or the present facilities for the representatives of media of mass communication,*

*Decides to request the Secretary-General:*

1. To give effect in 1959 in so far as practicable to those recommendations made by the Committee of Experts on United Nations Public Information and to any other means which, in the opinion of the Secretary-General, will further the objectives set out in the preamble of the present resolution with the maximum of effectiveness at the lowest possible cost;

2. To consult the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions concerning the financial implications of the action consequent upon his implementing the recommendations in operative paragraph 1 above;

3. To report to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session concerning the progress he has made in implementing the present resolution.

*790th plenary meeting,  
13 December 1958.*

<sup>26</sup> *Ibid., Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 55, document A/3928.*

<sup>27</sup> *Ibid., document A/3945.*

**1336 (XIII). Administrative and budgetary co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency**

**A**

*The General Assembly*

1. *Takes note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the administrative budgets of the specialized agencies for 1959<sup>28</sup> and of its special report relating to the International Civil Aviation Organization;<sup>29</sup>*

2. *Invites the attention of the specialized agencies to the comments and observations made in the Advisory Committee's report on the budgets of the agencies and to the views expressed in the Fifth Committee at the thirteenth session of the General Assembly;*

3. *Invites the attention of the International Civil Aviation Organization to the observations and suggestions contained in the Advisory Committee's special report relating to that organization.*

*790th plenary meeting,  
13 December 1958.*

**B**

*The General Assembly*

1. *Takes note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the budget of the International Atomic Energy Agency for the financial year 1959;<sup>30</sup>*

2. *Invites the attention of the International Atomic Energy Agency to the observations and suggestions contained in the report of the Advisory Committee and to the views expressed in the Fifth Committee at the thirteenth session of the General Assembly.*

*790th plenary meeting,  
13 December 1958.*

**1337 (XIII). Cost estimates for the maintenance of the United Nations Emergency Force**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling its resolutions 1151 (XII) of 22 November 1957 and 1204 (XII) of 13 December 1957 concerning the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force beyond 31 December 1957,*

*Recalling also its resolution 1263 (XIII) of 14 November 1958 requesting the Fifth Committee to recommend such action as may be necessary to finance the continuing operation of the Force,*

*Having examined the budget estimates for the Force submitted by the Secretary-General for the year 1958<sup>31</sup> and for the year 1959,<sup>32</sup>*

*Having considered the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the estimates for the Force for 1958 in its second report to the thirteenth session of the General Assembly,<sup>33</sup> and on the estimates for 1959 in its twenty-fifth report to the thirteenth session of the General Assembly,<sup>34</sup>*

<sup>26</sup> *Ibid., agenda item 50, document A/4032.*

<sup>27</sup> *Ibid., document A/3861.*

<sup>28</sup> *Ibid., document A/4016.*

<sup>29</sup> *Ibid., Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 5A (A/3823).*

<sup>30</sup> *Ibid., Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 65, document A/3984.*

<sup>31</sup> *Ibid., document A/3839.*

<sup>32</sup> *Ibid., document A/4002.*

1. Confirms its authorization to the Secretary-General to expend up to a maximum of \$25 million for the operation of the United Nations Emergency Force during 1958;
2. Authorizes the Secretary-General to expend up to a maximum of \$19 million for the continuing operation of the Force during 1959;
3. Approves the observations and recommendations contained in the second and twenty-fifth reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the thirteenth session of the General Assembly;
4. Decides that the expenses authorized in paragraph 2 above, less any amounts pledged or contributed by

Governments of Member States as special assistance prior to 31 December 1958, shall be borne by the Members of the United Nations in accordance with the scale of assessments adopted by the General Assembly for the financial year 1959;<sup>36</sup>

5. Requests the Secretary-General to consult with the Governments of Member States with respect to their views concerning the manner of financing the Force in the future, and to submit a report together with the replies to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session.

*790th plenary meeting,  
13 December 1958.*

\* See resolution 1308 (XIII).

### **1338 (XIII). Budget appropriations for the financial year 1959**

#### *The General Assembly*

*Resolves that for the financial year 1959:*

1. Appropriations totalling \$US60,802,120 are hereby voted for the following purposes:

<i>Section</i>	<i>A. UNITED NATIONS</i>	<i>US dollars</i>
<i>Part I. Sessions of the General Assembly, the councils, commissions and committees; special meetings and conferences</i>		
1. Travel of representatives, members of commissions and committees....	882,500	
2. Special meetings and conferences .....	1,543,500	
3. Board of Auditors .....	51,000	
	<b>TOTAL, PART I</b>	<b>2,477,000</b>
<i>Part II. Special missions and related activities</i>		
4. Special missions and related activities .....	2,374,600	
4a. Expenses arising from General Assembly resolution 1237 (ES-III) and residual expenses of the United Nations Observation Group in Lebanon	500,000	
5. United Nations Field Service .....	1,153,800	
	<b>TOTAL, PART II</b>	<b>4,028,400</b>
<i>Part III. The Secretariat</i>		
6. Salaries and wages .....	30,802,700	
6a. Economic Commission for Africa .....	500,000	
7. Common staff costs .....	6,431,500	
8. Travel of staff and members of administrative bodies .....	1,530,100	
9. Hospitality .....	25,000	
9a. Payments under annex I, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the Staff Regulations	70,000	
	<b>TOTAL, PART III</b>	<b>39,359,300</b>
<i>Part IV. Special offices</i>		
10. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.....	1,398,000	
10a. World Refugee Year .....	50,000	
	<b>TOTAL, PART IV</b>	<b>1,448,000</b>
<i>Part V. Common services and equipment</i>		
11. General expenses .....	5,330,000	
12. Printing, stationery and library supplies .....	2,127,200	
13. Permanent equipment .....	697,220	
	<b>TOTAL, PART V</b>	<b>8,154,420</b>
<i>Part VI. Technical programmes</i>		
14. Economic development .....	480,000	
15. Social activities .....	925,000	
16. Human rights activities .....	100,000	
17. Public administration .....	500,000	
	<b>TOTAL, PART VI</b>	<b>2,005,000</b>

Section		(US dollars)
	<i>Part VII. Special expenses</i>	
18.	Special expenses .....	2,649,500
	TOTAL, PART VII	2,649,500
	<i>B. INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE</i>	
	<i>Part VIII. International Court of Justice</i>	
19.	International Court of Justice .....	680,500
	TOTAL, PART VIII	680,500
	GRAND TOTAL	<u>60,802,120</u>

2. The appropriations voted by paragraph 1 shall be financed by contributions from Member States after adjustment in accordance with regulation 5.2 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations; for this purpose, income for the financial year 1959 other than staff assessment is estimated at \$5,317,880 and income from staff assessment at \$6,123,000;

3. The Secretary-General is authorized:

(a) To administer as a unit the provisions under sections 1, 6 and 8 in a total amount of \$99,800 relating to the permanent Central Opium Board and the Drug Supervisory Body;

(b) To transfer credits between sections of the budget, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

4. The appropriations under sections 1, 6, 7 and 8 in a total amount of \$155,200 relating to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board and the United Nations Staff Pension Committee shall be administered in accordance with article XXVII of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;

5. In addition to the appropriations voted by paragraph 1 above, an amount of \$15,000 is hereby appropriated from the income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment;

6. The Secretary-General is authorized, in accordance with the Financial Regulations, to charge against the income derived from the United Nations Postal Administration, the Visitors Service (Headquarters), the sale of publications, the catering services, souvenir and gift sales, and the Visitors Service (Geneva), the direct expenses of those activities; income in excess of those expenses shall be treated as miscellaneous income under the terms of article VII of the Financial Regulations, and of paragraph 2 above.

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13 December 1958.

### 1339 (XIII). Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the financial year 1959

*The General Assembly*

*Resolves that, for the financial year 1959:*

1. The Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, is authorized to enter into commitments to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses, provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(a) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of \$2 million, as the Secretary-General certifies relate to the maintenance of peace and security or to urgent economic rehabilitation;

(b) Such commitments as the President of the International Court of Justice certifies relate to expenses occasioned by:

- (i) The designation of *ad hoc* judges (Statute, Article 31), not exceeding a total of \$36,000;
- (ii) The appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30) or the calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Article 50), not exceeding a total of \$25,000;
- (iii) The holding of sessions of the Court away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22), not exceeding a total of \$75,000;

(c) Such commitments not exceeding a total of \$45,000 as may be authorized by the Secretary-General in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 1202 (XII) of 13 December 1957 relating to the pattern of conferences;

2. The Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to the General Assembly, at its fourteenth session, all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the General Assembly in respect of such commitments.

791st plenary meeting,  
13 December 1958.

### 1340 (XIII). Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1959

*The General Assembly*

*Resolves that:*

1. The Working Capital Fund shall be established for the year ending 31 December 1959 at an amount of \$US23.5 million, to be derived:

(a) As to \$22,948,830, from cash advances by Members in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of the present resolution;

(b) As to \$551,170, by transfer of the balance of surplus account as at 31 December 1957 not already applied against Members' assessments for 1958;

2. Members shall make cash advances to the Working Capital Fund as required under paragraph 1 (a) above in accordance with the scale adopted by the General Assembly for contributions of Members to the fourteenth annual budget;

3. There shall be set off against this new allocation of advances the amounts paid by Members to the Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1958 under General Assembly resolution 1232 (XII) of 14 December 1957, provided that, should such advance paid by any Member to the Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1958 exceed the amount of that Member's advance under the provisions of paragraph 2 above, the excess shall be set off against the amount of contributions payable by that Member in respect of the fourteenth annual budget, or any previous budget;

4. The Secretary-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund:

(a) Such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for the purpose;

(b) Such sums as may be necessary to finance commitments which may be duly authorized under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 1339 (XIII) of 13 December 1958, relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund;

(c) Such sums as, together with net sums outstanding for the same purposes, do not exceed \$125,000, to continue the revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities; advances in excess of the total \$125,000 may be made with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; the Secretary-General shall submit with the annual accounts an explanation of the outstanding balance of the revolving fund at the end of each year;

(d) Loans to specialized agencies and preparatory commissions of agencies to be established by intergovernmental agreement under the auspices of the United Nations to finance their work, pending receipt by the agencies concerned of sufficient contributions under their own budgets; such loans shall normally be repayable within two years, and the Secretary-General shall obtain the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for any cash issues which would increase the aggregate balance outstanding (including amounts previously advanced and outstanding) at any one time to an amount in excess of \$250,000;

(e) Such sums not exceeding \$35,000 as may be required to finance payments of advance insurance premiums where the period of insurance extends beyond the end of the financial year in which payment is made; this amount may be increased with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates of each year, during the life of the related policies, to cover the charges applicable to each such year;

(f) Such sums as may be necessary to finance supplementary payments made to the United Nations Joint

Staff Pension Fund in accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 1310 (XIII) of 10 December 1958 dealing with the pensionable remuneration of the staff;

(g) Such sums as may be necessary to enable the Tax Equalization Fund to meet current commitments pending accumulation of credits; such advances shall be repaid as soon as credits are available in the Tax Equalization Fund.

*791st plenary meeting,  
13 December 1958.*

### 1341 (XIII). Amount of the Working Capital Fund

*The General Assembly,*

*Having noted* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>36</sup> referring to the dangerous cash situation which arises during the early part of each year as a consequence of the delay in the payment of the contributions of some Member States,

*Having noted also* the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the same subject,<sup>37</sup>

*Keeping in mind* regulation 5.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, according to which the contributions of Member States are considered due and payable in full within thirty days after the payment has been requested by the Secretary-General,

1. *Urges* the Member States concerned to give attention to the payment of the outstanding arrears of their contributions;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to obtain earlier payment of contributions;

3. *Decides* to increase the level of the Working Capital Fund from \$22 million to \$23.5 million in 1959, by the transfer to the Fund of the balance on surplus account still available for credit to Members as at 31 December 1957 (\$551,170) and by direct additional cash advances in the amount of \$948,830;

4. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, in the event of urgent need in 1959 and subject to the conditions set out in paragraph 8 of his report, to borrow, on payment of normal current rates of interest, cash from special funds and accounts in his custody, for purposes which normally relate to the Working Capital Fund.

*791st plenary meeting,  
13 December 1958.*

### 1342 (XIII). Schedule of post adjustments: classification for United Nations Headquarters

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1095 (XI) of 27 February 1957 relating to the United Nations salary, allowance and benefits system,

<sup>36</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 44, document A/C.5/743.

<sup>37</sup> Ibid., document A/3939.

*Having considered* the reports of the Secretary-General<sup>38</sup> and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions<sup>39</sup> on the question of the classification of United Nations Headquarters in the schedule of post adjustments established under that resolution,

*Decides* that, with effect from 1 January 1959, the post adjustment for United Nations Headquarters in New York shall be class 6 within the established system.

791st plenary meeting,  
13 December 1958.

**1343 (XIII). Agreement between the United Nations and the Carnegie Foundation concerning the use of the premises of the Peace Palace at The Hague**

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* that the contribution payable by the International Court of Justice in respect of the use of the Peace Palace under the terms of article II of the Agreement between the United Nations and the Carnegie Foundation concerning the use of the premises of the Peace Palace at The Hague as contained in annex A to General Assembly resolution 84 (I) of 11 December 1946, as amended by the Supplementary Agreement

<sup>38</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/C.5/746.  
<sup>39</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/3971.

contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 586 (VI) of 21 December 1951, is no longer sufficient to defray the costs which the Carnegie Foundation is required to pay under the terms of the said Agreement, as amended,

*Approves* the Supplementary Agreement between the United Nations and the Carnegie Foundation concerning the use of the Peace Palace at The Hague as set forth in the annex to the present resolution.

791st plenary meeting,  
13 December 1958.

**ANNEX**

**SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE CARNEGIE FOUNDATION CONCERNING THE USE OF THE PEACE PALACE AT THE HAGUE**

1. The United Nations and the Carnegie Foundation hereby agree that article II of the Agreement between the United Nations and the Carnegie Foundation concerning the use of the premises of the Peace Palace at The Hague as contained in annex A to General Assembly resolution 84 (I) of 11 December 1946, as amended by the Supplementary Agreement contained in the annex to Assembly resolution 586 (VI) of 21 December 1951, shall be amended to read as follows:

*"Article II*

*"The annual contribution payable by the International Court of Justice in respect of the use of the Peace Palace is hereby fixed at 100,000 Netherlands florins net."*

2. This Supplementary Agreement shall enter into force with effect from 1 January 1959.

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### 1262 (XIII). Question of arbitral procedure

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions 797 (VIII) of 7 December 1953 and 989 (X) of 14 December 1955,

Considering that arbitration is one of the means for the pacific settlement of disputes referred to in the Charter of the United Nations,

Having considered chapter II, on arbitral procedure, of the report of the International Law Commission covering the work of its tenth session,<sup>1</sup>

Taking note of the comments in that report to the effect, in particular, that the draft articles on arbitral procedure contained therein would have no binding effect on States unless accepted by them and save to the extent that each one is accepted by them in treaties of arbitration or in a *compromis*,

Taking into consideration the observations of Governments and the statements made in the Sixth Committee at the thirteenth session of the General Assembly,

1. Takes note of chapter II of the report of the International Law Commission covering the work of its tenth session;

2. Expresses its appreciation to the International Law Commission and the Secretariat for their work on arbitral procedure;

3. Brings the draft articles on arbitral procedure contained in the report of the International Law Commission to the attention of Member States for their consideration and use, in such cases and to such extent as they consider appropriate, in drawing up treaties of arbitration or *compromis*;

4. Invites Governments to send to the Secretary-General any comments they may wish to make on the draft, and in particular on their experience in the draw-

ing up of arbitral agreements and the conduct of arbitral procedure, with a view to facilitating a review of the matter by the United Nations at an appropriate time.

*780th plenary meeting,  
14 November 1958.*

### 1288 (XIII). Diplomatic intercourse and immunities

*The General Assembly,*

Having considered chapter III of the report of the International Law Commission covering the work of its tenth session<sup>1</sup> which contains draft articles and commentaries on diplomatic intercourse and immunities,

Recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolution 685 (VII) of 5 December 1952, requested the International Law Commission to undertake the codification of the topic "Diplomatic intercourse and immunities", and to treat it as a priority topic,

Taking into account paragraph 25 of the report of the International Law Commission covering the work of its ninth session<sup>2</sup> wherein it is stated that the Commission decided to present a final report on the subject of diplomatic intercourse and immunities to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session, after reviewing the subject in the light of the comments of Governments,

Taking into account also paragraph 50 of the report of the International Law Commission covering the work of its tenth session wherein it is stated that the Commission decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the draft articles on diplomatic intercourse and immunities should be recommended to Member States with a view to the conclusion of a convention,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the International Law Commission for its work on diplomatic intercourse and immunities;

\* *Ibid., Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/3623).*

<sup>1</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/3859 and Corr.1).

2. Invites Member States to submit their comments on the draft articles concerning diplomatic intercourse and immunities not later than 1 June 1959;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to circulate such comments so as to facilitate the discussion of the subject at the fourteenth session of the General Assembly;

4. Decides to include the item entitled "Diplomatic intercourse and immunities" in the provisional agenda of its fourteenth session with a view to the early conclusion of a convention on diplomatic intercourse and immunities;

5. Decides to consider at its fourteenth session the question to what body the formulation of the convention should be entrusted.

782nd plenary meeting,  
5 December 1958.

**1289 (XIII). Relations between States and inter-governmental organizations**

*The General Assembly,*

Taking note of paragraph 51 of the report of the International Law Commission covering the work of its tenth session,<sup>1</sup> which refers to *ad hoc* diplomacy and, in particular, to diplomatic conferences, and of paragraph 52 of the same report, which refers to relations between States and international organizations,

Considering the importance and development of international organizations,

Considering the observations made by Governments at the twelfth and thirteenth sessions of the General Assembly, particularly on the question referred to in paragraph 52 of the report,

Invites the International Law Commission to give further consideration to the question of relations between States and inter-governmental international organizations at the appropriate time, after study of diplomatic intercourse and immunities, consular intercourse and immunities and *ad hoc* diplomacy has been completed by the United Nations and in the light of the results of that study and of the discussion in the General Assembly.

782nd plenary meeting,  
5 December 1958.

**1290 (XIII). Report of the International Law Commission covering the work of its tenth session (chapter V)**

*The General Assembly,*

Having considered the questions dealt with in chapter V of the report of the International Law Commission covering the work of its tenth session,<sup>1</sup>

Takes note of chapter V of the said report.

782nd plenary meeting,  
5 December 1958.

**1291 (XIII). Question of the publication of a United Nations juridical yearbook**

*The General Assembly,*

Considering that it is a function of the General Assembly to take appropriate measures to encourage the development of international law,

Considering that the publication of a United Nations juridical yearbook may constitute a useful measure for that purpose,

Recalling its resolution 176 (II) of 21 November 1947,

Having considered the discussion in the Sixth Committee on the question of the publication of a juridical yearbook,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the question of the publication of a United Nations juridical yearbook, covering in addition the technical and financial implications of such a publication, taking into account the suggestions made during the discussion in the Sixth Committee, and to circulate the report to Member States before the fourteenth session of the General Assembly;

2. Decides to place this question on the provisional agenda of its fourteenth session.

782nd plenary meeting,  
5 December 1958.

**1306 (XIII). Question of initiating a study of the juridical régime of historic waters, including historic bays**

*The General Assembly,*

Having received the resolution adopted on 27 April 1958 by the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea<sup>3</sup> requesting the General Assembly to arrange for the study of the juridical régime of historic waters, including historic bays, and for the communication of the results of such study to all States Members of the United Nations,

Decides to place the question of initiating a study of the juridical régime of historic waters, including historic bays, on the provisional agenda of its fourteenth session.

783rd plenary meeting,  
10 December 1958.

**1307 (XIII). Convening of a second United Nations conference on the law of the sea**

*The General Assembly,*

Having received the resolution adopted on 27 April 1958 by the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea,<sup>4</sup> requesting the General Assembly to study at its thirteenth session the advisability of convening a second international conference of plenipotentiaries for further consideration of questions left unsettled by the Conference,

Recalling that the Conference made an historic contribution to the codification and progressive development of international law by preparing and opening for signature conventions on nearly all of the subjects covered by the draft articles on the law of the sea drawn up by the International Law Commission,<sup>5</sup>

Noting that no proposal concerning the breadth of the territorial sea or fishery limits received the two-thirds majority required for adoption by the Conference,

Believing that the desire for agreement on these two vital issues continues, and that agreement thereon would contribute substantially to the lessening of international

\* United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, *Official Records, Volume II: Plenary Meetings* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: 58.V.4, Vol. II), annexes, document A/CONF.13/L.56, resolution VII.

<sup>1</sup> *Ibid.*, resolution VIII.

<sup>3</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eleventh Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/3159)*, para. 33.

tensions and to the preservation of world order and peace,

*Convinced* that to reach such agreement it is necessary to undertake considerable preparatory work so as to ensure reasonable probabilities of success,

1. *Decides* that a second international conference of plenipotentiaries on the law of the sea should be called for the purpose of considering further the questions of the breadth of the territorial sea and fishery limits;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convoke the conference at the earliest convenient date in March or April 1960 at the European Office of the United Nations in Geneva;

3. *Invites* all States Members of the United Nations and States members of the specialized agencies to participate in the conference and to include among their

representatives experts competent in the matters to be considered;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the specialized agencies and inter-governmental bodies concerned with the matters to be considered to send observers to the conference;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to arrange for the necessary staff and facilities which would be required for the conference, and to present to the conference recommendations concerning its methods of work and procedures, and other questions of an administrative nature;

6. *Refers* to the conference for its information the relevant records of the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea held in 1958.

783rd plenary meeting,  
10 December 1958.



**RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON THE REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE**

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**1239 (XIII). Question of the representation of China in the United Nations**

*The General Assembly*

1. *Decides to reject the request of India<sup>1</sup> for the inclusion in the agenda of its thirteenth regular session of the item entitled "Question of the representation of China in the United Nations";*
2. *Decides not to consider, at its thirteenth regular session, any proposals to exclude the representatives of the Government of the Republic of China or to seat representatives of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China.*

*755th plenary meeting,  
23 September 1958.*

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<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 8, document A/3851.*



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### **1241 (XIII). Report of the Security Council**

#### *The General Assembly*

*Takes note* of the report of the Security Council to the General Assembly covering the period from 16 July 1957 to 15 July 1958.<sup>1</sup>

*777th plenary meeting,  
30 October 1958.*

### **1242 (XIII). Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency**

#### *The General Assembly*

*Takes note* of the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency to the General Assembly covering the period from 1 November 1957 to 30 June 1958.<sup>2</sup>

*778th plenary meeting,  
30 October 1958.*

### **1298 (XIII). Appointment of the members of the Peace Observation Commission**

#### *The General Assembly*

*Decides* to reappoint, for the calendar years 1959 and 1960, the present members of the Peace Observation Commission.<sup>3</sup>

*782nd plenary meeting,  
5 December 1958.*

<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 2, (A/3901).*

<sup>2</sup> *Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency to the General Assembly of the United Nations, Vienna, October 1958 (A/3950).*

<sup>3</sup> In accordance with General Assembly resolution 1114 (XI) of 21 December 1956, the Commission was composed of the following Member States: China, Czechoslovakia, France, Honduras, India, Iraq, Israel, New Zealand, Pakistan, Sweden, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Uruguay.

### **1312 (XIII). The situation in Hungary**

#### *The General Assembly*

*Having considered* the supplementary report, dated 14 July 1958, of the United Nations Special Committee<sup>4</sup> established by resolution 1132 (XI) of 10 January 1957 to report on the problem of Hungary,

*Having considered* the report, dated 9 December 1957, of the Special Representative of the General Assembly, His Royal Highness Prince Wan Waithayakon,<sup>5</sup> who was appointed by Assembly resolution 1133 (XI) of 14 September 1957 to take steps to achieve the objectives of Assembly resolutions 1004 (ES-II) of 4 November 1956, 1127 (XI) of 21 November 1956, 1131 (XI) of 12 December 1956 and 1132 (XI) of 10 January 1957,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to its Special Representative, Prince Wan Waithayakon, for the efforts he has made to enter into consultation with the appropriate authorities with a view to achieving the objectives of the resolutions referred to above;

2. *Endorses* the unanimous report of the Special Committee on the Problem of Hungary, dated 14 July 1958, and expresses its thanks to the Committee for its objective and efficient discharge of the tasks entrusted to it;

3. *Deplores* the continued refusal of the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the régime in Hungary to co-operate with the Special Representative and with the Committee in their efforts to achieve the objectives of the United Nations in accordance with the pertinent resolutions of the General Assembly;

<sup>4</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 69, document A/3849.*

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid., Twelfth Session, Annexes, agenda item 63, document A/3774.*

4. *Deplores* the continuing repression in Hungary of fundamental rights of the Hungarian people and of their freedom of political expression under the shadow of the continuing presence of Soviet armed forces;

5. *Denounces* the execution of Mr. Imre Nagy, General Pál Maléter and other Hungarian patriots;

6. *Condemns* this continued defiance of the resolutions of the General Assembly;

7. *Again calls upon* the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the present authorities in Hungary to desist from repressive measures against the Hungarian people and to respect the liberty and political independence of Hungary and the Hungarian people's enjoyment of fundamental human rights and freedoms;

8. *Declares* that the United Nations will continue to be seized of the situation in Hungary in view of the fact that the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the present authorities in Hungary are disregarding the above-mentioned resolutions of the General Assembly;

9. *Decides* to appoint Sir Leslie Munro to represent the United Nations for the purpose of reporting to Member States or to the General Assembly on significant developments relating to the implementation of the Assembly resolutions on Hungary;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the necessary facilities to assist Sir Leslie Munro in the performance of his duties.

787th plenary meeting,  
12 December 1958.

### **1325 (XIII). Admission of the Republic of Guinea to membership in the United Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received* the recommendation of the Security Council of 9 December 1958<sup>6</sup> that the Republic of Guinea should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,

*Having considered* the application for membership of the Republic of Guinea,<sup>7</sup>

*Decides* to admit the Republic of Guinea to membership in the United Nations.

789th plenary meeting,  
12 December 1958.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 73, document A/4049.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4048.

### **1344 (XIII). Report of the Secretary-General on the Second United Nations International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 810 (IX) of 4 December 1954 and 912 (X) of 3 December 1955 relating to the two international conferences on the peaceful uses of atomic energy, to the International Atomic Energy Agency and to the Secretary-General's Advisory Committee in this field,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>8</sup> on the Second United Nations International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy held in Geneva from 1 to 13 September 1958,

*Noting* therein the need stated by the Secretary-General for the continuing expert assistance of the Advisory Committee with broader terms of reference,

*Recognizing* the helpfulness of a thorough evaluation of the Second Conference in considering the need, nature and timing of similar conferences in this field,

1. *Records its satisfaction* with the contribution made by the Second United Nations International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy to the free international exchange of scientific and technical information and to expanded international co-operation in the field of peaceful uses of atomic energy;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General, the Advisory Committee, the Secretary-General of the Conference and the participants in the Conference for their co-operation in the planning, organizing and successful conduct of the Conference;

3. *Decides* that the Advisory Committee established in paragraph 5 of section B of resolution 810 (IX) and continued under paragraph 7 of section I of resolution 912 (X), as now constituted, shall be extended as the United Nations Scientific Advisory Committee, and that henceforth it shall advise and assist the Secretary-General, at his request, on all matters relating to the peaceful uses of atomic energy with which the United Nations may be concerned;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the United Nations Scientific Advisory Committee, in consultation with the International Atomic Energy Agency and the interested specialized agencies, to undertake a thorough evaluation of the Second Conference in relation to the need, nature and timing of similar conferences in this field;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit an interim report to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session and a report on the results of such study at the fifteenth session.

791st plenary meeting,  
13 December 1958.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 66, document A/3949.

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**Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapter I, with the exception  
of section VI, and chapters VIII and IX) (item 12)**

At its 788th plenary meeting on 12 December 1958, the General Assembly took note of chapter I, with the exception of section VI, and of chapters VIII and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/3848).



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