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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/4520) and adopted by the General Assembly at its 881st, 900th and 904th plenary meetings on 1, 11 and 13 October 1960. At its 881st, 900th, 903rd and 904th plenary meetings on 1, 11 and 13 October, the Assembly adopted the recommendations of the General Committee on the allocation of agenda items, with the exception of item 87 ("Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples") which it decided to consider in plenary meeting. For the numerical list of agenda items, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Plenary Meetings*, prefatory fascicle, agenda.

<sup>2</sup> The General Assembly will continue the consideration of this item at its resumed fifteenth session.

<sup>3</sup> At its 898th plenary meeting on 10 October 1960, the General Assembly took note of the communication dated 15 September 1960 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly (A/4493).

<sup>4</sup> At its 954th plenary meeting on 18 December 1960, the General Assembly took note of chapters I, VII (except sections I, IV, V and paragraph 645) and VIII of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/4415).

<sup>5</sup> At its 960th plenary meeting on 20 December 1960, the General Assembly took note of the Secretary-General's progress report on the United Nations Emergency Force (A/4486 and Add.1 and 2). See also resolution 1575 (XV) on this item.

<sup>6</sup> The General Assembly will take up the consideration of this item at its resumed fifteenth session.

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<sup>7</sup> At its 958th plenary meeting on 20 December 1960, the General Assembly voted on the draft resolutions submitted by Ceylon, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Morocco, the United Arab Republic and Yugoslavia (A/L.331/Rev.1) and by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America (A/L.332); these texts were not adopted. At the same meeting, the Assembly decided to keep this item on the agenda of its fifteenth session (see resolution 1592 (XV)).

<sup>8</sup> At its 954th plenary meeting on 18 December 1960, the General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee on this item (A/4594).

<sup>9</sup> At its 909th plenary meeting on 31 October 1960, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its second report (A/4549), to include this item in the agenda and, at its 910th plenary meeting on 1 November 1960, to allocate it to the First Committee. The Assembly will take up the consideration of this item at its resumed fifteenth session.

<sup>10</sup> At its 960th plenary meeting on 20 December 1960, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political Committee on this item (A/4626). At the same meeting, the Assembly decided to keep this item on the agenda of its fifteenth session.

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7. Main trends of inquiry in the natural sciences, dissemination of scientific knowledge and application of such knowledge for peaceful ends (item 83).
8. Measures designed to promote among youth the ideas of peace, mutual respect and understanding between peoples (item 76).

<sup>11</sup> At its 909th plenary meeting on 31 October 1960, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its second report (A/4549), to include this item in the agenda and to allocate it to the Special Political Committee. The Assembly will take up the consideration of this item at its resumed fifteenth session.

<sup>12</sup> At its 943rd plenary meeting on 12 December 1960, the General Assembly decided to include this item in the provisional agenda of its sixteenth session. For the report of the Third Committee, see A/4625.

<sup>13</sup> At its 943rd plenary meeting on 12 December 1960, the General Assembly decided to include this item in the provisional agenda of its sixteenth session. For the report of the Third Committee, see A/4636.

## **Fourth Committee**

### **TRUSTEESHIP (INCLUDING NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES)**

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1. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its twelfth session (item 65).
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3. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapter VII, paragraph 645 only) (item 12).<sup>18</sup>

<sup>14</sup> At its 960th plenary meeting on 20 December 1960, the General Assembly approved the recommendation of the Fifth Committee concerning the payment of honoraria to the members of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations (A/4609, para. 10). At the same meeting, the Assembly took note of the reports of the Fifth Committee on the control and limitation of documentation (A/4611) and on the survey of the Headquarters buildings by a group of architects and engineers (A/4678). The General Assembly will continue the consideration of this item at its resumed fifteenth session.

<sup>15</sup> At its 954th plenary meeting on 18 December 1960, the General Assembly took note of the decision of the Fifth Committee on this item (A/4630, para. 4).

<sup>16</sup> At its 954th plenary meeting on 18 December 1960, the General Assembly took note of the decisions of the Fifth Committee on this item (A/4600, paras. 6 and 7).

<sup>17</sup> At its 954th plenary meeting on 18 December 1960, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Fifth Committee on this item (A/4664).

<sup>18</sup> At its 954th plenary meeting on 18 December 1960, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Sixth Committee on this item (A/4655).



## **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: COSTA RICA, HAITI, MOROCCO, NEW ZEALAND, PHILIPPINES, SPAIN, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

*864th plenary meeting,  
20 September 1960.*

## **COMPOSITION OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE**

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

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

*President of the General Assembly:*

Mr. Frederick H. Boland (Ireland).

*864th plenary meeting,  
20 September 1960.*

*Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly:*

The representatives of the following Member States: BULGARIA, CANADA, CHINA, FRANCE, JAPAN, LIBYA, PAKISTAN, PANAMA, SUDAN, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and VENEZUELA.

*867th plenary meeting,  
21 September 1960.*

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

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

*Special Political Committee:* Mr. Carlet Auguste (Haiti);

*Second Committee:* Mr. Janez Stanovnik (Yugoslavia);

*Third Committee:* Mr. Eduard Mezincescu (Romania);

*Fourth Committee:* Mr. Adnan Pachachi (Iraq);

*Fifth Committee:* Mr. Mario Majoli (Italy);

*Sixth Committee:* Mr. Gonzalo Ortiz Martín (Costa Rica).

*867th plenary meeting,<sup>19</sup>  
21 September 1960.*

## **ELECTION OF FOUR NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL**

**(Item 15)**

The General Assembly elected one non-permanent member to the Security Council for a period of one year beginning on 1 January 1961 to fill the seat held by POLAND during 1960.

The following State was elected: TURKEY.

*941st plenary meeting,  
9 December 1960.*

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<sup>19</sup> At that meeting, the President of the General Assembly announced the results of the elections held by the Committees.

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 ARGENTINA, ITALY and TUNISIA.

The following States were elected: CHILE, LIBERIA and UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC.

*941st and 959th plenary meetings,  
9 and 20 December 1960.*

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

(Item 16)

The General Assembly held an election to fill the vacancies in the Economic and Social Council occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of CHILE, CHINA, COSTA RICA, FRANCE, NETHERLANDS and SUDAN. It elected five members and decided to postpone the election of the sixth until its resumed fifteenth session.

The following States were elected: EL SALVADOR, ETHIOPIA, FRANCE, JORDAN and URUGUAY.

*942nd and 959th plenary meetings,  
9 and 20 December 1960.*

### ELECTION OF A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

(Item 17 (a))

The General Assembly and the Security Council, voting independently, elected Sir Gerald Fitzmaurice (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) as a member of the International Court of Justice to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sir Hersch Lauterpacht (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

In accordance with Article 15 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, the term of office of Sir Gerald Fitzmaurice will expire on 5 February 1964.

*915th plenary meeting,  
16 November 1960.*

### ELECTION OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

(Item 17 (b))

The General Assembly and the Security Council, voting independently, elected five members of the International Court of Justice to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of the following judges:

Mr. Enrique C. Armand-Ugon (Uruguay);  
Mr. Green H. Hackworth (United States of America);  
Sir Muhammad Zafrulla Khan (Pakistan);  
Mr. Helge Klaestad (Norway);  
Mr. Feodor I. Kojevnikov (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics).

The following members were elected:

Mr. José Luis Bustamante y Rivero (Peru);  
Mr. Philip C. Jessup (United States of America);  
Mr. Vladimir M. Koretsky (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics);  
Mr. Gaetano Morelli (Italy);  
Mr. Kotaro Tanaka (Japan).

*915th and 916th plenary meetings,  
16 and 17 November 1960.*

**ELECTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER  
FOR REFUGEES**  
**(Item 19)**

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Secretary-General,<sup>20</sup> elected Mr. Félix Schnyder as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the period from 1 February 1961 to 31 December 1963.

*935th plenary meeting,  
5 December 1960.*

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<sup>20</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 19, document A/4607.



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

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**1498 (XV). Credentials of the representatives of the  
Republic of the Congo (Leopoldville)**

*The General Assembly*

*Accepts the credentials of the representatives of the Republic of the Congo (Leopoldville) issued by the Head of the State and communicated by him to the President of the General Assembly in a letter dated 8 November 1960.<sup>1</sup>*

*924th plenary meeting,  
22 November 1960.*

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<sup>1</sup> A/CR/L.3/Rev.1, section 1.



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### **1573 (XV). Question of Algeria**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having discussed the question of Algeria,*

*Recalling its resolution 1012 (XI) of 15 February 1957 by which the General Assembly expressed the hope that a peaceful, democratic and just solution would be found through appropriate means, in conformity with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations,*

*Recalling further its resolution 1184 (XII) of 10 December 1957 by which the General Assembly expressed the wish that *pourparlers* would be entered into, and other appropriate means utilized, with a view to a solution, in conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter,*

*Noting with regret that the *pourparlers* contemplated in resolution 1184 (XII) did not materialize,*

*Recalling Article 1, paragraph 2, of the Charter,*

*Deeply concerned with the continuance of hostilities in Algeria,*

*Considering that the present situation in Algeria also constitutes a threat to international peace and security,*

*Recalling its resolution 1495 (XV) of 17 October 1960 by which the General Assembly urges that immediate and constructive steps should be adopted in regard to the urgent problems concerning the peace of the world,*

*Taking note of the fact that the two parties concerned have accepted the right of self-determination as the basis for the solution of the Algerian problem,*

*Recognizing the passionate yearning for freedom of all dependent peoples and the decisive role of such peoples in the attainment of their independence,*

*Convinced that all peoples have an inalienable right to complete freedom, the exercise of their sovereignty and the integrity of their national territory,*

*1. Recognizes the right of the Algerian people to self-determination and independence;*

*2. Recognizes the imperative need for adequate and effective guarantees to ensure the successful and just implementation of the right of self-determination on the*

*basis of respect for the unity and territorial integrity of Algeria;*

*3. Recognizes further that the United Nations has a responsibility to contribute towards the successful and just implementation of this right.*

*956th plenary meeting,  
19 December 1960.*

### **1576 (XV). Prevention of the wider dissemination of nuclear weapons**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling its resolution 1380 (XIV) of 20 November 1959,*

*Recognizing the urgent danger that now exists that an increase in the number of States possessing nuclear weapons may occur, aggravating international tension and the difficulty of maintaining world peace, and thus rendering more difficult the attainment of general disarmament agreement,*

*Noting with regret that the Ten-Nation Committee on Disarmament did not find it possible to consider this problem, which was referred to it by General Assembly resolution 1380 (XIV),*

*Believing in the necessity of an international agreement, subject to inspection and control, whereby the Powers producing nuclear weapons would refrain from relinquishing control of such weapons to any nation not possessing them and whereby Powers not possessing such weapons would refrain from manufacturing them,*

*Believing further that, pending the conclusion of such an international agreement, it is desirable that temporary and voluntary measures be taken to avoid the aggravation of this danger,*

*1. Calls upon all Governments to make every effort to achieve permanent agreement on the prevention of the wider dissemination of nuclear weapons;*

*2. Calls upon Powers producing such weapons, as a temporary and voluntary measure pending the negotiation of such a permanent agreement, to refrain from relinquishing control of such weapons to any nation*

not possessing them and from transmitting to it the information necessary for their manufacture;

3. *Calls upon* Powers not possessing such weapons, on a similar temporary and voluntary basis, to refrain from manufacturing these weapons and from otherwise attempting to acquire them.

*960th plenary meeting,  
20 December 1960.*

**1577 (XV). Suspension of nuclear and thermo-nuclear tests**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling its resolutions 1252 R (XIII) of 4 November 1958 and 1402 (XIV) of 21 November 1959,*

*Considering the importance and urgency of an agreement on the prohibition of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons tests, with effective international control,*

*Noting with satisfaction that further progress with regard to such an agreement has been achieved at the negotiations in Geneva since the fourteenth session of the General Assembly and that the States concerned have voluntarily suspended such tests since the autumn of 1958,*

1. *Urges* the States concerned to seek a solution for the few remaining questions, so that the conclusion of the agreement will be achieved at an early date;

2. *Urges* the States concerned in these negotiations to continue their present voluntary suspension of the testing of nuclear weapons;

3. *Requests* the parties concerned to report the results of their negotiations to the Disarmament Commission and to the General Assembly.

*960th plenary meeting,  
20 December 1960.*

**1578 (XV). Suspension of nuclear and thermo-nuclear tests**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling its resolutions 1379 (XIV) of 20 November 1959 and 1402 (XIV) of 21 November 1959,*

*Continuing to bear in mind the profound concern evinced by the peoples of all countries regarding the testing of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons and the consequences thereof,*

*Recognizing that, as a result of the endeavours at Geneva of the parties concerned, substantial progress has been made towards reaching agreement on the cessation of the testing of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons, under appropriate international control,*

*Recognizing further that agreement on the cessation of tests of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons is not only imperative but urgent,*

1. *Urges* the States concerned to make every effort to reach agreement as soon as possible on the cessation of tests of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons, under appropriate international control;

2. *Urges* the States concerned in the Geneva negotiations to continue their present voluntary suspension of the testing of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons, and requests other States to refrain from undertaking such tests;

3. *Requests* the States concerned in the Geneva negotiations:

(a) To keep the Disarmament Commission periodically informed of the progress of their negotiations;

(b) To report the results of their negotiations to the Disarmament Commission and to the General Assembly.

*960th plenary meeting,  
20 December 1960.*

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### **1497 (XV). The status of the German-speaking element in the Province of Bolzano (Bozen); implementation of the Paris agreement of 5 September 1946**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered item 68 of its agenda,*

*Considering* that the status of the German-speaking element in the Province of Bolzano (Bozen) has been regulated by an international agreement between Austria and Italy, signed in Paris on 5 September 1946,<sup>1</sup>

*Considering* that the said agreement establishes a system designed to guarantee the German-speaking inhabitants of that Province "complete equality of rights with the Italian-speaking inhabitants, within the framework of special provisions to safeguard the ethnical character and the cultural and economic development of the German-speaking element",

*Bearing in mind* that a dispute has arisen between Austria and Italy in regard to the implementation of the said agreement,

*Desirous* of preventing the situation created by the dispute from impairing the friendly relations between the two countries,

1. *Urges* the two parties concerned to resume negotiations with a view to finding a solution for all differences relating to the implementation of the Paris agreement of 5 September 1946;

2. *Recommends* that, in the event of the negotiations referred to in paragraph 1 above not leading to satisfactory results within a reasonable period of time, both parties should give favourable consideration to the possibility of seeking a solution of their differences by any of the means provided in the Charter of the United Nations, including recourse to the International Court

of Justice or any other peaceful means of their own choice;

3. *Likewise recommends* that the countries in question should refrain from any action which might impair their friendly relations.

*909th plenary meeting,  
31 October 1960.*

### **1574 (XV). Report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1376 (XIV) of 17 November 1959,

*Noting with appreciation* the co-operation which the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation continues to receive in its work from Member States, specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency, international non-governmental and national scientific organizations, and individual scientists,

1. *Takes note* of the annual progress report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation for 1960;<sup>2</sup>

2. *Welcomes* the report prepared by the Committee in response to General Assembly resolution 1376 (XIV);<sup>3</sup>

3. *Notes with approval*, in particular, the Committee's proposals contained in paragraphs 14 and 19 of its annual report, which carry financial implications additional to those for which arrangements have already been made.

*960th plenary meeting,  
20 December 1960.*

<sup>2</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 24, document A/4528.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4528, annex I.

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 49 (1950), No. 747, annex IV.



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**1496 (XV). Provision of food surpluses to food-deficient peoples through the United Nations system**

*The General Assembly,*

Considering that the peoples in many of the less developed countries suffer from serious shortages of food,

Noting with approval that the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in co-operation with the United Nations, appropriate specialized agencies, Governments of member States and non-governmental organizations, has launched a Freedom from Hunger Campaign designed as a concerted attack on the problem of providing adequate food for food-deficient peoples,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 827 (IX) of 14 December 1954 and 1025 (XI) of 20 February 1957 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 621 (XXII) of 6 August 1956 and 685 (XXVI) of 18 July 1958 concerning international co-operation in the establishment of national food reserves,

Bearing in mind the existing opportunities for consultation and exchange of information provided by the Food and Agriculture Organization through its Consultative Sub-Committee on Surplus Disposal,

Recognizing that the principles of surplus disposal<sup>1</sup> and guiding lines<sup>2</sup> of the Food and Agriculture Organization are a valuable instrument for guidance to Governments in transactions, programmes, policies, and consultations relating to the disposal and utilization of agricultural surpluses,

Recognizing further that the ultimate solution to the problem of hunger lies in an effective acceleration of economic development allowing the under-developed countries to increase their food production and enabling them to purchase more food through normal channels of international trade,

Convinced of the impelling need to solve the problem of hunger and malnutrition among many peoples and of the role which the United Nations system can play in actions designed to help solve this critical problem,

Further convinced that assistance to food-deficient peoples will help raise productivity and thus contribute to the improvement of their standard of living,

1. Endorses the Freedom from Hunger Campaign launched by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and urges all States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to support this campaign in every appropriate way;

2. Appeals to States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to take suitable measures to relieve the suffering of food-deficient people in other nations and assist them in their economic development and in their efforts towards a better life;

3. Expresses the belief that international assistance in the establishment of national food reserves in food-deficient countries is one effective transitional means of assisting accelerated economic development in the less developed countries;

4. Invites the Food and Agriculture Organization, after consulting Governments of member States, the Secretary-General and appropriate specialized agencies, to establish without delay procedures—in particular for consultation and the dissemination of information—by which, with the assistance of the United Nations system, the largest practicable quantities of surplus food may be made available on mutually agreeable terms as a transitional measure against hunger, such procedures to be compatible with desirable agricultural development as a contribution to economic development in the less developed countries and without prejudice to bilateral arrangements for this purpose and compatible with the principles of the Food and Agriculture Organization;

5. Further invites the Food and Agriculture Organization, in consultation with Governments of member States, the Secretary-General, appropriate specialized agencies and other international bodies (such as the International Wheat Council, the Wheat Utilization Committee, etc.), to undertake a study of the feasibility and acceptability of additional arrangements, including multilateral arrangements under the auspices of the Food and Agriculture Organization, having as their objective the mobilization of available surplus foodstuffs and their distribution in areas of greatest need, particularly in the economically less developed countries;

6. Requests the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization to report on action taken to the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-second session;

7. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization and after such other consultations as he may deem necessary, to report to the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-second session on the role which the United Nations and the appropriate specialized agencies could play in order to facilitate the best possible use of food surpluses for the economic development of the less developed countries;

8. Recommends that the Secretary-General, in preparing, in consultation with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization, the provisional programme for the joint session of the Commission on International Commodity Trade and the Committee on Commodity Problems of the Food and Agriculture Organization which will examine a report on the prospects of the production of, and demand for, primary commodities, include the question of the production of, and demand for, food in relation to the problem of hunger;

9. Stresses that any action taken or contemplated under the present resolution proceed in accordance with the principles of surplus disposal and guiding lines of the Food and Agriculture Organization, and, specifically, with adequate safeguards and appropriate measures against the dumping of agricultural surpluses on the international markets and against adverse effects upon the economic and financial position of those countries which depend for their foreign exchange earnings primarily on the export of food commodities, and in the recognition that the avoidance of damage to normal trading in foodstuffs will best be assured by multilateral trading practices.

<sup>1</sup> Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Commodity Policy Studies, No. 10, *Functions of a World Food Reserve—Scope and Limitations* (Rome, 1956), appendix III.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 300.

**1515 (XV). Concerted action for economic development of economically less developed countries**

*The General Assembly,*

*Believing that the principles laid down in the Charter of the United Nations with regard to international economic and social co-operation should be reaffirmed now when so many States have recently become Members of the United Nations,*

*Bearing in mind the solemn undertaking embodied in the Charter to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,*

*Recalling also that one of the principal objectives of the United Nations is to promote higher standards of living and that Member States have pledged themselves to take joint and separate action to achieve this purpose,*

*1. Reiterates that a prime duty of the United Nations is to accelerate the economic and social advancement of the less developed countries of the world, thus contributing to safeguarding their independence and helping to close the gap in standards of living between the more developed and the less developed countries;*

*2. Recognizes that this social and economic advancement requires the development and diversification of economic activity, that is, the improvement of conditions for the marketing and production of foodstuffs and the industrialization of those economies which are largely dependent on subsistence agriculture or on the export of a small range of primary commodities;*

*3. Believes that in the present circumstances the achievement of these ends demands, *inter alia*:*

*(a) The maintenance of a high and expanding level of economic activity and of generally beneficial multilateral and bilateral trade free from artificial restrictions, in order to enable the less developed countries and those dependent on the export of a small range of primary commodities to sell more of their products at stable and remunerative prices in expanding markets, and so increasingly to finance their own economic development from their earnings of foreign exchange;*

*(b) The increasing provision of public and private capital on acceptable terms from the more developed to the less developed countries, notably through international organizations and through freely negotiated multilateral or bilateral arrangements;*

*(c) The expansion of technical co-operation between countries at all stages of development, with the objective of aiding the people of under-developed countries to increase their knowledge of, and capacity to apply, modern techniques;*

*(d) Scientific and cultural co-operation and the encouragement of research;*

*(e) Proper regard for the human and social aspects of economic development;*

*4. Recommends, with these objects in view, that:*

*(a) Member States and the international organs concerned should continue as a matter of urgency to seek and apply ways of eliminating both excessive fluctuations in primary commodity trade and restrictive practices or measures which have unfavourable repercussions on the trade in basic products of the less developed countries and those dependent on the export of a small range of primary products, and to expand trade in these products;*

*(b) In particular, the Economic and Social Council should give close and serious attention to the problems of commodity trade and to the recommendations of the Commission on International Commodity Trade designed to deal with them, including those such as compensatory financing relating to off-setting the effects of large fluctuations;*

*(c) Technical training, education and pre-investment assistance, whether undertaken by international organizations or by individual Governments, should be regarded as an important factor in the economic development of under-developed countries and, in particular, the fullest possible support should be given to the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, to the Special Fund and to the other voluntary programmes of the United Nations which are concerned with these ends;*

*(d) Technical assistance and the supply of development capital, which are increasing, should be increased further—whether provided through existing and future international organizations and institutions or otherwise—should be of a kind and in a form in accordance with the wishes of the recipients and should involve no unacceptable conditions for them, political, economic, military or other;*

*(e) Regional economic grouping should be designed to offer the opportunities of an expanding market to all trading nations, taking into account the interests of third parties;*

*5. Recommends further that the sovereign right of every State to dispose of its wealth and its natural resources should be respected in conformity with the rights and duties of States under international law;*

*6. Requests the Economic and Social Council and the Secretary-General, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Governments of States members of these organizations to take note of the present resolution and asks them to play their appropriate part effectively in carrying out its objectives and principles for the general and common benefit of the human race.*

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**1516 (XV). Economic and social consequences of disarmament**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling its resolution 1378 (XIV) of 20 November 1959,*

*Conscious that the impact of disarmament is likely to set in motion great changes in the domestic economies of States and in international economic relations, as a result of the progressive diversion of human and material resources from military to peaceful purposes,*

*Recognizing that effective action at the national and international levels will need to be taken to make use of material and human resources becoming available as a consequence of disarmament, in order to promote social progress and better standards of living in the world,*

*Bearing in mind the importance of comprehensive and systematic studies in this field to enable Member States, especially those which are under-developed, to make the necessary economic and social adjustments in the event of disarmament,*

*Convinced* that it is both timely and desirable to undertake such studies,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to examine:

(a) The national economic and social consequences of disarmament in countries with different economic systems and at different stages of economic development, including, in particular, the problems of replacing military expenditures with alternative private and public civil expenditures so as to maintain effective demand and to absorb the human and material resources released from military uses;

(b) The possible development of structural imbalances in national economies as a result of the cessation of capital investment in armaments industries, and the adoption of possible corrective measures to prevent such imbalances, including expanded capital assistance to the under-developed countries;

(c) The impact of disarmament on international economic relations, including its effect on world trade and especially on the trade of under-developed countries;

(d) The utilization of resources released by disarmament for the purpose of economic and social development, in particular of the under-developed countries;

2. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General should conduct the proposed examination with the assistance of expert consultants to be appointed by him with due regard to their qualifications and to the need of geographical representation and intimate knowledge of countries with different economic systems and at different stages of economic development;

3. *Appeals* to Governments of Member States to give full co-operation to the Secretary-General in the fulfilment of the task entrusted to him;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a preliminary report on the results of the examination to the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-third session;

5. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to transmit the report with its views to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session.

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### 1517 (XV). Projections

*The General Assembly*,

*Considering* the importance of projections of certain major international economic trends, particularly in the field of primary products,

*Aware* of the special importance of such projections to the less developed countries, including those which have recently achieved their political independence, for the formulation of their long-term policies and plans for economic development, including the use of their natural resources,

*Recalling* its resolution 1428 (XIV) of 5 December 1959 on world economic development,

*Taking note* of the activities of the Economic and Social Council in this field, and in particular of its resolution 777 (XXX) of 3 August 1960 concerning the solution of problems relating to methodology, comparability and collation of relevant data,

*Believing* that the need to accelerate the economic development of the under-developed countries calls for an intensification of all activities conducted in this field, in order to make available even tentative data on the

medium- and long-term prospects for the production and exports of those countries in the light of the longer-term trends prevailing in the world economy.

1. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 777 (XXX);

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to intensify its work in the field of economic and social projections;

3. *Recommends* that the regional economic commissions continue and intensify their activities in this field;

4. *Welcomes* the decision of the Commission on International Commodity Trade to continue the consideration of this question at its next session and invites it to make such recommendations as it deems appropriate;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, bearing in mind the recommendations of the Commission on International Commodity Trade, to prepare, in consultation with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and in co-operation with the executive secretaries of the regional economic commissions, a study containing tentative medium- and long-term projections of the prospective international demand for, and supply of, selected major primary commodities at present exported by the under-developed countries;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit this study, together with a detailed note on the methodology used and the problems encountered, to the Economic and Social Council for consideration at its thirty-fourth session and for transmission, with its observations, to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session.

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### 1518 (XV). Decentralization of the United Nations economic and social activities and strengthening of the regional economic commissions

*The General Assembly*,

*Expressing its satisfaction* that the Economic and Social Council recognized the value of regional co-operation in the establishment of the United Nations system of regional economic commissions to which the Economic Commission for Africa was added in 1958,

*Welcoming* Economic and Social Council resolution 795 (XXX) of 3 August 1960 on co-ordination in the field, and being aware of the continuing need for regional co-ordination which requires liaison and co-operation between the representatives of the Technical Assistance Board and the specialized agencies and the executive secretaries of the regional economic commissions,

*Recognizing* that the regional economic commissions are not limited under their terms of reference to studies and deliberations and are actually performing various operational functions through their secretariats,

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

*Bearing in mind* particularly resolutions 11 (II) of 5 February 1960 on multilateral economic and financial assistance to Africa and 19 (II) of 4 February 1960 on concerted action adopted by the Economic Commission for Africa, resolution 31 (XVI) of 18 March 1960 on regional economic co-operation for development of trade and industries adopted by the Economic

Commission for Asia and the Far East, resolutions 153 (VIII) of 22 May 1959 on the joint ECLA/TAO economic development training programme, 155 (VIII) of 22 May 1959 on economic development advisory groups, 172 (AC.45) of 28 March 1960 on the Latin American common market and 173 (AC.45) of 28 March 1960 on Central American economic integration adopted by the Economic Commission for Latin America, and resolution 4 (XV) of 5 May 1960 on assistance to the less developed countries adopted by the Economic Commission for Europe,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the conclusion of the Committee on Programme Appraisal of the Economic and Social Council,<sup>3</sup> as mentioned in Council resolution 793 (XXX) of 3 August 1960, that the regional economic commissions are playing an increasingly important role in the preparation and carrying out of programmes and activities in the economic and social fields, both as focal centres for the promotion of economic and social development and as meeting grounds for experts who contribute to this development in their respective countries in the several regions;

2. *Invites* all States Members of the United Nations to advance further their active support of the United Nations regional economic commissions and all States members of the respective commissions to take further advantage of the facilities and services which could be made available by or through their secretariats;

3. *Urges* the regional economic commissions, with due regard to the relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council, to strengthen co-operation among themselves and among their executive secretaries, including the exchange of the results of work and experiences gained on problems of common interest;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make every effort to strengthen the secretariats of the regional economic commissions, and in particular to promote and assist, in continuing co-operation with the independent African States, the effective functioning of the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Africa;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult the regional economic commissions at their next annual sessions and the specialized agencies, and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-second session and to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session on the steps taken in implementation of Council resolution 793 (XXX) regarding the decentralization of activities and operations and the increased utilization of the services of the regional economic commissions.

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### **1519 (XV). Strengthening and development of the world market and improvement of the trade conditions of the economically less developed countries**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 1421 (XIV) of 5 December 1959 on strengthening and development of the world market and improvement of the trade conditions of the economically less developed countries,

<sup>3</sup> Five-year Perspective, 1960-1964. Consolidated report on the appraisals of the scope, trend and costs of the programmes of the United Nations, ILO, FAO, UNESCO, WHO, WMO and IAEA in the economic, social and human rights fields (United Nations publication, Sales No.: 60.IV.14), para. 318.

Recognizing that expansion of international trade, and in particular of trade between countries of different social and economic systems as well as of trade between countries at markedly different stages of economic development, is of real importance for the progress and welfare of all peoples, contributes to the strengthening of peace and constitutes one of the most efficient means of accelerating the increase in the rate of development of the less developed countries, many of which have recently become Members of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind the real importance of maintaining and developing generally beneficial trade free from artificial restrictions,

Considering the endeavours made in this direction by the different United Nations bodies, and in particular by the Commission on International Commodity Trade and, as far as trade between countries of different economic systems is concerned, by the Economic Commission for Europe,

Being aware that regional trade co-operation which does not prejudice the interests of other countries or the interests of world trade at large represents an important step towards world economic and trade co-operation,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 778 (XXX) of 3 August 1960 and of Economic Commission for Europe resolution 6 (XV) of 5 May 1960,

Reiterating the high priority of this field of work of the United Nations in its activities related to the world economy,

Requests the Economic and Social Council:

1. To recommend to the Economic Commission for Europe that it ensure the preparation of the studies envisaged in its resolution 6 (XV) in time for the thirty-second session of the Council;

2. To recommend to the Commission on International Commodity Trade and to the regional economic commissions that they continue to study the causes of, and the obstacles which have resulted in, substantial fluctuations, whether in volume or prices, of exports of the economically less developed countries, as well as the ways and means of improving the existing situation, and present their views on these matters to the thirty-second session of the Economic and Social Council, which should take into account in its studies and recommendations the problems of all Member States, including those which at present do not belong to any regional economic commission;

3. To recommend to the Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Economic Commission for Africa that they elaborate further appropriate measures to promote intra-regional trade co-operation;

4. To discuss at its thirty-second session, after a preliminary exchange of views among the executive secretaries of the regional economic commissions and the Chairman of the Commission on International Commodity Trade, the findings of the studies recommended in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 above together with the report<sup>4</sup> being prepared under General Assembly resolution 1421 (XIV) on ways and means of promoting wider trade co-operation among States, in order to

<sup>4</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda items 2 and 4, document E/3389, and the further report to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-second session.

submit those studies together with the Council's comments to the Assembly at its sixteenth session.

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### **1520 (XV). Improvement of the terms of trade between the industrial and the under-developed countries**

*The General Assembly.*

*Recalling* that one of the greatest economic development problems in most of the under-developed countries is the imbalance between the prices of the products they export and those of the merchandise and other goods which they need to import,

*Considering* that these terms of trade have been deteriorating steadily in recent years, thereby contributing to the difficult situation of economic and social instability in the countries concerned,

*Appreciating* that the means these countries can adopt in isolation to protect the prices of the raw materials or primary products which they produce are very weak and for the most part ineffective,

*Expressing the hope* that agreements similar to the international agreements concluded between producers and consumers in the case of sugar, wheat and tin might be concluded in the case of other primary commodities and implemented on a wider basis more favourable to the under-developed countries,

*Noting further* that there are other measures which States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies might take to alleviate the export problems of under-developed countries through improving their access to the markets of the more developed countries for their present and potential export products,

*Recognizing* that by such procedures a considerable improvement could be brought about in the terms of trade between the industrial and the under-developed countries,

1. *Recommends* that the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on International Commodity Trade intensify the study of measures, including in particular multilateral agreements among States, which might be adopted in order to extend and improve markets for the sale of primary commodities which form the basis of the economies of the under-developed countries;

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to report to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session on any results of such studies as well as other similar studies now under way in various international organizations which might promote the above ends.

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### **1521 (XV). Establishment of a United Nations capital development fund**

*The General Assembly.*

*Bearing in mind* the determination of the peoples of the United Nations to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,

*Recognizing* the urgency of accelerating the economic and social development of under-developed countries,

*Recognizing further* that the present flow of capital from the economically advanced countries to the under-

developed countries for the economic and social development of the latter is wholly inadequate in nature and scope,

*Considering* the need for the United Nations to supplement all existing efforts for capital assistance to the under-developed countries,

*Recalling* its resolutions 1219 (XII) of 14 December 1957, 1240 (XIII) of 14 October 1958, 1317 (XIII) of 12 December 1958 and 1424 (XIV) of 5 December 1959, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 662 (XXIV) of 30 and 31 July 1957 and 740 (XXVIII) of 31 July 1959,

1. *Decides* in principle that a United Nations capital development fund shall be established;

2. *Resolves* that a committee of twenty-five representatives of Member States, to be designated by the President of the General Assembly on the basis of equitable geographical distribution, shall consider all concrete preparatory measures, including draft legislation, necessary to that end;<sup>5</sup>

3. *Requests* the committee to submit its recommendations, including the draft legislation, to the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-second session, which shall transmit them, together with its comments, to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session for action;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the committee with the necessary facilities.

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### **1522 (XV). Accelerated flow of capital and technical assistance to the developing countries**

*The General Assembly.*

*Bearing in mind* the responsibilities laid upon Member States by Article 55 of the Charter of the United Nations to promote higher standards of living, full employment and conditions of economic and social progress and development, and by Article 56 to take joint action in co-operation with the United Nations for the achievement of these purposes,

*Bearing in mind also* the widening gap in standards of living between the economically advanced and the less developed countries, and the necessity to deal with it through international co-operative action,

*Recognizing* the urgency and importance of accelerating the economic and social development of the under-developed countries for the maintenance of world peace and security and the promotion of better understanding among nations,

*Recognizing further* that, while the primary responsibility for their economic development, whether through the creation of appropriate social and economic conditions or the generation of internal capital, is and must remain that of the economically under-developed countries themselves, this development would be greatly aided by improving the nature and increasing the volume of the present flow of capital and the scope of technical assistance from the economically advanced countries to the under-developed countries,

*Appreciating* the steady contribution already made over the years to the promotion of development by the regular flow of international assistance,

<sup>5</sup> The members of the committee will be designated at the resumed fifteenth session.

*Believing however* that this present flow is inadequate,

1. *Expresses the hope* that the flow of international assistance and capital should be increased substantially so as to reach as soon as possible approximately 1 per cent of the combined national incomes of the economically advanced countries;

2. *Urges* that, while the flow of capital and technical assistance to the under-developed countries could be through public or private channels, whether bilaterally, multilaterally or through international organizations, an appropriate part thereof should be channelled through the United Nations and the specialized agencies, and in such a manner as not to bear heavily on the future balance of payments of the less developed countries;

3. *Recommends* that all States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, economically advanced as well as under-developed, take such measures as may be appropriate both to accelerate the flow of capital and technical assistance and to ensure its effective utilization;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report annually to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council on the progress made towards the objectives of the present resolution, taking into account Assembly resolution 1034 (XI) of 26 February 1957 and Council resolution 780 (XXX) of 3 August 1960.

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### 1523 (XV). International credit insurance

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1318 (XIII) of 12 December 1958,

*Taking note with appreciation* of the Secretary-General's report on the promotion of the international flow of capital,<sup>6</sup>

*Taking note also* of Economic and Social Council resolution 762 (XXIX) of 21 April 1960,

*Conscious* that all feasible measures should be adopted at the earliest possible date to assist and expand the flow of private funds for the purpose of developing the economically less developed countries,

*Requests* the Secretary-General, when reporting on measures designed to promote the flow of private capital as envisaged in Economic and Social Council resolution 762 (XXIX), to report also on the feasibility of extending the scope of activities of existing national credit insurance institutions, of creating new institutions or arrangements of this kind and of establishing international credit insurance organizations, keeping in view especially the difficulties encountered by the economically less developed countries with regard to their balance of payments.

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### 1524 (XV). Financing of economic development of less developed countries through long-term loans and in other advantageous ways, and ensuring an increasing share in world trade for their products

*The General Assembly,*

*Bearing in mind* the urgent necessity of further fa-

<sup>6</sup> E/3325 and Corr.1 and 2.

cilitating the financing of the development of the less developed countries with a view to accelerating their economic development,

*Recognizing* the need to accelerate the industrialization of the less developed countries through the provision of an increasing flow of capital in a manner acceptable to the receiving countries,

*Realizing* that the diversification of the economies of the less developed countries implies industrialization and is becoming increasingly more urgent in view of the instability of their export earnings and their limited financial resources,

*Believing* that diversification, the establishment of modern industries in the less developed countries and the development of their economies must take place in such a manner as to provide them with an opportunity to participate to a greater extent in the world market and, especially, to realize larger earnings from exports of their products, including exports of products of their newly established industries,

*Taking into account* the establishment of new international sources of credit,

1. *Recommends* all Member States:

(a) To encourage, on a bilateral and a multilateral basis, the extension as appropriate of long-term loans, grants, or credits on favourable terms, including interest-free loans or loans at the lowest possible interest rates, the longest possible repayment periods and repayment in local currencies or in other beneficial forms, as well as the influx of other forms of foreign capital and assistance, which are important factors in the economic and social progress of the less developed countries;

(b) To avoid, except for balance-of-payments reasons, reliance on the practices of restricting economic aid to particular sources of supply or exclusively to particular projects; when aid involves the supply of goods or services they should be made available at competitive world prices;

(c) To co-operate in financing industrial, agricultural, social and other projects for productive purposes in harmony with the needs and requirements of the development programmes of the less developed countries;

2. *Calls upon* Governments of Member States to encourage the development and the diversification of the economies of the less developed countries with a view to increasing their share in world production and world trade, including trade in industrial products;

3. *Calls upon* the Economic and Social Council and the regional economic commissions to continue to study this important question, and requests the Committee for Industrial Development to make suggestions on the matter.

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### 1525 (XV). Activities of the United Nations in the field of industrial development

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1431 (XIV) of 5 December 1959, which recommended that the Economic and Social Council give consideration to the prompt establishment of a commission for industrial development,

*Noting* Economic and Social Council resolution 751 (XXIX) of 12 April 1960 on the establishment of the Committee for Industrial Development,

*Taking into consideration* the substantial interest of the economically less developed countries in developing their own industries as one of the main ways of diversifying their economic structures and developing their national economies generally,

*Being convinced* that the activities of the United Nations in the field of industrial development should be widened and accelerated,

1. *Recommends* that the Committee for Industrial Development should consider in drawing up its programme of work, in conjunction with the functions set forth in Economic and Social Council resolution 751 (XXIX), the following:

(a) To review the methods and techniques of programming general industrial development which have been evolved by different countries and regions, and to contribute to international co-operation in this field;

(b) To work out general conclusions on the basis of the experience of industrial development in all countries with a view to promoting the exchange of experience in the field of industrial development between countries of different regions and having differing economic systems;

(c) To encourage the preparation of long-term economic projections in the field of industrial development, taking into account social aspects of industrialization in the economically less developed countries as well as its influence on international economic relations and trade;

(d) To follow developments in the field of the financing of new industries in the economically less developed countries and to make appropriate recommendations thereon;

2. *Recommends* that the Economic and Social Council at its resumed thirtieth session enlarge the membership of the Committee for Industrial Development to thirty members in order to ensure a more balanced representation of Member States in that Committee, in accordance with the principles enunciated in paragraph 4 of the Committee's terms of reference as set forth in Economic and Social Council resolution 751 (XXIX) and taking into account, in particular, the countries of Africa;

3. *Appeals* to the Governments of the States members of the Committee for Industrial Development to designate their representatives to the Committee in the near future and in accordance with the principle set forth in paragraph 6 of its terms of reference;

4. *Decides* to include in the General Assembly's provisional agenda, beginning with the sixteenth session, at item entitled "Industrial development and activities of the organs of the United Nations in the field of industrialization".

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## 1526 (XV). Land Reform

### The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind that land reform is frequently one of the main prerequisites for the general improvement of agricultural productivity, that the needs foreseen and the difficulties encountered still constitute a serious obstacle to the economic development of many under-

developed countries<sup>7</sup> and that the necessary remedies to this end have not been set forth,

*Convinced* that the reports submitted by the Secretary-General for the consideration of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, in accordance with Assembly resolutions 401 (V) of 20 November 1950, 524 (VI) of 12 January 1952, 625 A (VII) of 21 December 1952 and 826 (IX) of 11 December 1954, and Council resolutions 370 (XIII) of 7 September 1951, 512 C (XVII) of 30 April 1954 and 649 B (XXIII) of 2 May 1957, have provided valuable information on land reform but by no means indicate that the subject of land reform has been exhausted either from the standpoint of economic development and social well-being or that of the maximum utilization of resources,

*Recognizing* the usefulness of studies concerning obstacles which impede or render difficult the implementation of land reform,

1. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the executive heads of the other specialized agencies concerned, should continue to study the progress achieved by countries which have carried out or are carrying out programmes for the transformation of their agrarian structure, at their request, and should submit for the consideration of the Economic and Social Council a comprehensive analytical survey every three years—the first of which would be presented in 1962 in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1426 (XIV) of 5 December 1959 and Economic and Social Council resolution 712 (XXVII) of 17 April 1959—devoting particular attention to a detailed and critical examination of the basic problems of land reform in under-developed countries, as mentioned in paragraph 55 of the 1959 report of the Secretary-General;<sup>8</sup>

2. *Further recommends* that the Secretary-General, prior to submitting his 1962 report, should inform the General Assembly at its sixteenth session of the progress achieved in implementation of Assembly resolution 1426 (XIV) and Economic and Social Council resolution 712 (XXVII);

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in complying with the terms of the present resolution and after appropriate consultations with, and at the request of, the Governments concerned in the carrying out of land reform programmes, as well as with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization and the executive heads of the other interested specialized agencies, to consider the possibility of:

(a) Undertaking studies with a view to ascertaining the demographic, legal, social, economic or other principal factors which may impede or expedite structural changes in the system of land tenure and consequently influence the application of the recommendations made in Economic and Social Council resolution 370 (XIII);

(b) Carrying out country studies in order to determine how tax, financial and budgetary factors, as well as the present utilization of land, can impede or expedite the execution of national land reform programmes in the under-developed countries;

<sup>7</sup> See *Land Reform: Defects in Agrarian Structure as Obstacles to Economic Development* 'United Nations publication, Sales No.: 51.II.B.3).

<sup>8</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 5, document E/3208.

(c) Evaluating the role of co-operatives and credit agencies in facilitating programmes for the transformation of the agrarian structure;

4. *Deems it convenient* that the question of land reform, in view of its importance for the economic development of the under-developed countries, should continue to be considered by the Economic and Social Council in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization and the other specialized agencies concerned;

5. *Renews the hope*, expressed in its resolution 1426 (XIV), that existing United Nations organs for technical and financial assistance and any new organs which may be set up by the United Nations give as much assistance as possible and the necessary high priority to projects connected with the execution of agrarian reform programmes.

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### **1527 (XV). Assistance to former Trust Territories and other newly independent States**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions 1414 (XIV) and 1415 (XIV) of 5 December 1959,

Considering that the great increase in the membership of the United Nations of countries belonging to the under-developed sector of the world economy underlines the urgency of substantially expanding the flow of technical and capital assistance to less developed countries,

Bearing in mind the estimate made in the Secretary-General's report of 3 June 1960 entitled "Opportunities for international co-operation on behalf of newly independent countries"<sup>9</sup> that the present level of technical assistance to the newly independent States is wholly inadequate on the basis of population and of needs, and that their share of such aid will need to be more than doubled and perhaps tripled if it is to be brought roughly into line with that of other Member States of the United Nations at comparable stages of development,

Recognizing the urgent necessity of taking measures to strengthen and consolidate the economic independence of the new and emerging States,

Noting the findings and estimates contained in the Secretary-General's report of 22 November 1960,<sup>10</sup> which includes an up-to-date assessment of the situation in the newly independent States in Africa and is based partly on the work of a recent mission to a number of these States,

Considering further that diversification and industrialization are crucially important for the economic advancement of these new States,

Noting Economic Commission for Africa resolutions 10 (II) and 11 (II) of 5 February 1960, contained in the Commission's annual report to the Economic and Social Council,<sup>11</sup> and Council resolution 768 (XXX) of 21 July 1960,

<sup>9</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirtieth Session, Annexes, agenda items 2 and 4, document E/3387 and Add.1.

<sup>10</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda items 28, 30, 31 and 32, document A/4585.

<sup>11</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 10 (E/3320).

Welcoming the results of the recent United Nations Pledging Conference, which indicate a substantial increase in the resources of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the Special Fund for the year 1961, and the decision of the Technical Assistance Committee to increase substantially the assistance to the newly independent and emerging States,

1. *Decides*, within the context of an all-round expansion of aid, to increase technical assistance to newly independent and emerging States to a level commensurate with their pressing needs and so ensure equitable distribution of United Nations aid, in such a way that no under-developed country suffers any curtailment in the assistance it was receiving or is altogether deprived of the eventual increase of that assistance as a consequence of increased contributions to the programmes of technical assistance;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the proposals of the Secretary-General, contained in the report of 22 November 1960, for increased assistance to these States from the regular budget of the United Nations;

3. *Urges* the economically advanced countries to continue to render, and increase, effective financial and technical assistance to those States through multilateral and bilateral channels with no conditions attached prejudicial to their political and economic sovereignty;

4. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to encourage and facilitate the provision through the appropriate international organs—including the United Nations programmes of technical co-operation, the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the Special Fund—in co-operation with and, wherever appropriate, through the Economic Commission for Africa and other regional economic commissions, of assistance requested by Governments for:

(a) Surveys of mineral, hydroelectric, fuel and other natural resources of their countries;

(b) Specific inquiries and reports, where economic development programmes exist or are being prepared, on the needs for equipment and machinery for specific industries and for other sectors of the economy;

(c) The establishment, where economic development programmes do not yet exist, of advisory groups of experts to assist in the preparation of economic development programmes and the determination of investment requirements and priorities, and to render other advisory services as may be required;

(d) Accelerated programmes for training in practical methods and techniques of economic development programming and related subjects, including fiscal policy and management, public finance and public administration through:

(i) The use of appropriate existing institutions in individual countries;

(ii) The creation of regional and sub-regional training institutes or courses serving several countries;

(iii) The organization of seminars on specific subjects of immediate and practical value to the countries concerned;

(iv) The granting of increased fellowships and scholarships and urgent provision of facilities for in-service training;

5. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to review at its thirty-second session, in the light *inter alia* of the reports of the United Nations operational

programmes and of the reports of the Economic Commission for Africa and of the other regional economic commissions concerned, the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution, and to report to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to lend the Economic and Social Council and the regional economic commissions concerned his assistance in the execution of the tasks mentioned in paragraphs 4 and 5 above.

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15 December 1960.

### 1528 (XV). 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 in which it recognized the special responsibility assumed by the United Nations for the future of Libya, and its resolutions 924 (X) of 9 December 1955 and 1303 (XIII) of 10 December 1958,

Having noted the communication dated 13 October 1960 from the Prime Minister of Libya to the Secretary-General,<sup>12</sup>

Having noted the report of the Secretary-General on the question of assistance to Libya,<sup>13</sup>

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,

Noting also with satisfaction the assistance being provided by the Special Fund,

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 economic and social development;

<sup>12</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda items 28, 30, 31 and 32, document A/4576.

<sup>13</sup> Ibid., document A/4575.

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, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency should give due consideration to the specific development needs of Libya;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, the Technical Assistance Board, the specialized agencies concerned and the International Atomic Energy Agency 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 14 and 15 August 1949;

4. Requests the Governing Council and the Managing Director of the Special Fund to continue to give sympathetic consideration to requests by Libya for Special Fund assistance;

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 implementation of the present resolution in time for the report to be placed on the provisional agenda of the seventeenth session of the General Assembly.

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15 December 1960.

### 1529 (XV). Contributions to the Special Fund and to the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance

*The General Assembly,*

Having heard the statements of the Managing Director of the Special Fund<sup>14</sup> and the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board,<sup>15</sup>

Bearing in mind the increasing and urgent needs of the less developed countries, and the increase in the number of Members of the United Nations through the admission of the newly independent countries,

1. Takes note of the report of the Governing Council of the Special Fund on its third and fourth sessions<sup>16</sup> and of Economic and Social Council resolutions 785 (XXX), 786 (XXX) and 787 (XXX) of 3 August 1960 regarding the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance;

2. Urges States Members of the United Nations or members of any of the specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency so to increase their contributions to the Special Fund and to the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance that the funds available to these two programmes attain, in the immediate future, the sum of \$150 million.

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<sup>14</sup> Ibid., Fifteenth Session, Second Committee, 694th meeting, paras. 1-19.

<sup>15</sup> Ibid., 694th meeting, paras. 19-29.

<sup>16</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 11 (E/3398).

**1530 (XV). United Nations assistance in public administration: provision of operational, executive and administrative personnel**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1256 (XIII) of 14 November 1958 and 1385 (XIV) of 20 November 1959,

*Considering* that the experimental programme for the provision of operational, executive and administrative personnel has proved its usefulness,

*Considering further* that the demand for such personnel is considerably increasing and their provision is urgently needed, particularly to meet the requests of newly independent countries,

*Recalling* that several Member States have centres and institutes for training in public administration, some of which have been created or expanded with the technical assistance of the United Nations,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the provision of technical assistance of an operational, executive and administrative nature;<sup>17</sup>

2. *Approves* the recommendations contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 790 (XXX) of 3 August 1960:

(a) That the provision of operational, executive and administrative personnel be placed on a continuing basis;

(b) That the Secretary-General continue to consult with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency whenever requests fall within their competence;

(c) That the financial resources for this activity be established at a level appropriate to the needs for this assistance;

3. *Recommends* that:

(a) In determining the priorities according to which requests are to be met, the Secretary-General continue to take fully into account the urgency of the needs of the requesting countries;

(b) In submitting candidates for selection by recipient Governments, the Secretary-General continue to make use to the fullest possible extent of all available sources of personnel, having regard to their qualifications and experience and to the desirability of using as much as possible persons who have been trained in the above-mentioned centres and institutes for public administration;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that due attention be paid in the operation of the programme to the training of nationals to assume as early as possible the responsibilities temporarily assigned to internationally recruited personnel and that due regard be given to this aspect of the matter in the reporting thereon;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General to adopt the same procedures in reporting to the Economic and Social Council and the Technical Assistance Committee on the programme of provision of operational, executive and administrative personnel as he follows in reporting on the other United Nations regular programmes of technical assistance;

6. *Urges* the Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency which

<sup>17</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirtieth Session, Annexes, agenda item 6, document E/3370, and *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda items 28, 30, 31 and 32, document A/4589.

are in a position to supply qualified personnel to this programme to co-operate with the Secretary-General in implementing it.

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15 December 1960

**1531 (XV). Possibilities of increasing voluntary contributions to the Operational Fund of the International Atomic Energy Agency**

*The General Assembly,*

*Taking into consideration* the report presented by the International Atomic Energy Agency concerning its programme for 1960,<sup>18</sup>

*Taking into account* the role of the Economic and Social Council in co-ordinating assistance programmes of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency,

*Convinced* that the programme of technical assistance has acquired increasing importance among the activities of the International Atomic Energy Agency,

*Considering* that the programme of technical assistance is largely financed by voluntary contributions from the States members of the International Atomic Energy Agency,

1. *Invites* the International Atomic Energy Agency to develop its programme of technical assistance to help the less developed countries in the utilization of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes;

2. *Invites* the economically developed States Members of the United Nations and members of the International Atomic Energy Agency to increase their voluntary contributions to the Operational Fund of the Agency.

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**1532 (XV). United Nations programmes of technical assistance: arrangements to facilitate the prompt supply of technical assistance personnel**

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting* that the Economic and Social Council's Committee on Programme Appraisals has drawn attention in its report to the growing need of international organizations for highly trained and qualified personnel and to the difficulties of recruiting them,<sup>19</sup>

*Noting also* that the Secretary-General, in his report on opportunities for international co-operation on behalf of former Trust Territories and newly independent States, has pointed out that, with the expansion of activities which he envisages for the new Member States, the task of recruiting will become still more difficult,<sup>20</sup>

*Recognizing* that the value of the provision of technical assistance personnel is in general enhanced when

<sup>18</sup> *Annual report of the Board of Governors to the General Conference, 1 July 1959-30 July 1960*, Vienna, July 1960 (A/4531 and Corr.1 and Add.1).

<sup>19</sup> *Five-year Perspective, 1960-1964. Consolidated report on the appraisals of the scope, trend and costs of the programmes of the United Nations, ILO, FAO, UNESCO, WHO, WMO and IAEA in the economic, social and human rights fields* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: 60.IV.14), para. 372.

<sup>20</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda items 28, 30, 31 and 32, document A/4585, para. 26.

it is possible to meet requests for such personnel promptly,

*Desirous* of drawing attention to certain measures which Governments can take to facilitate the recruiting of qualified personnel by the United Nations and its related agencies,

*Bearing in mind* the desirability of the recruitment of qualified and experienced technical assistance personnel on a wide geographical basis from all sources made available by all participating countries, in order that requesting Governments may select the individuals best equipped to fulfil their particular requirements,

1. *Urges* Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency to support and assist the efforts being made by the Secretary-General and the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to recruit and train adequate numbers of qualified personnel for the work of their organizations;

2. *Requests* the Governments concerned to take appropriate measures to facilitate the prompt recruitment of suitably qualified personnel for long- or short-term assignments in response to requests received through the United Nations and its related agencies, especially when a requesting Government signifies that particular urgency attaches to its request;

3. *Recommends* that for this purpose the Governments concerned consider the desirability and feasibility, within their own constitutional and administrative structures, of establishing and maintaining rosters of qualified personnel available for assignment by the United Nations and its related agencies to advisory or operational posts, or of evolving other effective means of responding rapidly to requests for technical assistance personnel, including the use of national committees;

4. *Invites* the Governments concerned, subject to their own requirements, to bring the value of service with international organizations to the attention both of their own agencies and of other bodies which may be in a position to supply personnel, and in order to overcome an important obstacle to rapid recruiting to consider measures for the protection of the seniority, prospects for promotion, reinstatement and pension rights of personnel made available for technical assistance assignments.

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15 December 1960.

**1533 (XV). Confirmation of the allocation of funds for the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance in 1961**

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting* that the Technical Assistance Committee has reviewed and approved the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance for the years 1961 and 1962,

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 from contributions, general resources and local costs assessments, as follows:

Participating organization	Allocation (equivalent of US dollars)
United Nations	8,806,838
International Labour Organisation	4,274,019
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	10,569,053
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	6,593,104
International Civil Aviation Organization	1,534,750
World Health Organization	6,912,445
International Telecommunication Union	804,465
World Meteorological Organization	636,622
International Atomic Energy Agency	768,704
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40,900,000</b>

2. *Concurs* in the Committee's authorization to the Technical Assistance Board to allocate to the participating organizations an undistributed amount of \$162,162 not included in the amount 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;

3. *Concurs further* in the Committee's authorization to the participating organizations to retain for operations in 1962 the balance of funds allocated to them in 1961 which have not been obligated by the end of the year.

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### **1499 (XV). Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,<sup>1</sup>*

*Noting the recent favourable developments in the work of the Office of the High Commissioner in respect of international protection as well as of the promotion of permanent solutions, including voluntary repatriation, resettlement to other countries and integration in the present countries of asylum,*

*Noting in particular that, pursuant to its resolutions 1167 (XII) of 26 November 1957 and 1388 (XIV) of 20 November 1959, increasing attention is being paid in many countries, by Governments and by non-governmental organizations, to the problems of refugees who do not come within the immediate competence of the United Nations,*

*Further noting that none the less there still are considerable numbers of non-settled refugees, whose problems can be solved only by a further concentration of the efforts of the international community,*

*Invites States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to continue to devote attention to refugee problems still awaiting solution:*

*(a) By continuing to improve the legal status of refugees living in their territory, in consultation, where needed, with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;*

*(b) By further increasing facilities for the voluntary repatriation, resettlement and integration of refugees;*

*(c) By enabling the High Commissioner to reach the financial targets both of his current 1961 programmes and of the other programmes entrusted to his Office;*

*(d) By continuing to consult with the High Commissioner in respect of measures of assistance to groups of refugees who do not come within the competence of the United Nations.*

<sup>1</sup>Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/4378/Rev.1) and Supplement No. 11A (A/4378/Rev.1/Add.1).

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5 December 1960.*

**1500 (XV). Refugees from Algeria in Morocco and Tunisia**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having examined chapter IV of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,<sup>2</sup>*

*Recalling its resolution 1389 (XIV) of 20 November 1959,*

*Considering the action taken by the High Commissioner and the encouraging results achieved during the World Refugee Year,*

*Noting with appreciation the progress made on behalf of refugees from Algeria in Morocco and Tunisia,*

*Regretting that the situation which is the cause of this problem continues,*

*Recognizing that the living conditions of these refugees, and in particular those of the children, remain precarious and require constant improvement,*

*Recommends that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees should:*

(a) Continue his present action;

(b) Use his influence to ensure the continuation of the operation carried out jointly by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the League of Red Cross Societies, and, should this prove impossible, draw up and execute a programme for the assumption by the Office of the High Commissioner of responsibility for these refugees from 1 July 1961.

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5 December 1960.

**1501 (XV). Expression of appreciation to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting with regret that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will shortly leave office,*

*Considering that remarkable and encouraging progress has been made during his years in office in solving many of the problems of refugees, both under his mandate and through the use of his good offices,*

*Confident that these achievements will lead to further improvement of the refugee situation under the Office of the High Commissioner,*

1. *Expresses its thanks to Mr. Auguste Lindt and its admiration for the brilliant and important work he has performed during his years as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;*

2. *Extends its good wishes to Mr. Lindt for equally great success in all his future undertakings.*

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5 December 1960.

**1502 (XV). World Refugee Year**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling its resolutions 1285 (XIII) of 5 December 1958 and 1390 (XIV) of 20 November 1959 on the World Refugee Year,*

*Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the World Refugee Year,<sup>3</sup>*

*Noting with gratification the remarkable success of the World Refugee Year in many parts of the world, not only financially but also in promoting solutions of problems relating to large numbers of refugees, particularly those who are handicapped,*

*Noting further that the World Refugee Year has focused the attention of world opinion on the problems of refugees,*

*Believing that the enthusiasm and interest aroused by the World Refugee Year can, if maintained, make a vital contribution to this end,*

1. *Expresses its thanks to all Governments, national committees, non-governmental organizations and private individuals who have contributed to the success of the World Refugee Year, as well as to the Secretary-General and his Special Representative for the World Refugee Year, for their efforts in this regard;*

2. *Requests States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, as well as international non-governmental organizations, to continue their efforts to assist refugees on a purely humanitarian basis, especially by:*

(a) *Increased co-operation with the programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;*

(b) *Efforts to maintain the public interest aroused by the World Refugee Year in the solution of refugee problems;*

(c) *The encouragement of additional opportunities for permanent refugee solutions through voluntary repatriation, resettlement or integration in accordance with the freely expressed wishes of the refugees themselves;*

(d) *The further encouragement of financial contributions for international assistance to refugees including contributions from non-governmental organizations and the general public;*

3. *Expresses the hope that all people everywhere will take into consideration the problems of refugees and the need for sustained and increased efforts for their ultimate solution.*

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5 December 1960.

**1507 (XV). United Nations Children's Fund**

*The General Assembly,*

*Welcoming the action of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund in elaborating the activities to be undertaken by the Fund, within the framework of its responsibilities, in helping countries give effect to the high principles proclaimed in the Declaration of the Rights of the Child,*

*Recognizing the significant contribution the Fund is making to better living conditions in developing countries and the manner in which it reinforces the effectiveness of other measures taken to this end,*

*Noting that the Fund is taking steps to ascertain the priority needs of children in present changing conditions and to identify the fields in which it might assist in order to contribute to the greatest possible extent to the present and future welfare of children,*

1. *Commends the United Nations Children's Fund on its achievements;*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 11 (A/4378/Rev.1).

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 33, document A/4546.

2. Encourages the Fund to increase aid to countries passing through difficult transitional stages, particularly in Africa, without prejudicing the level of aid to other countries requiring assistance;

3. Expresses the hope that the Fund will receive the necessary financial support to enable it not only to continue its successful work but also increasingly to meet the challenge of extending its services.

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12 December 1960.

### **1508 (XV). Low-cost housing and related community facilities**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 1393 (XIV) of 20 November 1959 regarding low-cost housing,

Having noted section I of chapter V of the report of the Economic and Social Council<sup>4</sup> on progress made towards the implementation of the long-range programme of concerted international action in the field of housing and related community facilities,

Recognizing the importance of adequate housing and community facilities and services for a rise in the levels of living of the lower income groups in the congested urban areas,

Recognizing the significant role of Governments in the planning, financing and execution of programmes for low-cost housing and community facilities,

Considering that, owing to limited resources, the developing and newly independent countries have difficulty in meeting demands for simultaneous investment in economic development projects and in housing, health and education,

Recognizing the need to utilize more fully the peoples' own resources and the local sources of materials and finances for the solution of the housing and urban development problem,

1. Requests Member States to review their housing requirements, policies and programmes as well as the extent of investment in this field from all sources in their countries, and to indicate to the United Nations the areas in which outside assistance is most needed;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, in connexion with the concerted programme of practical action in this field, to investigate in consultation with interested Member States the possibility of obtaining technical services, equipment and funds for establishing or multiplying pilot projects:

(a) In low-cost housing and related community facilities, services and utilities in the areas of rapid urbanization in the developing countries;

(b) In the production from local sources of suitable materials, accessories and construction elements and equipment for the execution of housing and urban development programmes;

3. Further requests the Economic and Social Council to investigate, on the basis of work already done by its functional commissions and regional economic commissions, the possibilities for domestic and international financing of low-cost housing programmes in less developed countries;

4. Invites the Economic and Social Council to submit to the General Assembly a report on the implementation of the present resolution together with the com-

ments of the Social Commission, the regional economic commissions and the specialized agencies concerned.

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12 December 1960.

### **1509 (XV). United Nations assistance for the advancement of women in developing countries**

*The General Assembly,*

Taking note of section VIII of chapter VI of the report of the Economic and Social Council<sup>4</sup> and of Council resolution 771 H (XXX) of 25 July 1960 concerning United Nations assistance for the advancement of women in under-developed countries,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1163 (XII) of 26 November 1957 concerning the work of the Commission on the Status of Women and the progress achieved in the field of women's rights,

Noting with satisfaction that the Commission is showing a special interest in the condition of women in developing countries,

1. Expresses the hope that the Governments of Member States, and particularly those of the developing countries, will take full advantage of existing United Nations programmes designed to improve the status of women, that they will collaborate with the Secretary-General in the study which he has undertaken in compliance with Economic and Social Council resolution 771 H (XXX) and that the United Nations and the specialized agencies will, for their part, direct their programmes to a greater extent towards achieving this end;

2. Invites the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on the Status of Women to pursue their efforts in the matter and take, in connexion with this study, appropriate measures that would lead to special assistance by the United Nations and the specialized agencies for the advancement of women in the developing countries.

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### **1510 (XV). Manifestations of racial and national hatred**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling that the fundamental purposes of the United Nations are to maintain international peace and security and to develop friendly relations among nations and that, to this end, it is necessary to strengthen co-operation among peoples and nations and to educate the younger generation in this spirit,

Noting with gratification that the manifestations of racial and national hatred, religious intolerance and racial prejudice which still exist in the world have been consistently condemned by the United Nations,

Sharing the grave concern of the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities about these manifestations,

Being alarmed by the fact that tendencies to racial and national hatred are still not sufficiently combatted in many parts of the world by orienting youth in accordance with the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations,

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/4415).

*Expressing the principle* that the United Nations is duty bound to combat these manifestations, to establish the facts and the causes of their origin, and to recommend resolute and effective measures which can be taken against them,

1. *Resolutely condemns* all manifestations and practices of racial, religious and national hatred in the political, economic, social, educational and cultural spheres of the life of society as violations of the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

2. *Calls upon* the Governments of all States to take all necessary measures to prevent all manifestations of racial, religious and national hatred.

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12 December 1960.

**1511 (XV). Teaching of the purposes and principles, the structure and activities of the United Nations and its related agencies**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 137 (II) of 17 November 1947, which recommended to the Governments of all Member States that they take measures to encourage the teaching of the purposes and principles, the structure and activities of the United Nations in schools,

*Noting* the action which the Economic and Social Council has taken in the intervening years in promoting this objective,

*Noting in particular* Economic and Social Council resolution 748 (XXIX) of 6 April 1960,

1. *Believes* that teaching about the United Nations and its related agencies in schools is important as a means of promoting interest in, and support for, their work;

2. *Believes further* that knowledge and understanding of the aims and activities of the United Nations and its related agencies contribute to the fostering among young people of the ideas of peace and international co-operation and should therefore be promoted as widely as possible;

3. *Endorses* the action taken by the Economic and Social Council in encouraging the implementation of the recommendation contained in General Assembly resolution 137 (II);

4. *Expresses its appreciation* of the co-operation shown by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the other specialized agencies and the non-governmental organizations in advancing the United Nations idea;

5. *Urges* all those concerned to continue their efforts to promote in primary and secondary schools, as well as in faculties of the social and human sciences and audio-visual education centres, the teaching of the purposes and principles, the structure and activities of the United Nations and its related agencies;

6. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, with the co-operation of the United Nations, to assist by preparing basic material which may be used for these purposes.

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12 December 1960.

**1512 (XV). Main trends of inquiry in the natural sciences, dissemination of scientific knowledge and application of such knowledge for peaceful ends**

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* the important role which the natural sciences in general continue to play in promoting the economic and social progress of mankind,

*Having received* the survey of the main trends of inquiry in the field of natural sciences, the dissemination of scientific knowledge and the application of such knowledge for peaceful ends,<sup>5</sup>

*Noting* Economic and Social Council resolution 804 B (XXX) of 3 August 1960 requesting wide dissemination of the survey and seeking comments from Governments of Member States, the appropriate specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency,

1. *Endorses* the decision of the Economic and Social Council to give detailed consideration to the survey at its thirty-second session, taking into account such views thereon as may be expressed by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

2. *Recommends* Governments of Member States, agencies related to the United Nations, and appropriate non-governmental organizations to publicize this survey as widely as possible;

3. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, taking into account the views obtained by the Secretary-General in pursuance of Council resolution 804 B (XXX) and the discussion on this item at the fifteenth session of the General Assembly, to report further on this matter to the Assembly at its sixteenth session and to recommend concrete measures including those relating to:

(a) The possibility of utilizing the present achievements in the natural sciences for peaceful purposes, for furthering the economic progress and welfare of mankind, and especially for accelerating the economic and social progress of the less developed countries;

(b) The possibility of extending international co-operation in the exchange of scientific information and experience in the field of the natural sciences.

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12 December 1960.

**1570 (XV). Draft Declaration on Freedom of Information**

*The General Assembly,*

*Not having been able* to consider at its fifteenth session the draft Declaration on Freedom of Information submitted by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 756 (XXIX) of 21 April 1960,

*Decides* to consider the draft Declaration at its sixteenth session.

954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.

**1571 (XV). Draft Declaration on the Right of Asylum**

*The General Assembly,*

*Not having been able* to consider at its fifteenth session the draft Declaration on the Right of Asylum,

<sup>5</sup> See A/4461.

*Decides to take up this item as soon as possible at its sixteenth session and at that session to devote as many meetings as possible to the consideration of the draft Declaration on the Right of Asylum.*

954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.

**1572 (XV). Measures designed to promote among youth the ideals of peace, mutual respect and understanding between peoples**

*The General Assembly,*

*Being convinced* that, in order to achieve the aim stated in the Charter of the United Nations, namely, to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, it is a matter of importance and urgency that the younger generation of today should be brought up in a spirit of peace, mutual respect and understanding between peoples,

*Reaffirming* the principle embodied in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Declaration of the Rights of the Child and article 14 of the draft Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights that young people should be brought up in a spirit of peace, understanding, tolerance and friendship among nations,

*Noting with concern* that the education of youth in various parts of the world has not yet been oriented to achieve these objectives,

*Considering* that the free and unrestricted exchange, through all means, between young people from different countries, of ideas and opinions capable of promoting the ideals of peace, mutual respect and understanding among peoples will contribute to the strengthening of international confidence and the improvement of relations between States,

*Recalling* its resolution 1397 (XIV) of 20 November 1959, and Economic and Social Council resolution 803 (XXX) of 3 August 1960 which, *inter alia*, invites the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to study the possibilities of formulating

principles for bilateral regional and international action regarding relations and exchanges in the fields of education and culture,

1. *Recommends* that Governments, non-governmental agencies and individuals should take effective action to promote among youth the ideals of peace, mutual respect and understanding between peoples;

2. *Invites* Governments, non-governmental agencies and individuals also to encourage the free and unrestricted exchange, through all means, between young people from different countries, of ideas and opinions capable of promoting the ideals of peace, mutual respect and understanding among peoples;

3. *Invites* the appropriate specialized agencies, and especially the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to consider ways of intensifying international, national and voluntary action in this field, including the possibility of formulating a draft of an international declaration setting out the basic principles concerning the promotion among youth of the ideals of peace, mutual respect and understanding between peoples, and to report on these considerations to the Economic and Social Council, if possible at its thirty-second session;

4. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, in transmitting its recommendations on these reports to the General Assembly, to take into account the views expressed by Member States at the fifteenth session of the Assembly concerning the need to promote among young people the ideals of peace, mutual respect and understanding between peoples;

5. *Further requests* the Economic and Social Council, when transmitting its comments to the General Assembly on the next report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization requested in Council resolution 803 (XXX), to take into account the present resolution and the discussions which have taken place thereon.

954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.



## **RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE**

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**1534 (XV). Preparation and training of indigenous civil and technical cadres in Non-Self-Governing Territories**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having examined the report on the progress achieved in the Non-Self-Governing Territories since the establishment of the United Nations,<sup>1</sup>*

*Noting that, while information is not available in the report as to the strength, the composition and the state of training of indigenous civil and technical personnel employed in all the various branches of administration in Non-Self-Governing Territories, the report gives evidence of the serious shortages of trained personnel of all kinds in these Territories,*

*Considering that the existence of adequate personnel of this kind is indispensable to the effective implementation of plans and programmes of development in the educational, social and economic fields,*

*Bearing in mind that suitably trained indigenous civil and technical cadres are essential to the efficient functioning of the administrations of the Territories,*

*Believing that the absence of such cadres has, in the past, resulted in serious administrative dislocation in certain Territories upon their attainment of independence, and that their very expeditious development in the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories will assist in the transfer of full control of powers, in conditions of stability, from the Administering Members to the administrations of Territories emerging from the status of non-self-government,*

1. *Urges the Administering Members to take immediate measures aimed at the rapid development of indigenous civil and technical cadres and at the replacement of expatriate personnel by indigenous officers;*

2. *Invites the Administering Members to make full use of the United Nations technical assistance programmes for training in public administration and related fields;*

3. *Requests the Administering Members to transmit, before the next session of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories, special reports setting out all available information on the training facilities for, and the current strength, composition, state of preparation etc. of, civil and technical services in the Territories for which they are respectively responsible, so as to enable the Committee, at that session, to undertake an examination of such information and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session;*

4. *Further requests the Administering Members to include such information on their Territories regularly in their annual reports to the Secretary-General under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations.*

*948th plenary meeting,  
15 December 1960.*

**1535 (XV). Progress achieved in Non-Self-Governing Territories**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling its resolutions 932 (X) of 8 November 1955 and 1053 (XI) of 20 February 1957, by which it invited the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the*

*specialized agencies concerned, to prepare a report on the progress that has been achieved in the Non-Self-Governing Territories in accordance with the objectives set forth in Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations since the establishment of the Organization,*

*Having regard to the objectives set forth in Chapter XI of the Charter, and particularly the objectives of Article 73 a and b,*

1. *Takes note of the report on the progress achieved in the Non-Self-Governing Territories<sup>2</sup> prepared by the Secretary-General in collaboration with the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Health Organization in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 932 (X) and 1053 (XI);*

2. *Notes with appreciation the observations and conclusions<sup>3</sup> on the progress report prepared by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1461 (XIV) of 12 December 1959;*

3. *Notes that progress has been achieved in some of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, and notes that, in spite of the increased tempo of change, a substantial number of Territories still remain non-self-governing and that in the great majority of these the achievements of the period fall short of the needs of the inhabitants of these Territories;*

4. *Expresses its satisfaction that since 1946 a number of former Non-Self-Governing Territories have become Members of the United Nations after acceding to independence, and that the transmission of information on some others has ceased, with the approval of the General Assembly, after the achievement of the objectives of the Charter;*

5. *Considers that, while rapid economic, social and educational advancement must be directed towards the independence of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, the inadequate level of economic, social and educational development in the Territories should never serve as a pretext for deferring their accession to independence;*

6. *Urges the Administering Members to strengthen their efforts in the economic, social and educational fields, with the full participation of the indigenous inhabitants of the Territories in all fields of activity, by transferring to those inhabitants effective powers so that during the period of transition from dependence to independence the Non-Self-Governing Territories will be able to establish sound foundations for their future;*

7. *Further notes with regret that, in spite of some reference in the progress report to constitutional and political developments in some of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, the absence of information of a political and constitutional character on a majority of these Territories renders it impossible to assess the extent of their progress towards the goals of the Charter;*

8. *Considers that a full knowledge of the political and constitutional developments in Non-Self-Governing Territories is essential not only to a proper evaluation of the progress of the Territories towards independence but also to that of their economic, social and cultural advancement;*

9. *Urges once again the Administering Members concerned to extend their full co-operation to the General*

<sup>1</sup> *Progress of the Non-Self-Governing Territories under the Charter* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: 60.VI.B.1), vols. 1-5.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/4371), part two.*

Assembly in the performance of its functions by transmitting information of a political and constitutional character on developments in the Territories under their respective administration;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the progress report and the observations and conclusions prepared by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to the Member States responsible for the administration of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, to the Economic and Social Council, to the regional economic commissions and to the specialized agencies concerned, for necessary action.

948th plenary meeting,  
15 December 1960.

### **1536 (XV). Racial discrimination in Non-Self-Governing Territories**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling that it is among the purposes and principles of the United Nations to ensure equal rights, and to promote respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Recalling further that in its resolutions 644 (VII) of 10 December 1952 and 1328 (XIII) of 12 December 1958 it recommended the adoption of certain measures for the abolition of all practices and policies of discrimination on racial grounds in the Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Noting with deep concern, from the information available in the report on the progress achieved in the Non-Self-Governing Territories, that racial discrimination persists in several Territories and that in some cases discriminatory practices continue to be reinforced by law and regulation,<sup>4</sup>

1. Endorses the view of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories that not only is racial discrimination a violation of human rights, but it also constitutes a deterrent to progress in all fields of development in the Non-Self-Governing Territories;<sup>5</sup>

2. Recommends that the Administering Members immediately rescind or revoke all laws and regulations which tend to encourage or sanction, directly or indirectly, discriminatory policies and practices based on racial considerations, and that they do their utmost to discourage such practices by all other means possible;

3. Urges the Administering Members to give full and immediate effect to the recommendation of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories that measures to solve the problem of race relations should include the extension to all inhabitants of the full exercise of basic political rights, in particular the right to vote, and the establishment of equality among the members of all races inhabiting the Non-Self-Governing Territories;

4. Requests the Administering Members to furnish all relevant information relating to the present resolution to the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories so as to enable the latter to submit a report to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session.

948th plenary meeting,  
15 December 1960.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, part two, para. 177.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 188.

### **1537 (XV). Report on economic conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling that by resolution 564 (VI) of 18 January 1952 it approved the special report drawn up in 1951<sup>6</sup> as a brief but considered indication of economic conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories and the problems of economic development,

Recalling further that by resolution 846 (IX) of 22 November 1954 it approved another special report on economic conditions<sup>7</sup> as a supplement to the 1951 report,

Recalling also that by resolution 1152 (XII) of 26 November 1957 it approved a further special report on economic conditions,<sup>8</sup>

Having received and considered a further report on economic conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories<sup>9</sup> prepared by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories at its eleventh session, in 1960,

1. Takes note of the report on economic conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories prepared in 1960 by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories and considers that this report should be studied in connexion with the other reports mentioned above;

2. Invites the Secretary-General to communicate this report to Member States responsible for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories, to the Economic and Social Council, to the regional economic commissions, to the Trusteeship Council and to the specialized agencies concerned, for their consideration;

3. Expresses its confidence that the Members responsible for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories will bring the report to the attention of the authorities responsible for economic development in those Territories.

948th plenary meeting,  
15 December 1960.

### **1538 (XV). Dissemination of information on the United Nations in the Non-Self-Governing Territories**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 1465 (XIV) of 12 December 1959 on the dissemination of information on the United Nations in the Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Reiterating the principle that the interests of the inhabitants of these Territories are paramount,

Considering that the story of the United Nations, its purposes and principles, as well as the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, would greatly stimulate the interest of the adult populations of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the political activities and peaceful objectives of the Organization,

Keeping in mind the ever-growing needs for the dissemination of information on the United Nations, particularly as the increased tempo of change has

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, Sixth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/1836), part three.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/2729), part two.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/3647 and Corr.1), part two.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/4371), part three.

necessitated the immediate launching of public information activities on as wide a scale as possible,

*Having examined* the special report of the Secretary-General on the present state of dissemination of information on the United Nations in these Territories,<sup>10</sup>

*Considering* that the dissemination of information in pursuance of its resolution 1465 (XIV) is still far from satisfactory,

1. *Takes note* of the special report of the Secretary-General on the dissemination of information on the United Nations in the Non-Self-Governing Territories;

2. *Considers* that measures adopted thus far by some Administering Members for the dissemination of information on the United Nations among the inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories do not include steps to secure the active support and participation of representative organizations of these inhabitants for the purpose of spreading such information;

3. *Invites* the Administering Members to make further efforts to secure the active support and participation of the aforementioned representative organizations;

4. *Further invites* the Administering Members to broaden the scope and accelerate the process of dissemination of information and to develop public awareness of, and interest in, the United Nations by making full use of facilities provided by the United Nations Office of Public Information for the purpose of disseminating information;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the quantity, quality and content of the material distributed, in order to meet the growing demand for such material and to assist the inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories towards an easy and intelligent understanding of the aims and activities of the United Nations;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take action towards the establishment of information centres in Territories such as those in Eastern and Central Africa, Papua and the Caribbean Territories;

7. *Invites* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session a report on the progress made in implementing the present resolution.

948th plenary meeting,  
15 December 1960.

### 1539 (XV). Participation of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions 566 (VI) of 18 January 1952, 647 (VII) of 10 December 1952, 744 (VIII) of 27 November 1953 and 1466 (XIV) of 12 December 1959,

*Considering* that the direct participation of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies is an effective means of promoting the progress of those Territories and their people towards the attainment of the objectives set forth in Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Recognizing* that the participation of duly qualified indigenous representatives of the dependent peoples in the consideration of questions of fundamental concern to their welfare is not only useful and desirable but also essential at the present stage of development of the Non-Self-Governing Territories,

*Noting* that the participation of some Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of certain regional economic commissions and specialized agencies has proved a useful means of promoting the progress of the peoples of those Territories towards complete self-government or independence,

1. *Considers* that the direct participation of representatives of the indigenous peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the appropriate organs of the United Nations is in the interest of the peoples of those Territories and can do much to accelerate the process of their emancipation;

2. *Invites* the Administering Members to arrange for the participation of such representatives of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the appropriate organs of the United Nations;

3. *Further invites* such Administering Members as have not already done so to propose to the specialized agencies and the regional economic commissions that the Non-Self-Governing Territories participate in the work of those organs as members or associate members, according to the constitution of each organ, through such representatives;

4. *Decides* to include this question as a separate item on the provisional agenda of its sixteenth session;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

948th plenary meeting,  
15 December 1960.

### 1540 (XV). 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<sup>11</sup> on offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories under General Assembly resolution 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954,

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

*Noting* the increasing interest among the inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in such offers, as indicated by the fourfold increase over the previous year in the number of applications for such facilities in 1959-1960,

*Expressing regret* that despite this increase a large number of the scholarships so offered by Member States remain unutilized,

*Further expressing regret* that in several instances the students who have been granted scholarships have not been accorded facilities to leave the Non-Self-Governing Territories in order to take advantage of such scholarships,

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda items 37, 39, 40 and 41, documents A/4471 and Add.1.

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, documents A/4473 and Add.1-3.

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on offers of study and training facilities under General Assembly resolutions 845 (IX);
2. *Reaffirms* its resolution 1471 (XIV) of 12 December 1959;
3. *Invites once again* the Administering Members concerned to take all necessary measures to ensure that scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States are utilized by the inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing 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;
4. *Requests* all Administering Members which have not already done so to give the fullest publicity in the Territories under their administration to all offers of study and training facilities made by Member States;
5. *Urges* Member States to increase the number of scholarships offered;
6. *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;
7. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies to give such assistance as is possible and as may be sought by the Member States concerned and by the applicants;
8. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to prepare for the sixteenth session of the General Assembly a report on the actual use of scholarships and training facilities offered by Member States to students from the Non-Self-Governing Territories.

948th plenary meeting,  
15 December 1960.

**1541 (XV). Principles which should guide Members in determining whether or not an obligation exists to transmit the information called for under Article 73 e of the Charter**

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* the objectives set forth in Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Bearing in mind* the list of factors annexed to General Assembly resolution 742 (VIII) of 27 November 1953,

*Having examined* the report of the Special Committee of Six on the Transmission of Information under Article 73 e of the Charter,<sup>12</sup> appointed under General Assembly resolution 1467 (XIV) of 12 December 1959 to study the principles which should guide Members in determining whether or not an obligation exists to transmit the information called for in Article 73 e of the Charter and to report on the results of its study to the Assembly at its fifteenth session,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the work of the Special Committee of Six on the Transmission of Information under Article 73 e of the Charter;

2. *Approves* the principles set out in section V, part B, of the report of the Committee, as amended and as they appear in the annex to the present resolution;

3. *Decides* that these principles should be applied in the light of the facts and the circumstances of each

case to determine whether or not an obligation exists to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter.

948th plenary meeting,  
15 December 1960.

## ANNEX

### PRINCIPLES WHICH SHOULD GUIDE MEMBERS IN DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT AN OBLIGATION EXISTS TO TRANSMIT THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR IN ARTICLE 73 e OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS

#### *Principle I*

The authors of the Charter of the United Nations had in mind that Chapter XI should be applicable to territories which were then known to be of the colonial type. An obligation exists to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter in respect of such territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government.

#### *Principle II*

Chapter XI of the Charter embodies the concept of Non-Self-Governing Territories in a dynamic state of evolution and progress towards a "full measure of self-government". As soon as a territory and its peoples attain a full measure of self-government, the obligation ceases. Until this comes about, the obligation to transmit information under Article 73 e continues.

#### *Principle III*

The obligation to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter constitutes an international obligation and should be carried out with due regard to the fulfilment of international law.

#### *Principle IV*

*Prima facie* there is an obligation to transmit information in respect of a territory which is geographically separate and is distinct ethnically and/or culturally from the country administering it.

#### *Principle V*

Once it has been established that such a *prima facie* case of geographical and ethnical or cultural distinctness of a territory exists, other elements may then be brought into consideration. These additional elements may be, *inter alia*, of an administrative, political, juridical, economic or historical nature. If they affect the relationship between the metropolitan State and the territory concerned in a manner which arbitrarily places the latter in a position or status of subordination, they support the presumption that there is an obligation to transmit information under Article 73 e of the Charter.

#### *Principle VI*

A Non-Self-Governing Territory can be said to have reached a full measure of self-government by:

- (a) Emergence as a sovereign independent State;
- (b) Free association with an independent State; or
- (c) Integration with an independent State.

#### *Principle VII*

(a) Free association should be the result of a free and voluntary choice by the peoples of the territory concerned expressed through informed and democratic processes. It should be one which respects the individuality and the cultural characteristics of the territory and its peoples, and retains for the peoples of the territory which is associated with an independent State the freedom to modify the status of that territory through the expression of their will by democratic means and through constitutional processes.

(b) The associated territory should have the right to determine its internal constitution without outside interference, in accordance with due constitutional processes and the freely

<sup>12</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 38, document A/4526.

expressed wishes of the people. This does not preclude consultations as appropriate or necessary under the terms of the free association agreed upon.

#### *Principle VIII*

Integration with an independent State should be on the basis of complete equality between the peoples of the erstwhile Non-Self-Governing Territory and those of the independent country with which it is integrated. The peoples of both territories should have equal status and rights of citizenship and equal guarantees of fundamental rights and freedoms without any distinction or discrimination; both should have equal rights and opportunities for representation and effective participation at all levels in the executive, legislative and judicial organs of government.

#### *Principle IX*

Integration should have come about in the following circumstances:

(a) The integrating territory should have attained an advanced stage of self-government with free political institutions, so that its peoples would have the capacity to make a responsible choice through informed and democratic processes;

(b) The integration should be the result of the freely expressed wishes of the territory's peoples acting with full knowledge of the change in their status, their wishes having been expressed through informed and democratic processes, impartially conducted and based on universal adult suffrage. The United Nations could, when it deems it necessary, supervise these processes.

#### *Principle X*

The transmission of information in respect of Non-Self-Governing Territories under Article 73 e of the Charter is subject to such limitation as security and constitutional considerations may require. This means that the extent of the information may be limited in certain circumstances, but the limitation in Article 73 e cannot relieve a Member State of the obligations of Chapter XI. The "limitation" can relate only to the quantum of information of economic, social and educational nature to be transmitted.

#### *Principle XI*

The only constitutional considerations to which Article 73 e of the Charter refers are those arising from constitutional relations of the territory with the Administering Member. They refer to a situation in which the constitution of the territory gives it self-government in economic, social and educational matters through freely elected institutions. Nevertheless, the responsibility for transmitting information under Article 73 e continues, unless these constitutional relations preclude the Government or parliament of the Administering Member from receiving statistical and other information of a technical nature relating to economic, social and educational conditions in the territory.

#### *Principle XII*

Security considerations have not been invoked in the past. Only in very exceptional circumstances can information on economic, social and educational conditions have any security aspect. In other circumstances, therefore, there should be no necessity to limit the transmission of information on security grounds.

#### **1542 (XV). Transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter**

##### *The General Assembly,*

Recalling that, by resolution 742 (VIII) of 27 November 1953, the General Assembly approved a list of factors to be used as a guide in determining whether a Territory is or is no longer within the scope of Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling also that differences of views arose among Member States concerning the status of certain territories under the administrations of Portugal and Spain and described by these two States as "overseas provinces" of the metropolitan State concerned, and that with a view to resolving those differences the General Assembly, by resolution 1467 (XIV) of 12 December 1959, appointed the Special Committee of Six on the Transmission of Information under Article 73 e of the Charter to study the principles which should guide Members in determining whether or not an obligation exists to transmit the information called for in Article 73 e,

Recognizing that the desire for independence is the rightful aspiration of peoples under colonial subjugation and that the denial of their right to self-determination constitutes a threat to the well-being of humanity and to international peace,

Recalling with satisfaction the statement of the representative of Spain at the 1048th meeting of the Fourth Committee that his Government agrees to transmit information to the Secretary-General in accordance with the provisions of Chapter XI of the Charter,

Mindful of its responsibilities under Article 14 of the Charter,

Being aware that the Government of Portugal has not transmitted information on the territories under its administration which are enumerated in operative paragraph 1 below and has not expressed any intention of doing so, and because such information as is otherwise available in regard to the conditions in these territories gives cause for concern,

1. Considers that, in the light of the provisions of Chapter XI of the Charter, General Assembly resolution 742 (VIII) and the principles approved by the Assembly in resolution 1541 (XV) of 15 December 1960, the territories under the administration of Portugal listed hereunder are Non-Self-Governing Territories within the meaning of Chapter XI of the Charter:

- (a) The Cape Verde Archipelago;
- (b) Guinea, called Portuguese Guinea;
- (c) São Tomé and Príncipe, and their dependencies;
- (d) São João Batista de Ajudá;
- (e) Angola, including the enclave of Cabinda;
- (f) Mozambique;
- (g) Goa and dependencies, called the State of India;
- (h) Macau and dependencies;
- (i) Timor and dependencies;

2. Declares that an obligation exists on the part of the Government of Portugal to transmit information under Chapter XI of the Charter concerning these territories and that it should be discharged without further delay;

3. Requests the Government of Portugal to transmit to the Secretary-General information in accordance with the provisions of Chapter XI of the Charter on the conditions prevailing in the territories under its administration enumerated in paragraph 1 above;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps in pursuance of the declaration of the Government of Spain that it is ready to act in accordance with the provisions of Chapter XI of the Charter;

5. Invites the Governments of Portugal and Spain to participate in the work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories in accordance

with the terms of paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 1332 (XIII) of 12 December 1958.

948th plenary meeting,  
15 December 1960.

### **1563 (XV). Petitions relating 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>13</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 relating, *inter alia*, to the status of South West Africa and conditions in the Territory, the situation in the Windhoek Native Location, the removal of the Native Location in Walvis Bay, conditions in the Ovamboland Native Reserve, conditions in the Hoachanas Native Reserve, general conditions in the Rehoboth Community, the imprisonment of Mr. Toivo Ja-Toivo, the question of the return of Hereros in Bechuanaland to South West Africa and a request for a scholarship from a student in South West Africa,<sup>14</sup>

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

*Draws the attention* of the petitioners concerned to the report and observations of the Committee on South West Africa regarding conditions in the Territory submitted to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session,<sup>15</sup> and to the action taken by the Assembly on this report.

954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.

### **1564 (XV). Political freedom in South West Africa**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having noted*, on the basis of the report of the Committee on South West Africa,<sup>16</sup> that leaders of the South West Africa Peoples Organisation and other Africans in the Territory of South West Africa are being subjected to arbitrary imprisonment and deportation,

1. *Expresses its deep concern* regarding this disturbing development;

2. *Urges* the Government of the Union of South Africa to instruct the competent authorities in the Mandated Territory of South West Africa to cease the arbitrary imprisoning and deporting of Africans, including the leaders and members of the South West Africa Peoples Organisation, and to ensure the free exercise of political rights and freedom of expression for all sectors of the population.

954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.

<sup>13</sup> *International status of South-West Africa. Advisory Opinion: I.C.J. Reports, 1950, p. 128.*

<sup>14</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/4464), part I, section IV.*

<sup>15</sup> *Ibid.*, part II.

<sup>16</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12 (A/4464).

### **1565 (XV). Legal action to ensure the fulfilment of the obligations assumed by the Union of South Africa in respect of the Territory of South West Africa**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1361 (XIV) of 17 November 1959, in which it drew the attention of Member States to the conclusions of the special report of the Committee on South West Africa<sup>17</sup> concerning the legal action open to Member States to submit to the International Court of Justice any dispute with the Union of South Africa relating to the interpretation or application of the provisions of the Mandate for the Territory of South West Africa, if such dispute cannot be settled by negotiation,

*Noting with grave concern* that the administration of the Territory, in recent years, has been conducted in a manner contrary to the Mandate, the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the resolutions of the General Assembly, including resolution 449 A (V) of 13 December 1950, by which the Assembly accepted the advisory opinion of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa,<sup>18</sup>

*Noting* that all negotiations and efforts on the part of the General Assembly, of its several committees and organs constituted and authorized for this purpose, and of Member States acting through such committees and organs, have failed to bring about compliance on the part of the Government of the Union of South Africa with its obligations under the Mandate, as is evidenced, *inter alia*, by the following reports of the said committees and organs to the Assembly:

(a) Reports of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on South West Africa to the General Assembly at its sixth, seventh and eighth sessions,<sup>19</sup>

(b) Reports of the Committee on South West Africa to the General Assembly at its ninth to fifteenth sessions,<sup>20</sup>

(c) Reports of the Good Offices Committee on South West Africa to the General Assembly at its thirteenth and fourteenth sessions,<sup>20</sup>

*Noting* the aforesaid reports, and in particular the reports of the Committee on South West Africa concerning the failure of negotiations with the Government of the Union of South Africa and the Committee's conclusions that the Union has at all times declined to co-operate in any way with the Committee in the discharge of its functions,

1. *Notes with approval* the observations of the Committee on South West Africa concerning the administration of the Territory as set out in the Committee's

<sup>17</sup> *Ibid.*, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 12A (A/3625).

<sup>18</sup> *Ibid.*, Sixth Session, Annexes, agenda item 38, documents A/1901 and Add.1-3; *ibid.*, Eighth Session, Annexes, agenda item 36, documents A/2261 and Add.1 and A/2475 and Add.1 and 2.

<sup>19</sup> *Ibid.*, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/2666 and Corr.1); *ibid.*, Ninth Session, Annexes, agenda item 34, document A/2666/Add.1; *ibid.*, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/2913); *ibid.*, Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 30, documents A/2913/Add.1 and 2; *ibid.*, Eleventh Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/3151); *ibid.*, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/3626); *ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/3906 and Add.1); *ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/4191); *ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/4464).

<sup>20</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 39, document A/3900; *ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 38, document A/4224.

report to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session, and finds that the Government of the Union of South Africa has failed and refused to carry out its obligations under the Mandate for the Territory of South West Africa;

2. Concludes that the dispute which has arisen between Ethiopia, Liberia and other Member States on the one hand, and the Union of South Africa on the other, relating to the interpretation and application of the Mandate has not been and cannot be settled by negotiation;

3. Notes that Ethiopia and Liberia, on 4 November 1960, filed concurrent applications in the International Court of Justice instituting contentious proceedings against the Union of South Africa;

4. Commends the Governments of Ethiopia and Liberia upon their initiative in submitting such dispute to the International Court of Justice for adjudication and declaration in a contentious proceeding in accordance with article 7 of the Mandate.

*954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.*

#### **1566 (XV). Assistance of the specialized agencies and of the United Nations Children's Fund in the economic, social and educational development of South West Africa**

##### *The General Assembly,*

Recalling the purposes of Article 55 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind the international status of the Mandated Territory of South West Africa, the General Assembly's own obligations and the concern of the community of nations to promote the well-being and interest of the inhabitants of that Territory,

Having perused the observations and recommendations contained in part II, sections IV, V and VI, of the report of the Committee on South West Africa to the General Assembly,<sup>21</sup>

1. Considers that the economic, social, educational and health conditions prevailing in the Mandated Territory of South West Africa, especially as they concern the indigenous inhabitants, are unsatisfactory, and that the need for urgent co-operative action for the improvement of present conditions in these fields is imperative;

2. Endorses the considered view of the Committee on South West Africa that assistance should be sought, and that it should be provided by the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the United Nations Children's Fund;

3. Invites the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund to undertake urgent programmes to assist the indigenous population of the Territory of South West Africa in their respective fields;

4. Requests the Government of the Union of South Africa to seek such assistance and to extend its co-operation to the above-mentioned specialized agencies and the United Nations Children's Fund in implementing such urgent programmes to improve the economic, social, educational and health conditions of the indigenous population in South West Africa, and to facilitate their work in the Territory in every possible way;

<sup>21</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/4464).

5. Requests the above-mentioned specialized agencies and the United Nations Children's Fund to report to the Committee on South West Africa and to the General Assembly at their respective sessions during 1961 on the action taken in implementing the present resolution.

*954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.*

#### **1567 (XV). The Windhoek Location**

##### *The General Assembly,*

Having received a report from the Committee on South West Africa with respect to disturbances in the Windhoek Native Location relating to the removal of the Location residents to a new site called Katutura,<sup>22</sup>

Noting with regret that the construction of the new Location at Katutura is part of the plan laid down by the present Prime Minister in his former capacity as Minister of Native Affairs to the effect that Native Locations in urban areas, based on the policy of *apartheid*, must be situated in such a manner that a permanent "buffer strip of at least 500 yards" on which "no development at all is allowed" is maintained "between the Native residential area and that of any other racial group",<sup>23</sup>

Observing with deep concern that on the night of 10 to 11 December 1959, after repeated expressions of opposition by Location residents to their removal had failed to obtain the sympathetic consideration of officials of the Mandatory Power, police and soldiers opened fire on a crowd of Location residents, killing eleven Africans and injuring at least forty-four others,

Noting the report transmitted to the United Nations by the Government of the Union of South Africa<sup>24</sup> concerning an inquiry into the events in Windhoek Location on 10 to 11 December 1959, and the direct causes which gave rise thereto,

Taking into account the additional information contained in the report of the Committee on South West Africa and in oral and written petitions from inhabitants of the Territory,

Noting also the many protests received by the Committee during 1959 in petitions and communications against the impending removal to the new Location site on the grounds, *inter alia*, that the removal was part of the intensified application of the *apartheid* policy,

Considering that the *apartheid* policy applied in South West Africa is contrary to the terms of the Mandate, the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Considering further that the application of the *apartheid* policy, of which the occurrences in Windhoek have been an unfortunate consequence, is prejudicial to the maintenance of a peaceful and orderly administration in the Mandated Territory,

1. Expresses deep regret at the action taken by the police and soldiers in the Windhoek Native Location on the night of 10 to 11 December 1959 against residents of the Location, resulting in the death of eleven Africans and many other casualties;

<sup>22</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/4464), paras. 138-229.

<sup>23</sup> Union of South Africa, *Senate Debates*, 1956, No. 15, cols. 3884 and 3885.

<sup>24</sup> For the text of the report, see *Official Records of the General Assembly*, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/4464), annex V.

2. *Deplores* the fact reported by petitioners that the Mandatory Power has employed such means as deportations, dismissals from employment, threats of such action and other methods of intimidation to secure the removal of residents of the Windhoek Location to Katutura despite the continued opposition of the residents to their removal;

3. *Notes with deep concern* that the situation remains critical;

4. *Urges* the Mandatory Power to refrain from the use of direct or indirect force to secure the removal of Location residents;

5. *Requests* the Mandatory Power to take steps to prosecute and punish the civilian and military officers responsible for the death of eleven Africans and many other casualties in the Windhoek Native Location on the night of 10 to 11 December 1959, and to provide adequate compensation to the families of the victims;

6. *Draws the attention* of the Mandatory Power to the recommendations of the Committee on South West Africa concerning the measures which should be taken to alleviate the tension and unrest in the Windhoek area, and in particular to the recommendation that housing developments in urban areas of the Territory should be carried out in accordance with the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned.

954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.

#### **1568 (XV). Question of South West Africa**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having recommended*, in previous resolutions, that the Territory of South West Africa should 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*, in 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>13</sup>

*Taking note with deep regret* of the refusal of the Government of the Union of South Africa to modify its administration of the Territory in conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and to enter into negotiations with the United Nations, through the Committee on South West Africa, with a view to placing the Mandated Territory under the International Trusteeship System,

*Noting with grave concern* that the administration of the Territory, particularly in recent years, has been conducted in a manner increasingly contrary to the Mandate, the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the advisory opinions of the International Court of Justice and the resolutions of the General Assembly,

*Considering* that all the efforts of the United Nations to induce the Government of the Union of South Africa to modify the present principles and practices of that administration and to ensure the well-being and security of the indigenous inhabitants of the Territory have been of no avail,

*Considering with concern* that the present situation in South West Africa constitutes a serious threat to international peace and security,

*Considering* that most of the Mandated Territories which were placed under the International Trusteeship System have acceded or will soon accede to national independence,

*Recognizing* that the Territory of South West Africa has an inalienable right to independence and to the exercise of its full national sovereignty,

1. *Regrets* that the Government of the Union of South Africa has so far failed to respond to the repeated appeals of the General Assembly asking it to revise a policy which infringes the fundamental rights and freedoms of the indigenous inhabitants of South West Africa and imposes upon them disabilities of various kinds, hindering their political, economic and social advancement;

2. *Deplores and disapproves* the policy practised by the Government of the Union of South Africa contrary to its obligations under the international Mandate of 17 December 1920 for South West Africa;

3. *Deprecates* the application, in the Territory of South West Africa, of the policy of *apartheid*, and calls upon the Government of the Union of South Africa to revoke or rescind immediately all laws and regulations based on that policy;

4. *Invites* the Committee on South West Africa, in addition to its normal tasks, to go to South West Africa immediately to investigate the situation prevailing in the Territory and to ascertain and make proposals to the General Assembly on:

(a) The conditions for restoring a climate of peace and security;

(b) The steps which would enable the indigenous inhabitants of South West Africa to achieve a wide measure of internal self-government designed to lead them to complete independence as soon as possible;

5. *Urges* the Government of the Union of South Africa to facilitate the mission of the Committee on South West Africa;

6. *Requests* the Committee on South West Africa to make a preliminary report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its resumed fifteenth session;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide facilities for the execution of the present resolution.

954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.

#### **1569 (XV). Question of the future of Western Samoa**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having examined* the report of the Trusteeship Council on the Trust Territory of Western Samoa under New Zealand administration,<sup>25</sup> as well as the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Trust Territory of Western Samoa, 1959,<sup>26</sup>

*Having taken note* of the Constitution adopted by the Constitutional Convention of Western Samoa on 28 October 1960 and the resolutions adopted by that Convention,<sup>27</sup>

<sup>25</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/4404), part II, chapter V.

<sup>26</sup> Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 2 (T/1483), document T/1449.

<sup>27</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 44, documents A/C.4/454 and Add.1.

*Noting* the statements made in the Fourth Committee by the representative of the Administering Authority and by the Prime Minister of Western Samoa,<sup>28</sup>

1. *Recommends* that the Administering Authority, in pursuance of Article 76 b of the Charter of the United Nations, take steps, in consultation with a United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner, to organize, under the supervision of the United Nations, a plebiscite in Western Samoa under New Zealand administration, in order to ascertain the wishes of the inhabitants of the Territory concerning their future;

2. *Recommends further* that the plebiscite should take place in the month of May 1961 and that the questions to be asked should be:

“1. Do you agree with the Constitution adopted by the Constitutional Convention on 28 October 1960?

“2. Do you agree that on 1 January 1962 Western Samoa should become an independent State on the basis of that Constitution?”;

3. *Recommends further* that the plebiscite should be conducted on the basis of universal suffrage with all adult citizens of Western Samoa being entitled to vote;

4. *Decides* to appoint a United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner for Western Samoa who shall exercise, on behalf of the General Assembly, all the necessary powers and functions of supervision, and who shall be assisted by observers and staff to be appointed by the Secretary-General in consultation with him;

5. *Requests* the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner to submit to the Trusteeship Council a report on the organization, conduct and result of the plebiscite;

6. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to transmit to the General Assembly, for consideration at its sixteenth session, the report of the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner, together with any recommendations and observations it considers necessary.

954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.

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*At its 954th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1960, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fourth Committee,<sup>29</sup> appointed Mr. Najmuddine Rifai (United Arab Republic) United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner for Western Samoa.*

### 1579 (XV). Question of the future of Ruanda-Urundi

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received* the reports of the Trusteeship Council<sup>30</sup> and of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in East Africa, 1960,<sup>31</sup> on the Trust Territory of Ruanda-Urundi called for under General Assembly resolution 1419 (XIV) of 5 December 1959,

*Noting* from the report of the Trusteeship Council that it is the Administering Authority's intention to hold early in 1961 elections on the basis of universal

adult suffrage, and under the supervision of the United Nations, for the purpose of constituting national assemblies for Ruanda and Urundi,

*Noting further* the statement of the Administering Authority that the elections are scheduled to begin on 15 January 1961, and its invitation to the United Nations to send a mission to Ruanda-Urundi about 15 December 1960 to see the actual implementation of the arrangements for the elections, such as the composition of the electoral rolls, the course of the election campaign and the organization of the poll,<sup>32</sup>

*Being conscious* of its responsibility to ensure that the supervision of the elections by the United Nations is effective, and that the elections, which will furnish the basis for the Territory's independence, are held in proper conditions so that their results are completely free of doubt or dispute,

*Having heard* the views of the petitioners belonging to various political parties and groups of Ruanda-Urundi,

1. *Considers* that the necessary conditions and atmosphere must be brought about expeditiously to ensure that the legislative elections, which will lead to the establishment of national democratic institutions and furnish the basis for the national independence of Ruanda-Urundi in accordance with the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, take place in an atmosphere of peace and harmony;

2. *Urges* the Administering Authority to implement immediately measures of full and unconditional amnesty and to abolish the emergency régime so as to enable political workers and leaders who are in exile or imprisoned in the Territory to resume normal, democratic political activity before the elections;

3. *Considers* that the expeditious return and rehabilitation of thousands of victims of recent disturbances in Ruanda who were compelled to take refuge away from their homes in Ruanda or abroad will assist the process of reconciliation, and urges the Administering Authority and the local authorities concerned to adopt all possible means to that end;

4. *Recommends* that a conference fully representative of political parties, attended by United Nations observers, should be held early in 1961, before the elections, in order to compose the differences between the parties and to bring about national harmony;

5. *Appeals* to all parties and political leaders of Ruanda-Urundi to exert their efforts to achieve an atmosphere of understanding, peace and harmony for the good of their Territory and people as a whole on the eve of independence;

6. *Calls upon* the Administering Authority to refrain from using the Territory as a base, whether for internal or external purposes, for the accumulation of arms or armed forces not strictly required for the purpose of maintaining public order in the Territory;

7. *Recommends* that the elections scheduled to be held in January 1961 should be postponed to a date to be decided on at the resumed fifteenth session of the General Assembly in the light of the recommendations of the Commission referred to in paragraph 8 below, so that, in addition to the fulfilment of the purpose of the preceding paragraphs of the present resolution,

<sup>28</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Fourth Committee, 1081st meeting.  
<sup>29</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 44, document A/4663, para. 10.

<sup>30</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/4404), part II, chapter II.

<sup>31</sup> *Official Records of the Trusteeship Council*, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3 (T/1551).

<sup>32</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly*, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 45, document A/C.4/455.

the arrangements for the elections can be completed under the supervision of the United Nations;

8. Decides to set up a United Nations Commission for Ruanda-Urundi, composed of three members, who will be assisted by observers and staff to be appointed by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Commission;

9. Requests the Commission to proceed immediately to Ruanda-Urundi to perform the following tasks on behalf of the United Nations:

(a) To supervise the elections to be held in Ruanda-Urundi in 1961 on the basis of direct, universal adult suffrage, and the preparatory measures preceding them, such as the compilation of the electoral rolls, the conduct of the election campaign and the organization of a system of balloting which will ensure complete secrecy;

(b) To attend, as United Nations observers, the political conference envisaged in paragraph 4 above and the round-table conference to be convened after the elections to determine the future evolution of the Territory towards independence;

(c) To follow the progress of events in the Territory before and after the elections, to lend its advice and assistance, as appropriate, with a view to advancing peace and harmony in Ruanda-Urundi, and to report to the Trusteeship Council or the General Assembly, as necessary;

10. Requests the Commission to submit an interim report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its resumed fifteenth session;

11. Endorses the observation of the Trusteeship Council that, in view of the essential community of interests and the facts of history and geography, the best future for Ruanda-Urundi lies in the evolution of a single, united and composite State, with such arrangements for the internal autonomy of Ruanda and Urundi as may be agreed upon by their representatives.

960th plenary meeting,  
20 December 1960.

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*At its 960th plenary meeting on 20 December 1960, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fourth Committee,<sup>33</sup> appointed the members of the United Nations Commission for Ruanda-Urundi.*

*The Commission is composed as follows: Mr. Max Dor-sinville (Haiti), Chairman, Mr. Majid Rahnema (Iran) and Mr. Ernest Gassou (Togo).*

### 1580 (XV). Question of the Mwami

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* that a division of opinion has arisen in Ruanda-Urundi with regard to the institution of monarchy and with regard to the person of the present Mwami of Ruanda,

*Considering further* that such a situation poses a constitutional question of far-reaching importance which should be settled in accordance with the freely expressed wishes of the people of the Territory,

*Noting* that, on several occasions, the Mwami has stated his desire to be a democratic and constitutional sovereign,

*Noting further* that the Mwami of Ruanda, in a memorandum to the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in East Africa, 1960, has accepted the idea of a referendum to decide this question,

*Having perused* the statement of the Mwami to the Fourth Committee,<sup>34</sup>

1. *Notes with regret* that the Administering Authority has arbitrarily suspended the powers of the Mwami of Ruanda and has not allowed him to return to Ruanda to resume his duties as Mwami;

2. *Requests* the Administering Authority to revoke the measures adopted by it to suspend the powers of the Mwami, and to facilitate his return to Ruanda to enable him to function as Mwami pending the ascertainment of the wishes of the people on this question;

3. *Decides* that a referendum should be held under the supervision of the United Nations Commission for Ruanda-Urundi established under General Assembly resolution 1579 (XV) of 20 December 1960, in order to ascertain the wishes of the people concerning the institution of the Mwami, and if necessary, the present Mwami of Ruanda;

4. *Requests* the United Nations Commission for Ruanda-Urundi, after studying the situation on the spot, to submit to the General Assembly, at its resumed fifteenth session, recommendations concerning the timing of the referendum and the questions to be put therein.

960th plenary meeting,  
20 December 1960.

<sup>33</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4672, para. 25.

<sup>34</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/C.4/467.

**N o t e s****Election of three members of the Committee on South West Africa  
(item 43 (c))**

At its 954th plenary meeting on 18 December 1960, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fourth Committee,<sup>35</sup> reappointed the following States as members of the Committee on South West Africa: INDONESIA, UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC and URUGUAY.

**Election to fill vacancies in the Committee on Information  
from Non-Self-Governing Territories  
(item 42)**

At its 1095th meeting on 19 December 1960, the Fourth Committee, acting on behalf of the General Assembly, in accordance with the terms of Assembly resolution 1332 (XIII) of 12 December 1958, elected two members to the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories for a period of three years.<sup>36</sup> At its 960th plenary meeting on 20 December 1960, the Assembly confirmed this election.

The following States were elected: LIBERIA and MEXICO.

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<sup>35</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 43, document A/4643/Add.1, para. 4.

<sup>36</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 42, document A/4679, para. 8.

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**1494 (XV). Appointment to fill a vacancy in the membership of the Committee on Contributions***The General Assembly*

1. Appoints the following person as a member of the Committee on Contributions:

Mr. Pavel Mikhailovich Chernyshev;

2. Declares Mr. Chernyshev to be appointed for a period commencing on the date of the present resolution and ending on 31 December 1960.

*906th plenary meeting,  
17 October 1960.*

**1543 (XV). United Nations: financial reports and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1959 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 1959 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 third report to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session.<sup>2</sup>

*954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.*

<sup>1</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/4380).

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 48, document A/4410.

**1544 (XV). United Nations Children's Fund: financial report and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1959 and report of the Board of Auditors***The General Assembly*

1. Accepts the financial report and accounts of the United Nations Children's Fund for the financial year ended 31 December 1959 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 fourth report to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session.<sup>4</sup>

*954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.*

**1545 (XV). United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1959 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 year ended 31 December 1959 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

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 6 A (A/4382).

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 48, document A/4411.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid., Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 6 B (A/4383).

as set forth in its fifth report to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session.<sup>6</sup>

*954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.*

**1546 (XV). Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1959 and report of the Board of Auditors**

*The General Assembly*

1. *Accepts* the accounts of the voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the financial year ended 31 December 1959 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 sixth report to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session.<sup>8</sup>

*954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.*

**1547 (XV). United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency: final financial report and accounts, and report of the Board of Auditors**

*The General Assembly*

1. *Accepts* the final financial report and accounts covering the operation of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency from the date of inception, 1 December 1950, to the date of closure, 31 August 1960, 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 twelfth report to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session.<sup>10</sup>

*954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.*

**1548 (XV). 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. Thanassis Aghnides,  
Mr. Raúl A. Quijano,  
Mr. Alexei F. Sokirkin;

2. *Declares* Mr. Aghnides, Mr. Quijano and Mr. Sokirkin to be appointed for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1961.

*954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.*

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 48, document A/4412.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 6 C (A/4389).

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 48, document A/4413.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 6 D (A/4516).

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 48, document A/4525.

**1549 (XV). 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. Pavel Mikhailovich Chernyshev,  
Mr. Chandra Shekhar Jha,  
Mr. José Pareja,  
Mr. Maurice Viaud;

2. *Declares* Mr. Chernyshev, Mr. Jha, Mr. Pareja and Mr. Viaud to be appointed for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1961.

*954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.*

**1550 (XV). Appointment to fill a vacancy in the membership of the Board of Auditors**

*The General Assembly*

*Appoints* the Auditor-General of Pakistan as a member of the Board of Auditors for a three-year term beginning on 1 July 1961.

*954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.*

**1551 (XV). 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:

Mr. José A. Correa,  
Mr. Bror Arvid Sture Petrén;

2. *Declares* Mr. Correa and Mr. Petrén to be appointed for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1961.

*954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.*

**1552 (XV). Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations**

*The General Assembly*

*Having considered* the report of the Committee on Contributions,<sup>11</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the said report;

2. *Resolves* that for the year 1961 the assessment for the new Member States shall be as follows:

<i>Member States</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
Cameroun	0.04
Central African Republic	0.04
Chad	0.04
Congo (Brazzaville)	0.04
Congo (Leopoldville)	0.04
Cyprus	0.04
Dahomey	0.04
Gabon	0.04
Ivory Coast	0.06
Madagascar	0.06
Mali	0.04

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/4566).

Member States	Per cent
Niger	0.04
Nigeria	0.21
Senegal	0.06
Somalia	0.04
Togo	0.04
Upper Volta	0.04

These rates shall be in addition to the scale of assessments of 100 per cent contained in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 1308 A (XIII) of 10 December 1958, and shall be applied to the same bases of assessment as for all other Member States;

3. *Resolves* that for the year of admission the new Member States shall contribute one-ninth of the percentage rates listed in paragraph 2 above applied to the net budget for 1960;

4. *Resolves* that the advances to the Working Capital Fund by the new Member States, under regulation 5.8 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, shall be calculated by applying the percentages listed in paragraph 2 above to the authorized level of the Fund and shall be carried as advances additional to the authorized level of the Fund pending the inclusion of the rates of assessment for the new Members in the scale of 100 per cent.

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18 December 1960.

**1553 (XV). Audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies and by the International Atomic Energy Agency of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account**

*The General Assembly*

Takes note of the audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies and by the International Atomic Energy Agency of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account, for the financial year ended 31 December 1959,<sup>12</sup> and of the observations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its twenty-sixth report to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session.<sup>13</sup>

954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.

**1554 (XV). Programme appraisals in the economic, social and human rights fields**

**A**

*The General Assembly*,

Recalling section I of its resolution 1094 (XI) of 27 February 1957,

Having considered chapter VII of the report of the Economic and Social Council,<sup>14</sup> and in particular section I thereof dealing with programme appraisals in the economic, social and human rights fields,

Having considered also the valuable comments made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the programme appraisals<sup>15</sup> and, in particular, on the consolidated report entitled

<sup>12</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, separate fascicle (A/4422).

<sup>13</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 53, document A/4590.

<sup>14</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/4415).

<sup>15</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 54, document A/4599, paras. 5-12.

*Five-Year Perspective, 1960-1964*,<sup>16</sup> prepared by the Committee on Programme Appraisals of the Economic and Social Council and transmitted to the General Assembly in Council resolution 791 (XXX) of 3 August 1960,

Believing that the appraisals exercise has been a valuable step in the process of developing progressively the effectiveness of the activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in these fields, and that its results represent a substantial achievement of the objects the General Assembly had in mind in adopting resolution 1094 (XI),

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Economic and Social Council and to its Committee on Programme Appraisals for the work they have done in this respect;

2. Calls the attention of the Governments of Member States to the importance and usefulness of the report entitled *Five-Year Perspective 1960-1964*, and expresses the hope that they will give it the widest possible distribution within their respective administrations.

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18 December 1960.

**B**

*The General Assembly*,

Noting the view expressed in paragraph 371 (iv) of the consolidated report entitled *Five-Year Perspective, 1960-1964*,<sup>16</sup> that the growth in the role played by voluntary funds in the work of the United Nations and its related agencies gives rise to certain problems both for the agencies concerned and for the management of these funds,

Noting further that in its resolution 794 (XXX) of 3 August 1960 the Economic and Social Council has invited the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to submit to the Council at its thirty-second session a study of the possible effects on the activities of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency of an increase in the operations of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the Special Fund in coming years, bearing in mind the need to ensure the co-ordinated development of these activities,

Believing that the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions can offer valuable assistance and advice in the consideration of such a study,

1. Invites the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to transmit the results of its study to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for whatever administrative and budgetary comments it may deem desirable;

2. Requests the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to submit its comments in time for consideration by the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-second session, together with the study prepared by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination.

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<sup>16</sup> *Five-Year Perspective, 1960-1964. Consolidated report on the appraisals of the scope, trend and costs of the programmes of the United Nations, ILO, FAO, UNESCO, WHO, WMO and IAEA in the economic, social and human rights fields* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: 60.IV.14).

**1555 (XV). Administrative budgets for 1961 of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency**

*The General Assembly*

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the administrative budgets for 1961 of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency;<sup>17</sup>

2. *Invites* the attention of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to the comments and observations made in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to the views expressed in the Fifth Committee at the fifteenth session of the General Assembly.

954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.

**1556 (XV). 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 fourteenth session of the General Assembly,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the work of the Committee;

2. *Decides* that:

(a) 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 sixteenth session, where pledges of voluntary contributions for the refugee programmes for the following year would be announced;

(b) 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 refugee programmes;

(c) 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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18 December 1960.

**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 fourteen 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 fifteenth session to the close of the sixteenth session of the Assembly;

2. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixteenth session the item entitled "Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds".

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*The members of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds will be appointed at the resumed fifteenth session.*

**1557 (XV). Organization and work of the Secretariat**

*The General Assembly*

1. *Takes note* of the interim report of the Committee of Experts on the Review of the Activities and Organization of the Secretariat<sup>19</sup> and the related observations of the Secretary-General<sup>20</sup> and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;<sup>21</sup>

2. *Confirms* the provisional decision of the Secretary-General that, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 of the General Assembly resolution 1446 (XIV) of 5 December 1959, the composition of the Committee of Experts should be increased from six to eight members;

3. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Committee of Experts that, pending examination of its final report by the General Assembly, United Nations organs should not, save in cases of real urgency, propose the initiation of studies or other projects involving additions to the budget or to the permanent establishment of the Secretariat.

954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.

**1558 (XV). Public information activities of the United Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting with appreciation* the Secretary-General's report of 25 August 1960 on public information activities of the United Nations,<sup>22</sup>

*Recalling* its resolutions 1086 (XI) of 21 December 1956, 1335 (XIII) of 13 December 1958 and 1405 (XIV) of 1 December 1959 relating to the establishment of information centres and setting out the basic policy measures to be followed in the field of public information activities,

*Noting further* the progress achieved in the implementation of the above-mentioned resolutions,

*Having regard* to the increased membership of the African States in the United Nations,

*Welcoming* the Secretary-General's announcement of the intention to open during 1961 eight new information centres: one in Latin America, one in eastern Europe, one in Asia and five in Africa,

*Noting* that for the years 1960 and 1961 the Secretary-General has planned the public information programmes at an expenditure level of about \$5 million net for each year,

*Emphasizing* the importance of the dissemination of information on the United Nations objectives and activities in those regions where mass information media are less developed, particularly in the Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories,

*Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Consultative Panel on Public Information and the

<sup>17</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 54, document A/4599.

<sup>18</sup> Ibid., agenda item 55, document A/4623.

<sup>19</sup> Ibid., agenda item 58, document A/4536, annex.

<sup>20</sup> Ibid., document A/4536, paras. 1-7.

<sup>21</sup> Ibid., document A/4554.

<sup>22</sup> Ibid., agenda item 59, document A/4429.

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, as appropriate:

(a) To give high priority to the opening of information centres or arranging for adequate information facilities in the less-developed areas, particularly in the newly independent countries and Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories, by effecting economies in other directions;

(b) To intensify his efforts to achieve a more effective regional representation at the policy-making level of the Office of Public Information;

(c) To report to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session on the progress made in implementing the present resolution.

*954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.*

#### 1559 (XV). Geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat

##### *The General Assembly,*

*Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat,<sup>23</sup>*

*Recalling Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations,*

*Reaffirming the third paragraph of the preamble to General Assembly resolution 153 (II) of 15 November 1947, namely:*

*"Whereas, in view of its international character and in order to avoid undue predominance of national practices, the policies and administrative methods of the Secretariat should reflect, and profit to the highest degree from, assets of the various cultures and the technical competence of all Member nations",*

*Taking into account the various views expressed by delegations during the discussion of this question.*

*Recognizing that the present method of determining the desirable range of posts for each Member State on the basis of the scale of assessments to the United Nations budget needs review,*

*Noting the steady increase in the proportion of the fixed-term staff of the Secretariat,*

1. *Requests the Committee of Experts appointed by General Assembly resolution 1446 (XIV) of 5 December 1959 to study the categories of posts subject to geographical distribution and the criteria for determining the range of posts for each Member State with a view to securing a wide geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat, taking into account, inter alia, the relative importance of various posts, and to report to the Assembly at its sixteenth session;*

2. *Requests the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to implement the General Assembly resolutions on the question of the geographical distribution of the staff of the Secretariat;*

3. *Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session on the implementation of the above-mentioned provisions.*

*954 plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.*

<sup>23</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 60, documents A/C.5/833 and Add.1 and A/C.5/834.

#### 1560 (XV). Annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

##### *The General Assembly*

1. *Takes note of the annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board,<sup>24</sup>*

2. *Approves, with effect from 1 May 1960, the draft agreement between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development on the transfer of pension rights of participants in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and of participants in the Staff Retirement Plan of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development,<sup>25</sup>*

3. *Approves, with effect from 1 May 1960, the draft agreement between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the International Monetary Fund on the transfer of pension rights of participants in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and of participants in the Staff Retirement Plan of the International Monetary Fund.<sup>26</sup>*

*954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.*

#### 1561 (XV). United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

##### *The General Assembly,*

*Having considered the report of the expert group<sup>27</sup> appointed by the Secretary-General to undertake a comprehensive review of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1310 (XIII) of 10 December 1958, the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board<sup>28</sup> and the proposals made by the Secretary-General, as a result of those reports, in conjunction with the executive heads of the other member organizations and in co-operation with the Board,<sup>29</sup>*

*Agrees that the expert group has accomplished a difficult task with skill and thoroughness, and places on record its warm appreciation of the services of the group;*

## I

#### PENSIONABLE REMUNERATION OF THE STAFF

1. *Decides that, for the purposes of contributions payable to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, the pensionable remuneration of the staff with effect from 1 April 1961 shall be established as follows:*

(a) *Base pensionable remuneration:*

(i) *For staff who are subject to the Staff Assessment Plan under staff regulation 3.3, the base pensionable remuneration shall be the annual rate of the United Nations gross salary, expressed in United States dollars or such other currency as may be agreed between the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board and the organization, applicable to the grade and step (including any language allowance) of the official, less one half of the*

<sup>24</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/4469 and Corr.1).

<sup>25</sup> *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 62, document A/C.5/846, annex A.

<sup>26</sup> *Ibid.*, annex B.

<sup>27</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 63, document A/4427.

<sup>28</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4467.

<sup>29</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4468.

- amount of staff assessment deductible from such gross salary under the Staff Assessment Plan;
- (ii) For staff who have been exempted from staff assessment under the provisions of paragraph (a) of staff regulation 3.3, base pensionable remuneration shall be the annual rate of salary, expressed in United States dollars or such other currency as may be agreed between the Board and the organization, applicable to the grade and step (including any language allowance) of the official;
- (b) Adjustments to the base pensionable remuneration:
- (i) There shall be added to the base pensionable remuneration, calculated as above, the net amount of any non-resident's allowance which may be payable, expressed in United States dollars or such other currency as may be agreed between the Board and the organization;
- (ii) In the case of staff in the Professional category or above, who are subject to the post adjustment system under annex I of the Staff Regulations, the base pensionable remuneration shall be adjusted in multiples of 5 per cent whenever the weighted average of the post adjustment classifications of the headquarters and regional offices of the member organizations varies by 5 per cent measured from 1 January 1956; such adjustment shall be effective from the 1 January following the date on which each 5 per cent variation in the weighted average was accomplished.
2. Decides that, for the purposes of benefits payable to participants leaving the Fund after 31 March 1961, final average remuneration shall, subject to the option granted under article X.4 of the Regulations of the Fund set out in section II of the present resolution, be calculated as though the pensionable remuneration of such participants had been established in accordance with paragraphs 1(a) and 1(b) above from the date of entry into the Fund; in the case of staff subject to paragraph 1(b) (ii) above, the base pensionable remuneration shall be deemed to have been increased by 5 per cent with effect from 1 January 1959;

3. Recommends that, in the interest of maintaining the common system of salaries, allowances and conditions of service, the other member organizations in the Fund take appropriate action to ensure that the pensionable remuneration of their staffs be increased to the same extent as that of United Nations staff;

## II

### AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE FUND

*Resolves* that the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund shall be amended as follows with effect from 1 April 1961:

#### ARTICLE I (Definitions)

Add the following new paragraphs:

"8. 'Survivor' means a widow, or a disabled widower, or a child, or a secondary dependant, who survives the participant or former participant and is entitled to a benefit under the present Regulations.

"9. 'Secondary dependant' means a mother, or a father, or an unmarried brother, or an unmarried sister, who was recognized as a dependant under the staff rules of a member

organization and in respect of whom a dependency allowance was being paid to a participant at the time his service ceased.

"10. 'Basic benefit' means the retirement or disability benefit to which a participant is entitled when he leaves the service, or, if he dies in the service, the disability or retirement benefit to which he would have been entitled had he qualified for such benefit at the date of death."

#### ARTICLE II

##### (Participation)

Paragraph 1, after sub-paragraph (d), should read:

"(e) If, having formerly been a participant in virtue of this article and

"(i) His participation having been interrupted for a period not exceeding three years, or

"(ii) His prior contributory service having been restored in accordance with article XII,

he re-enters employment under a fixed-term contract for at least one year, or has completed one year's employment, provided that he is under sixty years of age at the time of entry or re-entry into the Fund and that his participation is not excluded by his contract of employment."

#### ARTICLE IV

##### (Retirement benefits)

Replace the present text by the following:

"1. (a) A participant who reaches the age of sixty shall, upon retirement, be entitled during the remainder of his life to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly, equal to one fifty-fifth of his final average remuneration multiplied by the number of years of his contributory service not exceeding thirty years;

"(b) This retirement benefit shall be not less than whichever is the smaller of:

"(i) 120 dollars multiplied by the number of years of his contributory service not exceeding ten; or

"(ii) One-thirtieth of his final average remuneration multiplied by the number of years of his contributory service not exceeding ten;

"(c) A participant who reaches the age of fifty-five shall be entitled, at any time before he reaches the age of sixty, to retire with an immediate retirement benefit equal in actuarial value to the benefit he would have received under sub-paragraph (a) above had he been sixty at the date his service ceased; sub-paragraph (b) above shall not apply in this case.

"2. A participant, other than a participant whose retirement benefit under paragraph 1(a) above is increased as a result of the application of paragraph 1(b), may, with the consent of the Joint Staff Pension Board, prior to the date on which the first payment of his retirement benefit becomes due, elect to receive a lump sum not greater than one-third of the actuarial equivalent of the retirement benefit payable to him, and his retirement benefit shall be reduced in the proportion that such lump sum bears to the actuarial equivalent of his retirement benefit prior to reduction.

"3. A participant, other than a participant whose retirement benefit under paragraph 1(a) above is increased as a result of the application of paragraph 1(b), who is entitled under this article to a benefit which is less than 300 dollars per annum may, prior to the date on which the first payment of his retirement benefit becomes due and with the consent of the Joint Staff Pension Board, receive the whole benefit payable to him in the form of a lump sum which is the actuarial equivalent of his benefit. A participant who is married at the date of retirement may also receive the actuarial equivalent of the prospective benefit which would be payable on his death under article VII.2(a).

"4. A participant whose retirement benefit would be increased as a result of the application of paragraph 1(b) above may, at the date of retirement, elect to waive the

additional amount which he would thereby receive; if he so elects, he shall be entitled to a retirement benefit calculated under paragraph 1(a); and shall then be entitled to receive a lump sum under the conditions of paragraph 2 or 3 above."

#### ARTICLE IV bis

(Minimum return of accumulated contributions)

Add the following new article:

"A participant who becomes entitled to a retirement benefit under article IV shall be entitled to elect, at the date his service ceases, to receive a reduced benefit with a guarantee that the total benefits paid on his account under these Regulations shall not be less than the amount payable under article VII ter.1 as at the date of retirement. Where the participant, at the date of retirement, has a wife, the amount of the reduction shall be one-half of 1 per cent of his own and his survivors' benefits; in other cases, the amount of the reduction shall be 1½ per cent of his own and his survivors' benefits."

#### ARTICLE V

(Disability benefits)

Replace the present text by the following:

"Subject to the provisions of article XVI, a participant who, before reaching the age of sixty, has, in the opinion of the Joint Staff Pension Board, become unable to perform duties appropriate to his grade owing to serious physical or mental impairment shall be entitled, subject to article IX, while such disability continues, to a disability benefit payable in the same manner as a retirement benefit and equal to one fifty-fifth of his final average remuneration multiplied by the number of years of his contributory service not exceeding thirty years; this disability benefit shall be not less than the smaller of:

"(a) One-third of the final average remuneration; or

"(b) The retirement benefit to which he would have been entitled if he had remained in service until he had reached the age of sixty and his final average remuneration had remained unchanged."

#### ARTICLE VI

(Commencement, discontinuance and reduction of disability benefits)

Replace the present text by the following:

"1. The Joint Staff Pension Board shall determine, in accordance with article V and the procedure laid down in the administrative rules made under these Regulations, when a participant qualified for a disability benefit. The participant shall not, however, be entitled to a disability benefit so long as he is entitled to receive any larger payments under the staff regulations applying to him other than payments under a scheme of compensation for disability attributable to the performance of official duties on behalf of a member organization.

"2. Until the recipient of a disability benefit reaches the age of sixty, the Joint Staff Pension Board may require evidence of the continuance of disability and review his eligibility to a disability benefit in the light of such evidence. Where the Board decides that the recipient is no longer eligible for a disability benefit, it shall, after giving such notice as it considers proper in each case, discontinue the disability benefit. Where the disability benefit is discontinued and the recipient is not re-employed by a member organization, the recipient shall be entitled to a withdrawal settlement as though he had withdrawn under the provisions of article X at the date disability payments began, except that the amount of the withdrawal settlement which would have been awarded under article X shall be reduced by the amount of the disability payments made to him.

"3. The Joint Staff Pension Board may make rules regarding the extent to and the circumstances in which a disability benefit may be reduced when the recipient,

although remaining disabled in accordance with the provisions of article V, is nevertheless in paid employment."

#### ARTICLE VII

(Widow's (or disabled widower's) benefit)

Replace the present text of paragraphs 1 and 2 by the following:

"1. Subject to the provisions of article XVI, if a married male participant dies, his widow shall be entitled, subject to article IX, to a widow's benefit amounting to half of the basic benefit; this benefit shall cease on the widow's remarriage.

"2. (a) If a married man who is a recipient of a retirement benefit as provided under article IV dies, his widow, provided she was his wife at the time of the cessation of his service with the member organization, shall be entitled to a widow's benefit half as large as the benefit which was being paid to the deceased at the time of his death; however, if the deceased at the time of his retirement had received a lump sum as provided in article IV, in lieu of part or the whole of the retirement benefit to which he was entitled, the widow's benefit shall be half of the total retirement benefit to which the staff member was entitled at the cessation of his service, except that in the case where a married man received the actuarial equivalent of a prospective widow's benefit, no widow's benefit shall be payable; this benefit shall cease on the widow's remarriage;

"(b) If a married man who is a recipient of a disability benefit dies, his widow, provided she was his wife at the time he qualified for the disability benefit, shall be entitled to a widow's benefit half as large as the benefit being paid to the deceased at the time of his death; this benefit shall cease on the widow's remarriage."

Delete the present text of paragraph 3.

Replace the present text of paragraphs 4 to 7 by the following:

"3. Upon ceasing to be entitled to a widow's benefit by reason of remarriage, the widow shall be entitled to a lump-sum payment equal to twice the annual amount of her widow's benefit.

"4. Wherever the amount of the widow's benefit determined under paragraph 1 or 2 above would be less than 750 dollars per annum, it shall be increased to the smaller of:

"(a) 750 dollars per annum; or

"(b) Twice the original amount determined.

"5. A widow whose annual benefit under the present article is less than 200 dollars may, prior to the first payment of such benefit and with the consent of the Joint Staff Pension Board, receive in lieu thereof a lump sum which is the actuarial equivalent of such benefit.

"6. Should a married woman participant, or a married woman in receipt of a retirement or disability benefit, die and her widower be found by the Joint Staff Pension Board on the basis of a medical examination to be totally and permanently incapable either physically or mentally of providing for his own support, at the time of her death, he shall be entitled, subject to the same conditions as would apply to a widow, to the same benefits as set forth in the present article, as would the widow of a male participant."

#### ARTICLE VII bis

(Secondary dependant's benefit)

Add the following new article:

"1. Upon the death of a participant who does not leave a widow, or a disabled widower, or a child, entitled to a benefit, but who leaves a secondary dependant, the secondary dependant shall be entitled to a benefit under the conditions in paragraph 3 below.

"2. Upon the death of a recipient of a retirement or disability benefit who, at the time his service ceased, had neither a spouse nor a child eligible for benefit, but who at

that time had a secondary dependant, the secondary dependant shall, if he can prove to the satisfaction of the Joint Staff Pension Board that the former pensioner had continued to contribute materially to his support between the date of separation from service and the date of death, be entitled to a benefit under the conditions in paragraph 3 below.

"3. The amount of a secondary dependant's benefit under paragraph 1 or 2 above shall be:

"(a) In the case of a mother or father, the amount of a widow's or disabled widower's benefit, respectively, under article VII;

"(b) In the case of a brother or sister, the amount of a child's benefit under article VIII.2(a);

the benefit under sub-paragraph (a) above shall be payable under the same conditions as the benefit to a widow, except that in the event of the remarriage of the dependent parent the Board shall have discretion to continue the benefit if it deems fit. The benefit under sub-paragraph (b) above shall be payable under the same conditions as a child's benefit under article VIII.1.

"4. Not more than one secondary dependant of a participant shall be eligible for a benefit."

#### ARTICLE VII ter

##### (Other death payments)

Add the following new article:

"1. Upon the death of a participant who does not leave a survivor entitled to a benefit, there shall be paid to his designated recipient a sum equal to:

"(a) His own contributions to the Pension Fund, with compound interest at the rate designated in article XXIX; plus

"(b) Such amount as may have been transferred on his account to the Pension Fund from the Provident Fund of a member organization at the time of his entry into the Fund, without interest; plus

"(c) If he has validated a period of prior non-pensionable service under article III, such amount, not exceeding 5 per cent of his pensionable remuneration for that period, as he may have received from the Provident Fund of a member organization in excess of his own contributions thereto and have refunded to that member organization;

If a designated recipient does not survive a participant or if a participant has not made, or has revoked, a designation, such sum shall be paid to the participant's estate.

"2. If, in the event of the death of a participant who leaves a survivor entitled to a benefit under these Regulations, or of a former participant who is in receipt of a disability benefit, the total benefits paid to him and to all his survivors amount to less than the amount which would have been payable under paragraph 1 above, there shall be paid to his designated recipient the difference between the sum total of the benefits paid and the amount in paragraph 1. If a designated recipient has died before the last benefit payment is made under articles V, VII, VII bis or VIII, or if a participant has not made, or has revoked, a designation, such sum shall be payable to the estate of the former participant.

"3. If the total benefits paid to a former participant who has elected to receive a reduced retirement benefit under article IV bis, and to all his survivors, amount to less than the sum which would have been payable under paragraph 1 above had he died on the date his service ceased and qualified for a benefit under that paragraph, there shall be paid to his designated recipient the difference between the sum total of the benefits paid and the amount in paragraph 1. If a designated recipient has died before the last benefit payment is made under articles IV, VII, VII bis or VIII, or if the former participant has not made or has revoked a designation, such sum shall be payable to the estate of the former participant."

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### (Child's benefits)

Replace the present text by the following:

"1. Subject to paragraph 4 below, each unmarried child of a participant who dies or on whose account a benefit becomes payable under articles IV, V or VII shall be entitled to a child's benefit. The child's benefit shall be payable monthly up to and including the month in which the child shall attain the age of eighteen, or, if the child is in full time attendance at a school or university or similar educational institution, the age of twenty-one. If the child is totally disabled by reason of physical or mental incapacity, there shall be no age limit so long as the disability continues.

"2. The annual benefit on account of each child shall be determined as follows:

"(a) If there is a surviving parent (except in the case where a surviving parent is a widow who is not receiving a benefit or a widower who has not become entitled to a benefit and who, in the opinion of the Board, is unable to support the former participant's children), the amount of each child's benefit shall be equal to one-third of the basic benefit, subject to a minimum of 300 dollars and a maximum of 600 dollars per child, and subject further to an over-all maximum as in paragraph 3 below;

"(b) If there is no parent surviving, or if the surviving parent is a widow who is not receiving a benefit or a widower who had not become entitled to a benefit under these Regulations and who, in the opinion of the Board, is unable to support the former participant's children, the total children's benefits shall be calculated as under sub-paragraph (a) above, with the addition of the following amount:

"(i) Where there is only one eligible child, by whichever is the greater of 300 dollars or 25 per cent of the basic benefit;

"(ii) If there are two or more eligible children, by whichever is the greater of 600 dollars or 50 per cent of the basic benefit;

The total children's benefits payable under sub-paragraph (ii) above shall be divided equally among all the eligible children to determine the amount of any one child's benefit. As and when a child ceases to be eligible, the total benefit payable to the remainder should be recalculated in accordance with this sub-paragraph.

"3. The total children's benefits payable under paragraph 2(a) above shall not exceed 1,800 dollars a year. Further, the sum of children's benefits, plus any retirement benefit payable under article IV.1, or disability benefit or widow's benefit, shall not exceed the final average remuneration of the former participant plus the children's allowances which were paid by a member organization at the cessation of his employment.

"4. Entitlement to a child's benefit is limited to dependent children existing at the time of eligibility for retirement or disability benefit or at the time of the death of the participant, provided that, if the benefit on account of the participant is payable under article IV.1(c), the entitlement to a child's benefit shall not arise until the date on which the participant reaches or would have reached the age of sixty. The Joint Staff Pension Board shall define 'dependent child', having regard to the provisions of the staff rules of the member organization.

"5. In no circumstances shall more than one child's benefit be payable in respect of any one child."

#### ARTICLE VIII bis

##### (Commencement of entitlement to survivor's benefit)

Add the following new article:

"1. Entitlement to a survivor's benefit under articles VII, VII bis.1 and VIII of these Regulations shall begin on the day following the death of the participant, except as otherwise provided in these Regulations.

"2. Entitlement to a survivor's benefit under articles VII.2 and VII bis.2 shall begin on the first day of the month following the death of the primary beneficiary.

"3. The Joint Staff Pension Board may, however, decide for any particular category of cases that an earlier date of commencement should apply if deemed more appropriate."

#### ARTICLE IX

##### *(Eligibility for disability and death benefits)*

Replace the present text by the following:

"1. The Joint Staff Pension Board shall require every entrant or re-entrant, before admission to coverage by the benefits provided under articles V, VII.1 and VII bis.1, to undergo a medical examination to be prescribed in the administrative rules made under these Regulations, unless the Board decides to accept the findings of a medical examination previously undergone by the entrant.

"2. On the basis of the medical examinations referred to in paragraph 1 above, the Joint Staff Pension Board shall decide whether the participant concerned shall be covered by the provisions of articles V, VII.1, and VII bis.1 immediately, or shall not be covered by those provisions until he has completed five years of contributory service or, in the case of a re-entrant, until he has completed five years of contributory service subsequent to his re-entrance. However, no participant shall be excluded from the benefits provided under articles V, VII.1 and VII bis.1, if the disability or death is the direct result of accident or damage to health arising from service in an unhealthy area, nor shall his survivor be excluded from the provisions of articles VII.1, or VII bis.1, if he has attained the age of sixty."

#### ARTICLE X

##### *(Withdrawal settlements)*

Replace the present text by the following:

"1. If a participant ceases to be in the employment of a member organization for reasons other than death, or dismissal for serious misconduct, as defined in the staff regulations, and is not eligible for a disability or retirement benefit, he shall be entitled to a withdrawal settlement in accordance with paragraph 2 or 3 below.

"2. If the participant has less than five years of contributory service, he shall be paid a sum equal to:

"(a) His own contributions to the Pension Fund, with compound interest at the rate designated in article XXIX; plus

"(b) Such amount as may have been transferred on his account to the Pension Fund from the Provident Fund of a member organization at the time of his entry into the Pension Fund, without interest; plus

"(c) If he has validated a period of prior non-pensionable service under article III, such amount, not exceeding 5 per cent of his pensionable remuneration for that period, as he may have received from the Provident Fund of a member organization in excess of his own contributions thereto and have refunded to that member organization.

"3. If the participant has five or more years of contributory service he shall be entitled to elect, at the date his service ceases, to receive one of the following:

"(a) Subject to article XII.1 a life annuity, deferred to age sixty, equal to one fifty-fifth of his final average remuneration multiplied by the number of years of his contributory service not exceeding thirty years, with survivor benefits in accordance with paragraph 6 below;

"(b) Subject to article XII.2:

"(i) An amount in cash equal to the amounts in paragraphs 2 (a), 2 (b) and 2 (c) above; plus

"(ii) A life annuity, deferred to age sixty, equal in value to the difference between the amount he receives in cash and the actuarial equivalent, at the date his employment ceased, of the retirement benefit payable at the age of sixty calculated on the basis of his con-

tributory service and final average remuneration; where the amount of this annuity at age sixty is less than 300 dollars a year, he shall be entitled to receive, at the date his service ceases, in lieu of the annuity, a cash sum of equal actuarial value;

"(c) A final cash settlement, which shall extinguish all his entitlements under these Regulations, consisting of:

"(i) A sum in cash equal to the amounts in paragraph 2 above; plus

"(ii) For each completed year of service in excess of five, 10 per cent of the amount in paragraph 2(a) above, subject to a maximum of the amount in paragraph 2(a).

"4. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 3(c) above, a participant in the Pension Fund on 31 March 1961 who subsequently becomes eligible for a final cash settlement under paragraph 3(c) above shall be entitled to receive, in lieu of and if greater than the amount in paragraph 3(c), the following:

"(a) If he withdraws on or before 31 December 1966:

"(i) The amount of the lump-sum withdrawal benefit which he would have received had the regulations, actuarial bases and other provisions in force at 31 March 1961 been still in force at the date his service ceased; together with

"(ii) The amount by which his own contribution to the Pension Fund after 1 April 1961 exceeds the amount he would have contributed under the regulations, actuarial bases and other provisions in force at 31 March 1961, with compound interest on this excess at the rate designated under article XXIX;

"(b) If he withdraws on or after 1 January 1967:

"(i) The amount of the lump sum which he would have received under sub-paragraph (a) above had he withdrawn on 31 December 1966; plus

"(ii) The amount of his own contribution to the Pension Fund from 1 January 1967 until the date his service ceases, with compound interest at the rate designated under article XXIX, which amount shall be increased by 10 per cent for each of his completed years of contributory service in excess of five, whether before or after 1 January 1967, subject to a maximum increase of 100 per cent.

"5. Where, under this article, a deferred annuity to a participant is payable at the age of sixty, he may elect to receive the annuity from an earlier age, provided that this age shall not be less than fifty-five. In such event, the value of the annuity shall be subject to an appropriate actuarial reduction to be determined by the Joint Staff Pension Board.

"6. On the death of a former participant who elected to receive a deferred annuity under paragraph 3 (a) above:

"(a) If he leaves a widow who was his wife at the time his service ceased, a widow's benefit shall be payable as from the date of his death, of an amount calculated as follows:

"(i) If death occurred after the commencement of the annuity, the widow's benefit shall be one-half of the amount of that annuity;

"(ii) If death occurred before the commencement of the annuity, the widow's benefit shall be one-half of the annuity which, had it been payable to the former participant from the date of his death, would have had the same actuarial value as the annuity he would have received at the age of sixty;

"(b) If he leaves no widow, but leaves a dependent mother or father who, at the time his service ceased, was recognized as a secondary dependant, a secondary dependant's benefit shall be payable, of an amount calculated as in sub-paragraph (a) (i) or (a) (ii) above, as may be appropriate;

"(c) A survivor's benefit payable under sub-paragraph (a) or (b) above shall be subject to the same conditions as if the benefit had been payable under article VII or VII bis;

"(d) If he dies before the commencement of the annuity and leaves no survivor entitled to a benefit under sub-

paragraph (a) or (b) above, there shall be paid to his designated recipient an amount equal to the sums in paragraph 2 above as at the date his service ceased. If a designated recipient does not survive the former participant, or if no designation has been made, or if the designation has been revoked, such sum shall be paid to the former participant's estate."

## ARTICLE XII

### (Re-employment)

Replace the present text by the following:

"If a person who has ceased to be a participant again becomes a participant by virtue of a new appointment, the following provisions shall apply, subject to article IX:

"1. If the participant, when he previously left the service, had elected to receive a deferred annuity under article X.3(a):

"(a) If payment of the annuity had not commenced, his contributory service credit prior to separation shall be restored and his benefits when he again ceases to be a participant shall be calculated on the basis of his total period of contributory service;

"(b) If payment of the annuity had commenced, such payment shall cease and if the participant repays all payments of his benefit received with compound interest at the rate designated in article XXIX, his contributory service credit prior to separation shall be restored; if the participant does not so repay the payments of his benefit received, then the lump sum which is the actuarial equivalent of the discontinued benefit at the date upon which payments were discontinued shall be credited as an additional contribution in accordance with the provisions of article XVIII 2 and 3.

"2. If the participant, when he previously left the service, had elected to receive a cash refund together with a deferred annuity under article X.3(b):

"(a) If he has not, at the time he again becomes a participant, begun to receive the annuity payable under article X.3(b) (ii), he may pay into the Pension Fund, in a manner acceptable to the Joint Staff Pension Board, a sum or sums equivalent to the amount he received under article X.3(b) (i), with compound interest at the rate designated in article XXIX:

"(i) If he does so, his contributory service credit prior to separation shall be restored and his benefits, when he again ceases to be a participant, shall be calculated on the basis of his total period of contributory service;

"(ii) If he does not do so, the annuity arising from the earlier period of service shall not begin until he again ceases to be a participant, and his entitlement to further benefits shall be determined solely by reference to his contributory service after re-employment, provided however that the total benefits paid or payable to him in respect of two or more periods of employment shall not exceed the benefits he would have received had all his employment been continuous;

"(b) If he has, at the time he again becomes a participant, begun to draw the annuity payable under article X.3(b) (ii), payment of that annuity shall cease, and the provisions of paragraph 1 (b) above shall be applied.

"3. If the participant received a final cash settlement under article X.3(c) or X.4, or if he commuted a deferred annuity under article X.3(a), or X.3(b), his entitlement to further benefits shall be determined solely by reference to his contributory service after re-employment, provided however that the total benefits paid or payable to him in respect of two or more periods of employment shall not exceed the benefits he would have received had all his employment been continuous.

"4. If the participant was in receipt of a disability benefit under article V, payment of that benefit shall cease, and;

"(a) He shall re-enter the Pension Fund as a participant with credit for the contributory service which he had accumulated when his disability benefit began;

"(b) In making any withdrawal settlement to which he

may become entitled within five years after his re-entry into the Pension Fund, the Joint Staff Pension Board may take into account the amount of the disability benefit payments made to him, and the amount of any retirement benefit which may become payable to him within one year after his re-entry into the Fund may be reduced by the Board to an amount not exceeding the sum of the disability benefit of which he had been in receipt and the retirement benefit earned during his period of contributory service since reappointment."

## ARTICLE XVI

### (Contributions on account of participants)

Replace the present text of paragraph 5 by the following:

"5. (a) A participant on leave without pay who is not covered by the full benefits provided under the present Regulations, who reaches the age of sixty and retires, shall be entitled to a retirement benefit as provided under article IV;

"(b) Any such participant who before reaching the age of sixty becomes disabled, or withdraws from the Pension Fund, or dies, shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Fund on the date his appointment terminated, his contributory service being reckoned to his last day of actual service;

"(c) If a participant on leave without pay, granted for the performance of military service, becomes disabled or dies before reaching the age of sixty, the benefit payable under sub-paragraph (b) above shall not be less than the individual actuarial reserve of such participant calculated at the time disability or death occurred."

## ARTICLE XXV

### (Investment of assets of the Fund)

Replace the present text by the following:

"Subject to the complete separation to be maintained between the assets of the Pension Fund and the assets of the United Nations as provided in article XIV, the investment of the assets of the Fund shall be decided upon by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, after consultation with an Investments Committee and after having heard any observations or suggestions by the Joint Staff Pension Board concerning the investments policy. The Investments Committee shall consist of six members appointed by the Secretary-General after consultation with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, subject to subsequent confirmation by the General Assembly."

## ARTICLE XXIX

### (Adoption of basic tables)

Replace the present text by the following:

"1. The Joint Staff Pension Board, upon the advice of a committee of three independent actuaries to be appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the recommendation of the Board, shall adopt from time to time service, mortality and other tables and shall decide upon the rate of interest which is to be used in each actuarial valuation of the Pension Fund.

"2. At least once in each three years, the Joint Staff Pension Board shall have an actuarial investigation made into the service, mortality and compensation experience of the participants and beneficiaries of the Pension Fund, and, taking into account the results of such investigation, the Board shall adopt such service, mortality and other tables as it shall deem appropriate.

"3. Without prejudice to the power of the Joint Staff Pension Board to establish a rate of interest for actuarial valuations purposes under paragraph 1 above, the rate of interest which shall be used in all actuarial calculations required in connexion with these Regulations shall be  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent per annum through 31 December 1957, 3 per cent per annum for the period 1 January 1958 to 31 March 1961 and  $3\frac{1}{4}$  per cent per annum thereafter unless and until changed by the Board."

## ARTICLE XXXIV

*(Documentary evidence)*

Replace the present text by the following:

"1. Every participant and every beneficiary under these regulations shall furnish such documentary evidence as may be required under the administrative rules.

"2. If the Joint Staff Pension Board finds that any material fact so required has been omitted or misrepresented, the Board shall be empowered to take such omission or misrepresentation into account in deciding on the individual's entitlement to benefits or participation in the Pension Fund or in modifying any such decision, provided that the individual's entitlement to benefits and participation in the Fund in such case shall be no less favourable than it would have been had the material facts been disclosed or accurately represented."

## III

## ADJUSTMENTS IN BENEFITS AFTER AWARD

*Decides that:*

1. The supplement of 5 per cent to pensions and life annuities authorized, pending the outcome of the comprehensive review, by paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 1310 (XIII) shall cease to be paid after 31 March 1961, provided that if in any case the increases resulting from paragraph 2 below in the benefits of a participant or his widow, taken together with the benefits payable to his children, shall amount to less than the amount of the 5 per cent supplement, the difference shall continue to be paid;

2. With effect from 1 April 1961, all pensions and life annuities in payment or payable under the provisions of articles IV, V, VII, VIII and X.1 (d) of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund as in force on 31 March 1961, shall, with the exception stated in paragraph 3 below, be adjusted to the amount which would have been payable had they been awarded under the provisions of articles IV, V, VII, VIII, and X.3 (a) or X.3 (b), as approved in section II of the present resolution, and had their final average remuneration been calculated on a base salary at the mid-point between their actual net base salary and the corresponding United Nations gross salary; in the case of staff subject to the post adjustment system who retired between 1 January 1959 and 31 March 1961, the base pensionable remuneration shall be deemed to have been further increased by 5 per cent with effect from 1 January 1959;

3. No adjustment shall be made in the amount of lump-sum payments paid or payable under the Regulations in force on 31 March 1961, nor shall the new provisions of article IV.1 (b) applied retroactively to any retirement benefit of which the recipient commuted a part to a lump sum;

4. Where part of any retirement benefit has been commuted to a lump sum, the amount of any remaining part which is paid or payable as an annuity shall be increased *pro rata* to the increase which would have been granted under paragraph 2 above in the full retirement benefit, other than as a result of article IV.1 (b), had no part of it been commuted;

5. The present resolution shall create no entitlement to a pension or annuity to which no entitlement existed at the date a former participant left the service;

6. The United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board is requested to study, at its next session, methods by which any future adjustments in benefits, after their

award, might be made; pending the outcome of such study, the Board is invited to establish, from the excess yield on its investments, a Reserve for Pension Adjustments, and to credit annually to such Reserve an amount sufficient to cover the actuarial value of an increase of 1 per cent in benefits and annuities in payment and in deferred annuities payable under article X of the Regulations.

954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.

## 1562 (XV). Amendments to the Pension Scheme Regulations for members of the International Court of Justice

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General<sup>30</sup> and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>31</sup>*

1. *Adopts* the text annexed to the present resolution as revised Pension Scheme Regulations for members of the International Court of Justice;

2. *Decides* that the revised Regulations shall come into force on 1 January 1961 and shall supersede the Regulations contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 86 (I) of 11 December 1946, as amended by resolution 1408 (XIV) of 1 December 1959.

954th plenary meeting,  
18 December 1960.

## ANNEX

## PENSION SCHEME REGULATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

## ARTICLE I

*Retirement pension*

1. A member of the International Court of Justice who has ceased to hold office and who has reached the age of sixty-five shall be entitled during the remainder of his life, subject to paragraph 4 below, to a retirement pension, payable monthly, provided that he has:

- (a) Completed at least five years of service;
- (b) Not been required to relinquish his appointment under Article 18 of the Statute of the Court for reasons other than the state of his health.

2. The amount of the retirement pension shall be determined as follows:

(a) If the member has served a full term of nine years, the amount of the pension shall be 10,000 dollars a year;

(b) If he has served for more than nine years, the amount of the pension shall be increased by 33.33 dollars a year for each month of service in excess of nine years, provided that the maximum retirement pension shall not exceed two-thirds of his annual salary;

(c) If he has served for less than a full term of nine years, the amount of the retirement pension shall be that proportion of 10,000 dollars which the number of months of his actual service bears to 108.

3. A member who ceases to hold office before the age of sixty-five and who would be entitled to a retirement pension when he reached that age may elect to receive a pension from any date after the date on which he ceases to hold office. Should he so elect, the amount of such pension shall be that amount which has the same actuarial value as the retirement pension which would have been paid to him at the age of sixty-five.

<sup>30</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 54, document A/4424.

<sup>31</sup> *Ibid.*, documents A/4544 and A/4579.

4. No retirement pension shall be payable to a former member who has been re-elected to office until he again ceases to hold office. At that time, the amount of his pension shall be calculated in accordance with paragraph 2 above on the basis of his total period of service and shall be subject to a reduction equal in actuarial value to the amount of any retirement pension paid to him before he reached the age of sixty-five.

## ARTICLE II

### *Disability pension*

1. A member found by the Court to be unable to perform his duties because of permanent ill-health or disability shall be entitled upon leaving office to a disability pension payable monthly.

2. The amount of the disability pension shall be determined as in article I, paragraph 2, provided that it shall not be less than 5,000 dollars a year.

## ARTICLE III

### *Widow's pension*

1. Upon the death of a married member, his widow shall be entitled to a widow's pension amounting to one-third of the pension which he would have received had he become entitled to a disability pension at the time of his death, provided that the widow's pension shall not be less than one-sixth of the annual salary.

2. Upon the death of a married former member who was in receipt of a disability pension, his widow, provided she was his wife at the date his service ended, shall be entitled to a widow's pension amounting to one-third of the pension which her husband was receiving, provided that the widow's pension shall not be less than one-sixth of the annual salary.

3. Upon the death of a married former member who was entitled to a retirement pension, his widow, provided she was his wife at the date his service ended, shall be entitled to a widow's pension calculated as follows:

(a) If the former member had not begun, at the date of his death, to receive his retirement pension, the widow's pension shall amount to one-third of the pension which would have been payable to him under article I, paragraph 3, had he commenced to receive such pension on the date of his death, provided that the widow's pension shall not be less than one-twelfth of the annual salary;

(b) If the former member had begun to receive his retirement pension before he reached the age of sixty-five, under article I, paragraph 3, the widow's pension shall amount to one-third of the amount of such pension, but shall not be less than one-twelfth of the annual salary;

(c) If the former member had reached the age of sixty-five when he began to receive his retirement pension, the widow's pension shall amount to one-third of his retirement pension, but shall not be less than one-sixth of the annual salary.

4. A widow's pension shall cease on her remarriage.

## ARTICLE IV

### *Child's benefit*

1. Each child or legally adopted child of a member or former member who dies shall be entitled, while unmarried and under the age of twenty-one, to a benefit calculated as follows:

(a) Where there is a widow entitled to a pension under article III, the annual amount of the child's benefit shall be:

(i) Ten per cent of the retirement pension which the former member was receiving; or

(ii) If the former member had not begun, at the date of his death, to receive his retirement pension, 10 per cent of the pension which would have been payable to him under article I, paragraph 3, had he commenced to receive such pension on the date of his death; or

(iii) In the case of the death of a member in office, 10 per cent of the pension which he would have received had

he qualified for a disability pension at the date of his death;

provided, in all cases, that the amount of the child's benefit shall not exceed 600 dollars a year;

(b) Where there is no widow entitled to a pension under article III, or where the widow dies, the total amount of the children's benefits payable under sub-paragraph (a) above shall be increased by the following amount:

(i) If there is only one eligible child, by one-half of the amount of the pension which was being paid or would have been paid to the widow;

(ii) If there are two or more eligible children, by the amount of the pension which was being paid or would have been paid to the widow;

(c) The total children's benefits payable under sub-paragraph (b) above shall be divided equally among all the eligible children to determine the amount of any one child's benefit; as and when a child ceases to be eligible, the total benefit payable to the remainder shall be recalculated in accordance with sub-paragraph (b).

2. The total amount of children's benefit, when added to the amount of any widow's benefit in payment, shall not exceed the pension which the former member or member received or would have received.

## ARTICLE V

### *Special provisions*

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of article I, paragraph 1 (a), a member elected to fill a casual vacancy who holds office for the remainder of his predecessor's term, where such remaining term is less than five but not less than three years, shall on retirement, after completion of that term and provided that he is not subsequently re-elected, be entitled during the remainder of his life, and subject to article I, paragraph 4, to a retirement pension, payable monthly, calculated in accordance with article I, paragraph 2 (c).

2. Upon the death of a married former member who was entitled to a retirement pension under paragraph 1 above, his widow and children shall be entitled to the appropriate benefit provided under article III, paragraph 3, and article IV, subject to the conditions described therein but without the application of the related minima provisions.

## ARTICLE VI

### *Definitions*

1. "Member" means either the President, the Vice-President or a member of the Court in office.

2. "Annual salary" means the annual salary, exclusive of any allowances, fixed by the General Assembly and received by the member at the time he ceased to hold office.

## ARTICLE VII

### *Miscellaneous provisions*

1. Pensions provided for by the present Regulations shall be calculated in terms of the currency in which the salary of the member concerned has been fixed by the General Assembly.

2. All pensions provided for by these Regulations shall be regarded as expenses of the Court, within the meaning of Article 33 of the Statute of the Court.

3. The President of the Court and the Secretary-General shall establish a table of actuarial reduction factors on the advice of a qualified actuary or actuaries.

## ARTICLE VIII

### *Application and effective date*

1. The present Regulations shall be applicable as from 1 January 1961 to all who are members on or after that date, except that members elected at the fifteenth session of the General Assembly or earlier may, within a period of three months from the date of adoption of the present Regulations, elect to have their entitlements determined in accordance with

the Regulations in force immediately prior to the adoption of the present Regulations.<sup>32</sup>

2. Former members who left office prior to 1 January 1961, or their eligible beneficiaries who are in receipt of a benefit on 1 January 1961, may elect within three months of the adoption of the present Regulations to have their entitlements governed by these Regulations; any former member or beneficiary who does so elect shall have such benefit payments as are due to him on or after 1 January 1961 calculated in accordance with the present Regulations.

### 1575 (XV). Cost estimates for the maintenance of the United Nations Emergency Force<sup>33</sup>

#### *The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions 1089 (XI) of 21 December 1956, 1151 (XII) of 22 November 1957, 1337 (XIII) of 13 December 1958 and 1441 (XIV) of 5 December 1959,

Having considered the observations made by Member States on the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force,

Having examined the budget estimates for the Force submitted by the Secretary-General for the year 1961<sup>34</sup> and the observations and recommendations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>35</sup>

Having noted with satisfaction that special financial assistance has been pledged voluntarily towards the expenditures for the Force in 1961,

Considering that it is desirable to apply voluntary contributions of special financial assistance in such a manner as to reduce the financial burden on those Governments which have the least capacity to contribute towards the expenditures for maintaining the Force,

<sup>32</sup> Annex to General Assembly resolution 86 (I) as amended by resolution 1408 (XIV).

<sup>33</sup> See "Allocation of agenda items", footnote 5.

<sup>34</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 27, document A/4396.

<sup>35</sup> Ibid., document A/4409.

1. Authorizes the Secretary-General to expend up to a maximum of \$19 million for the continuing operation of the United Nations Emergency Force during 1961;

2. Decides to assess the amount of \$19 million against all States Members of the United Nations on the basis of the regular scale of assessments, subject to the provisions of paragraphs 3 and 4 below;

3. Decides further that the voluntary contributions pledged prior to 31 December 1960, including those already announced and referred to in the fourth preambular paragraph above, shall be applied, at the request of the Member State concerned made prior to 31 March 1961, to reduce by up to 50 per cent:

(a) The assessment that the Member States which were admitted during the fifteenth session of the General Assembly are required to pay for the financial year 1961 in accordance with Assembly resolution 1552 (XV) of 18 December 1960;

(b) The assessment of all other Member States receiving assistance during 1960 under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, commencing with those States assessed at the minimum of 0.04 per cent and then including, in order, those States assessed at the next highest percentages until the total amount of the voluntary contributions has been fully applied;

4. Decides that, if Member States do not avail themselves of credits provided for in paragraph 3 above, the amounts involved shall be credited to section 9 of the 1961 budget for the Force;

5. Approves the recommendations set forth in paragraphs 67 to 70 of the Secretary-General's report on the United Nations Emergency Force<sup>36</sup> concerning reimbursement of Governments in respect of supplies, material and equipment furnished to their contingents.

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20 December 1960.

<sup>36</sup> Ibid., document A/4486.

### 1581 (XV). Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1960

#### *The General Assembly*

1. Resolves that for the financial year 1960 the amount of \$US63,149.700 appropriated by its resolution 1443 (XIV) of 5 December 1959 be increased by \$2,585,200 as follows:

Section	A. UNITED NATIONS	(US dollars)		
		Amount appropriated by resolution 1443 (XIV)	Supplementary appropriation	Revised amount of appropriation
	<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 .....	832,600	89,300	921,900
2.	Special meetings and conferences .....	62,300	559,000	621,300
3.	Board of Auditors .....	53,000	5,000	58,000
	TOTAL, PART I	947,900	653,300	1,601,200
	<i>Part II. Special missions and related activities</i>			
4.	Special missions and related activities .....	2,523,300	378,800	2,902,100

<i>Section</i>		<i>Amount appropriated by resolution 1443 (XIV)</i>	<i>Supplementary appropriation</i>	<i>Revised amount of appropriation</i>
		<i>(US dollars)</i>		
5.	United Nations Field Service . . . . .	1,206,800	—	1,206,800
	<b>TOTAL, PART II</b>	<b>3,730,100</b>	<b>378,800</b>	<b>4,108,900</b>
<i>Part III. The Secretariat</i>				
6.	Salaries and wages . . . . .	31,921,200*	666,250	32,587,450
7.	Common staff costs . . . . .	7,069,300	292,200	7,361,500
8.	Travel of staff and members of administrative bodies . . . . .	1,734,400	33,000	1,767,400
9.	Hospitality; payments under annex I, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the Staff Regulations . . . . .	95,000	—	95,000
10.	Economic Commission for Africa . . . . .	1,013,300	(113,300)	900,000
	<b>TOTAL, PART III</b>	<b>41,833,200</b>	<b>878,150</b>	<b>42,711,350</b>
<i>Part IV. Special offices</i>				
11.	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees . . . . .	1,590,000	177,750	1,767,750
12.	World Refugee Year . . . . .	34,000*	—	34,000
	<b>TOTAL, PART IV</b>	<b>1,624,000</b>	<b>177,750</b>	<b>1,801,750</b>
<i>Part V. Common services and equipment</i>				
13.	General expenses . . . . .	5,661,100	296,000	5,957,100
14.	Printing, stationery and library supplies . . . . .	2,133,100	—	2,133,100
15.	Permanent equipment . . . . .	553,800	153,700	707,500
	<b>TOTAL, PART V</b>	<b>8,348,000</b>	<b>449,700</b>	<b>8,797,700</b>
<i>Part VI. Technical programmes</i>				
16.	Economic development . . . . .	480,000	—	480,000
17.	Social activities . . . . .	1,200,000	—	1,200,000
18.	Human rights activities . . . . .	100,000	—	100,000
19.	Public administration . . . . .	600,000	—	600,000
20.	Technical assistance in the field of narcotic drugs control . . . . .	50,000	—	50,000
	<b>TOTAL, PART VI</b>	<b>2,430,000</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,430,000</b>
<i>Part VII. Special expenses</i>				
21.	Special expenses . . . . .	3,532,000	—	3,532,000
	<b>TOTAL, PART VII</b>	<b>3,532,000</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3,532,000</b>
<b>B. INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE</b>				
22.	International Court of Justice . . . . .	704,500	47,500	752,000
	<b>TOTAL, PART VIII</b>	<b>704,500</b>	<b>47,500</b>	<b>752,000</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>63,149,700</b>	<b>2,585,200</b>	<b>65,734,900</b>

\*\$4,000 transferred from section 6 to section 12 with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions under General Assembly resolution 1443 (XIV), paragraph 3 (b).

2. Decides that, notwithstanding the provisions of regulations 4.2 and 4.3 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, the appropriation of \$382,500 in respect of the United Nations building in Santiago, Chile, included under section 21, shall remain available for obligation during the financial year 1961.

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**1582 (XV). Schedule of post adjustments: classification for United Nations Headquarters and the European Office of the United Nations, Geneva**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 1095 (XI) of 27 February 1957 relating to the United Nations salary, allowance and benefits system,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General<sup>37</sup> and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions<sup>38</sup> on the question of the classification of United Nations Headquarters and the European Office of the United Nations, Geneva, in the schedule of post adjustments established under that resolution,

*Decides that:*

1. With effect from 1 January 1960, the post adjustment for United Nations Headquarters in New York shall be class 7 within the established system;

2. With effect from 1 May 1960, the post adjustment for the European Office of the United Nations, Geneva, shall be class 3 within the established system;

3. The basis for measuring future changes in post adjustments for New York and Geneva shall be the basis recommended by the Expert Committee on Post-Adjustments<sup>39</sup> and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

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**1583 (XV). Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1960: United Nations operations in the Congo**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling the Security Council resolutions of 14 July 1960,<sup>40</sup> 22 July 1960<sup>41</sup> and 9 August 1960,<sup>42</sup> and 1960,<sup>43</sup> 22 July 1960<sup>41</sup> and 9 August 1960,<sup>42</sup> and General Assembly resolution 1474 (ES-IV) of 20 September 1960,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the estimated cost of the United Nations operations in the Congo from 14 July to 31 December 1960<sup>43</sup> and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon,<sup>44</sup> Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon,<sup>44</sup>

Recognizing that the expenses involved in the United Nations operations in the Congo for 1960 constitute "expenses of the Organization" within the meaning of

Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations and that the assessment thereof against Member States creates binding legal obligations on such States to pay their assessed shares,

Recognizing that, in addition to the expenses for the regular and continuing activities of the Organization, the extraordinary expenses arising from the United Nations operations in the Congo will place a severe strain on the limited financial resources of a number of Member States,

Noting with appreciation the willingness of certain Members not to request reimbursement for the cost of air-transport facilities they have provided to move troops and supplies to the Congo,

Noting also with appreciation that additional financial assistance in a substantial amount has already been pledged voluntarily and will enable a reduction to be made in the level of assessment of those Members having the least capacity to pay,

1. Decides to establish an *ad hoc* account for the expenses of the United Nations in the Congo;

2. Approves the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 18 of its report;

3. Notes that the waiver of airlift costs announced by certain Governments will reduce the level of expenses from the amount of \$60 million recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the amount of \$48.5 million;

4. Decides that the amount of \$48.5 million shall be apportioned among the Member States on the basis of the regular scale of assessment, subject to the provisions of paragraph 5 below;

5. Decides further that the voluntary contributions already announced, in addition to those referred to in paragraph 3 above, shall be applied, at the request of the Member State concerned made prior to 31 March 1961, to reduce by up to 50 per cent:

(a) The assessment that the Member States which were admitted during the fifteenth session of the General Assembly are required to pay for the financial year 1960 in accordance with Assembly resolution 1552 (XV) of 18 December 1960;

(b) The assessment of all other Member States receiving assistance during 1960 under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, commencing with those States assessed at the minimum of 0.04 per cent and then including, in order, those States assessed at the next highest percentages until the total amount of the voluntary contributions has been fully applied;

6. Calls upon the former administering Power of the Republic of the Congo (Leopoldville) to make a substantial contribution, such a contribution to be applied to reduce further proportionally the assessment of Member States affected by the provisions of paragraph 5 (a) and (b) above.

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20 December 1960.*

<sup>37</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 49, document A/C.5/816.

<sup>38</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4507.

<sup>39</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/C.5/816, annex I.

<sup>40</sup> *Official Records of the Security Council, Fifteenth Year, Supplement for July, August and September, 1960*, document S/4387.

<sup>41</sup> *Ibid.*, document S/4405.

<sup>42</sup> *Ibid.*, document S/4426.

<sup>43</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 49, document A/C.5/836.

<sup>44</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4580.

## 1584 (XV). Budget for the financial year 1961

## A

## BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1961

*The General Assembly**Resolves that for the financial year 1961:*

1. Appropriations totalling \$US72,969,300 are hereby voted for the following purposes:

<i>Section</i>		<i>US dollars</i>
	A. UNITED NATIONS	
	<i>Part I. Sessions of the General Assembly, the councils, commissions and committees; special meetings and conferences</i>	
1.	Travel and other expenses of representatives, members of commissions, committees and other subsidiary bodies.....	1,090,350
2.	Special meetings and conferences.....	255,600
	TOTAL, PART I	1,345,950
	<i>Part II. Staff costs and related expenses</i>	
3.	Salaries and wages.....	35,702,600
4.	Common staff costs.....	8,213,300
5.	Travel of staff.....	2,034,000
6.	Payments under annex I, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the Staff Regulations; hospitality .....	100,000
	TOTAL, PART II	46,049,900
	<i>Part III. Buildings, equipment and common services</i>	
7.	Buildings and improvements to premises.....	3,872,375
8.	Permanent equipment.....	400,000
9.	Maintenance, operation and rental of premises.....	3,279,050
10.	General expenses.....	3,469,750
11.	Printing .....	1,260,750
	TOTAL, PART III	12,281,925
	<i>Part IV. Special expenses</i>	
12.	Special expenses.....	134,000
	TOTAL, PART IV	134,000
	<i>Part V. Technical programmes</i>	
13.	Economic development .....	1,970,000
14.	Social activities .....	1,960,000
15.	Human rights activities .....	100,000
16.	Public administration .....	1,850,000
17.	Narcotic drugs control .....	75,000
	TOTAL, PART V	5,955,000
	<i>Part VI. Special missions and related activities</i>	
18.	Special missions.....	2,848,750
19.	United Nations Field Service.....	1,295,800
	TOTAL, PART VI	4,144,550
	<i>Part VII. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees</i>	
20.	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees .....	2,302,275
	TOTAL, PART VII	2,302,275

*Section**US dollars***B. INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE**

<i>Part VIII. International Court of Justice</i>	
21. International Court of Justice .....	<u>755,700</u>
<b>TOTAL, PART VIII</b>	<b><u>755,700</u></b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b><u>72,969,300</u></b>

2. The Secretary-General is authorized:

(a) To administer as a unit the provisions under sections 1, 3 and 5 in a total amount of \$101,000 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;

3. The appropriations under sections 1, 3, 4 and 5 in a total amount of \$187,500 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;

4. In addition to the appropriations under paragraph 1 above, an amount of \$17,500 is hereby appropriated from the income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and such other expenses of the Library at the Palais des Nations as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

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**B****INCOME ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1961***The General Assembly*

*Resolves* that for the financial year 1961:

1. Estimates of income other than assessments on Member States totalling \$US12,261,530 are approved as follows:

<i>Section</i>		<i>US dollars</i>
<i>Part I. Income from staff assessment</i>		
1. Staff assessment income .....	<u>6,730,000</u>	
<b>TOTAL, PART I</b>	<b><u>6,730,000</u></b>	
<i>Part II. Other income</i>		
2. Funds provided from extra-budgetary accounts .....	1,879,880	
3. General income .....	1,595,100	
4. Sale of United Nations postage stamps .....	1,066,500	
5. Sale of publications .....	358,750	
6. Services to visitors and catering services .....	631,300	
<b>TOTAL, PART II</b>	<b><u>5,531,530</u></b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b><u>12,261,530</u></b>	

2. The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

3. Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, catering and related services and the sale of publications, not provided for under the budget appropriations, may be charged against the income derived from those activities.

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## C

## FINANCING OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1961

*The General Assembly*

*Resolves* that for the financial year 1961:

1. Budget appropriations totalling \$US72,969,300, together with supplementary appropriations for 1960 totalling \$2,585,200, shall be financed as follows, in accordance with regulations 5.1 and 5.2 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations:
  - (a) As to \$5,531,530, by income other than staff assessment approved under resolution B above;
  - (b) As to \$623,131, by the balance on surplus account for the financial year 1959;
  - (c) As to \$52,032, by the contributions of new Member States for 1960;
  - (d) As to \$69,347,807, by assessment on Member States in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1552 (XV) of 18 December 1960;
2. There shall be set off against the assessment on Member States:
  - (a) Their respective shares in the Tax Equalization Fund, subject to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, comprising:
    - (i) \$6,730,000, being the estimated staff assessment income for 1961;
    - (ii) \$161,869, being the excess of staff assessment income for 1959 over estimated income;
  - (b) Their credits in respect of the transfer of the League of Nations assets, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 250 (III) of 11 December 1948.

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20 December 1960.*

**1585 (XV). Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the financial year 1961***The General Assembly*

1. *Resolves* that, for the financial year 1961, 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, Art. 31), not exceeding a total of \$30,000;
- (ii) The appointment of assessors (Statute, Art. 30), or the calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Art. 50), not exceeding a total of \$25,000;
- (iii) The maintenance in office of judges who have not been re-elected (Statute, Art. 13, para. 3), not exceeding a total of \$40,000;
- (iv) The holding of sessions of the Court away from The Hague (Statute, Art. 22), not exceeding a total of \$75,000;
- (v) The payment of pensions and travel and removal expenses of judges not re-elected, and travel and removal expenses of new members of the Court, not exceeding a total of \$57,000;

(c) Such commitments not exceeding a total of \$25,000 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. *Resolves* that the Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the Assembly in respect of such commitments;

3. *Requests* the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in the light of discussions in the Fifth Committee, to study and report to the General Assembly at its resumed fifteenth session on the question of the review of the resolution relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses of the United Nations.

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20 December 1960.*

**1586 (XV). Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1961***The General Assembly*

*Resolves* that:

1. The Working Capital Fund shall be established for the year ending 31 December 1961 at an amount of US\$25 million, to be derived:

(a) As to \$23,920,842, from cash advances by Members in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 below:

(b) As to \$1,079,158, by transfer from surplus account as follows:

- (i) \$551,170 being the balance of surplus account as at 31 December 1957 not applied against Members' assessments in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1340 (XIII) of 13 December 1958,
- (ii) \$527,988 being the balance of surplus account as at 31 December 1958, not applied against

Member's assessments in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1445 (XIV) of 5 December 1959;

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 contribution of Members to the budget for the financial year 1961;

3. There shall be set off against this allocation of advances the amounts paid by Members to the Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1960 under General Assembly resolution 1445 (XIV) provided that, should such advance paid by any Member to the Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1960 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 budget for the financial year 1961, 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 1585 (XV) of 20 December 1960, 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 purpose, 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;

(d) Loans to specialized agencies and preparatory commissions of agencies to be established by inter-governmental 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 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;

(g) Such sums, not to exceed \$100,000 during the period 1961 to 1964, as may be necessary to finance awards made for the international encouragement of scientific research into the control of cancerous diseases, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 1398 (XIV) of 20 November 1959; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the annual budget estimates for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund;

5. Should the provisions in paragraph 1 above prove inadequate to meet the purposes normally related to the Working Capital Fund, the Secretary-General is authorized to utilize in 1961, under the conditions approved in General Assembly resolution 1448 (XIV) of 5 December 1959, cash from special funds and accounts in his custody or to seek short-term loans from Governments.

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20 December 1960.*

### 1587 (XV). Administrative arrangements under the draft Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs

*The General Assembly,*

*Bearing in mind* that a Conference of Plenipotentiaries will be convened in January 1961 for the purpose of concluding a Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs,

*Having noted with approval* the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on administrative arrangements under the draft Single Convention,<sup>45</sup>

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the Conference of Plenipotentiaries;

2. *Commends* the recommendations of the Advisory Committee to the consideration of the Conference in connexion with the relevant articles of the draft Single Convention.

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### 1588 (XV). System of travel and subsistence allowances to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations

*The General Assembly,*

*Confirming* the principles that govern the payment out of United Nations funds of travel and subsistence expenses to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations, as set forth in General Assembly resolution 1075 (XI) of 7 December 1956,

*Taking note however* of the increases in subsistence costs that have occurred since the rates of subsistence allowance were established in General Assembly resolution 459 (V) of 1 December 1950,

1. *Decides* that, with effect from 1 January 1961, subsistence allowance shall be payable to eligible members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations at the following daily rates:

*U.S. dollars*

(a) While attending meetings at Headquarters, New York .....	30
(b) While attending meetings in Geneva, the equivalent in local currency of ..	23

<sup>45</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 50, document A/4603.

*U.S. dollars*

- (c) While attending meetings at other places, a rate to be fixed by the Secretary-General and not to exceed the equivalent in local currency of 23
2. Decides to maintain the subsistence allowance of \$10 per day of attendance payable to eligible members whose duty station is also the place of the meeting, as well as the allowance of \$8 a day payable during periods of travel aboard vessels, trains and aircraft;
3. Authorizes the Secretary-General to establish such administrative rules and procedures as are necessary for the implementation of the present resolution.

*960th plenary meeting,  
20 December 1960.*

**1589 (XV). Transfer of the headquarters of the World Health Organization: amount to be reimbursed by the United Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

Noting the decision of the Twelfth World Health Assembly to construct a new headquarters building for the World Health Organization,

Noting that the cost of enlarging the Palais des Nations in 1950, for the purpose of housing the headquarters of the World Health Organization, was defrayed by that organization, with the assistance of a grant from the Swiss Confederation,

1. Decides to reimburse to the World Health Organization the sum of 4,425,763 Swiss francs (\$1,019,761) in respect of that organization's investment in the Palais des Nations;

2. Authorizes the Secretary-General, for this purpose, to include in the United Nations budget for each of the years 1962, 1963 and 1964 an annual instalment of \$340,000.

*960th plenary meeting,  
20 December 1960.*

**1590 (XV). United Nations operations in the Congo**

*The General Assembly,*

Noting that its resolution 1583 (XV) of 20 December 1960 provides for the financing of the United Nations operations in the Congo for the period from 14 July to 31 December 1960 in an amount of \$48.5 million and establishes an *ad hoc* account for that purpose,

Having been informed by the Secretary-General that, if continued at their present level into 1961, such operations may be expected to involve expenditures of upwards of \$8 million a month,<sup>46</sup>

1. Decides that, at its resumed fifteenth session, it shall give urgent consideration to the financing of such costs as may be incurred in 1961 in respect of the United Nations operations in the Congo;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit cost estimates for the operations in question as early as possible and not later than 1 March 1961;

3. Authorizes the Secretary-General, pending action by the General Assembly at its resumed fifteenth session and with the observance of the maximum possible economy in expenditures, to incur commitments in 1961 for the United Nations operations in the Congo up to the total of \$24 million for the period from 1 January to 31 March 1961.

*960th plenary meeting,  
20 December 1960.*

**1591 (XV). United Nations International School**

*The General Assembly,*

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General together with the report of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations International School<sup>47</sup> and the thirty-first report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session,<sup>48</sup>

Noting that, despite its continuing physical handicaps, the School appears to have made substantial educational progress and to have contributed to the stability of the staff of United Nations Headquarters,

Noting also that the goal of finding permanent accommodation for the School has not yet been attained,

Recalling its resolution 1439 (XIV) of 5 December 1959 in which the General Assembly decided to contribute to the International School Fund for a period of five years such continuing financial assistance as the Assembly might consider necessary,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Mayor and the City of New York for their co-operation in extending the availability of the present temporary premises of the United Nations International School and in assisting in the search for a permanent site at reasonable cost in the vicinity of United Nations Headquarters;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to assist the Board of Trustees in finding a suitable site for the School and in raising funds on a voluntary basis for the development of the permanent building and for the creation of an endowment fund which will make the School self-supporting at the earliest possible date;

3. Expresses the hope that the Board of Trustees and the School authorities will make every effort to avoid an operational deficit in the next school year, and in particular to expand their efforts to make the School available to a larger number of children whose parents are associated with the United Nations without a proportionate increase in expenditures;

4. Decides to contribute \$60,000 to the International School Fund for 1961 for the purpose of liquidating the operational deficit anticipated for the current school year;

5. Decides to make available an additional amount of \$20,000 for such expenses as may be required in 1961 in respect of the plans for the permanent accommodation of the School.

*960th plenary meeting,  
20 December 1960.*

<sup>46</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/C.5/856.

<sup>47</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 61, document A/4541.

<sup>48</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4624.



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### **1504 (XV). Report of the International Law Commission covering the work of its twelfth session**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the International Law Commission covering the work of its twelfth session,<sup>1</sup>

*Considering* that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1450 (XIV) of 7 December 1959, an international conference of plenipotentiaries has been convoked and is to be held at Vienna in the spring of 1961 to consider the question of diplomatic intercourse and immunities,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the International Law Commission;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* of the work accomplished by the International Law Commission at its twelfth session and its hope that work on the topic entitled "Consular intercourse and immunities" will be completed in time for consideration by the Sixth Committee at the sixteenth session of the General Assembly;

3. *Decides* that the draft articles on special missions contained in chapter III of the said report should be referred to the United Nations Conference on Diplomatic Intercourse and Immunities to be held at Vienna in 1961, so that they may be considered together with the draft articles on diplomatic intercourse and immunities adopted by the International Law Commission at its tenth session;<sup>2</sup>

*943rd plenary meeting,  
12 December 1960.*

### **1505 (XV). Future work in the field of the codification and progressive development of international law**

*The General Assembly,*

*Bearing in mind* the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

<sup>1</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/4425).

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/3859 and Corr.1), para. 53.

*Considering* that the conditions prevailing in the world today give increased importance to the role of international law—and its strict and undeviating observance by all Governments—in strengthening international peace, developing friendly and co-operative relations among the nations, settling disputes by peaceful means and advancing economic and social progress throughout the world,

*Recalling* its resolutions 1236 (XII) of 14 December 1957 and 1301 (XIII) of 10 December 1958,

*Mindful* of Article 13, paragraph 1, of the Charter of the United Nations, which provides that the General Assembly shall initiate studies and make recommendations for the purpose of encouraging the progressive development of international law and its codification,

*Considering* the extent of the progress made by the International Law Commission in the codification of topics listed in paragraph 16 of the report covering its first session;<sup>3</sup>

*Expressing its appreciation* to the Commission for the work it has accomplished in the field of the codification and progressive development of international law,

*Considering* that many new trends in the field of international relations have an impact on the development of international law,

*Considering* that it is desirable to survey the present state of international law, with a view to ascertaining whether new topics susceptible of codification or conducive to progressive development have arisen, whether priority should be given to any of the topics already included in the Commission's list or whether a broader approach may be called for in the consideration of any of these topics,

*Deeming it necessary therefore* to reconsider the Commission's programme of work in the light of recent developments in international law and with due regard to the need for promoting friendly relations and co-operation among States,

1. *Decides* to place the question entitled "Future work in the field of the codification and progressive development of international law" on the provisional

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., Fourth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/925).

agenda of its sixteenth session in order to study and survey the whole field of international law and make necessary suggestions with regard to the preparation of a new list of topics for codification and for the progressive development of international law;

2. *Invites* Member States to submit in writing to the Secretary-General, before 1 July 1961, any views or suggestions they may have on this question for consideration by the General Assembly.

*943rd plenary meeting,  
12 December 1960.*

**1506 (XV). Question of the publication of a United Nations juridical yearbook**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1451 (XIV) of 7 December 1959 by which it decided that a United Nations juridical yearbook which would include documentary materials

of a legal character relating to the United Nations should be published,

*Considering* that encouragement of the development of international law and of compliance therewith are essential functions of the United Nations and that the publication of the said yearbook should constitute a useful measure to that end,

*Taking into account* that, in the light of the discussion in the Sixth Committee, further study is required on the form and contents of the proposed yearbook and on the financial implications of its publication,

1. *Decides* to place the question of the publication of a United Nations juridical yearbook on the provisional agenda of its seventeenth session;

2. *Invites* Member States to submit to the Secretary-General, not later than 1 June 1962, written comments or observations on the form and contents of the proposed yearbook.

*943rd plenary meeting,  
12 December 1960.*

## **RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON THE REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE**

### **1493 (XV). Representation of China in the United Nations**

*The General Assembly*

1. *Decides to reject the request of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics<sup>1</sup> for the inclusion in the agenda of its fifteenth regular session of the item entitled "Representation of China in the United Nations";*
2. *Decides not to consider, at its fifteenth 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.*

*895th plenary meeting,  
8 October 1960.*

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### ***Decision taken by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the General Committee***

#### **Resumption of the fifteenth session**

At its 948th plenary meeting on 15 December 1960, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee,<sup>2</sup> decided to recess its fifteenth session on 20 December 1960 and to resume the session on 7 March 1961.

<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 8, document A/4474.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4634.



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**1476 (XV). Admission of the Republic of Cameroun to membership in the United Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received the recommendation of the Security Council of 26 January 1960 that the Republic of Cameroun should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,<sup>1</sup>*

*Having considered the application for membership of the Republic of Cameroun,<sup>2</sup>*

*Decides to admit the Republic of Cameroun to membership in the United Nations.*

*864th plenary meeting,  
20 September 1960.*

**1477 (XV). Admission of the Togolese Republic to membership in the United Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received the recommendation of the Security Council of 31 May 1960 that the Togolese Republic should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,<sup>3</sup>*

*Having considered the application for membership of the Togolese Republic,<sup>4</sup>*

*Decides to admit the Togolese Republic to membership in the United Nations.*

*864th plenary meeting,  
20 September 1960.*

**1478 (XV). Admission of the Malagasy Republic to membership in the United Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received the recommendation of the Security Council of 29 June 1960 that the Malagasy Republic should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,<sup>5</sup>*

*Having considered the application for membership of the Malagasy Republic,<sup>6</sup>*

*Decides to admit the Malagasy Republic to membership in the United Nations.*

*864th plenary meeting,  
20 September 1960.*

**1479 (XV). Admission of the Republic of Somalia to membership in the United Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received the recommendation of the Security Council of 5 July 1960 that the Republic of Somalia should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,<sup>7</sup>*

*Having considered the application for membership of the Republic of Somalia,<sup>8</sup>*

*Decides to admit the Republic of Somalia to membership in the United Nations.*

*864th plenary meeting,  
20 September 1960.*

**1480 (XV). Admission of the Republic of the Congo (Leopoldville) to membership in the United Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received the recommendation of the Security Council of 7 July 1960 that the Republic of the Congo (Leopoldville) should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,<sup>9</sup>*

*Having considered the application for membership of the Republic of the Congo (Leopoldville),<sup>10</sup>*

*Decides to admit the Republic of the Congo (Leopoldville) to membership in the United Nations.*

*864th plenary meeting,  
20 September 1960.*

**1481 (XV). Admission of the Republic of Dahomey to membership in the United Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received the recommendation of the Security Council of 23 August 1960 that the Republic of Dahomey should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,<sup>11</sup>*

*Having considered the application for membership of the Republic of Dahomey,<sup>12</sup>*

*Decides to admit the Republic of Dahomey to membership in the United Nations.*

*864th plenary meeting,  
20 September 1960.*

**1482 (XV). Admission of the Republic of the Niger to membership in the United Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received the recommendation of the Security Council of 23 August 1960 that the Republic of the Niger should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,<sup>13</sup>*

*Having considered the application for membership of the Republic of the Niger,<sup>14</sup>*

*Decides to admit the Republic of the Niger to membership in the United Nations.*

*864th plenary meeting,  
20 September 1960.*

**1483 (XV). Admission of the Republic of the Upper Volta to membership in the United Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received the recommendation of the Security Council of 23 August 1960 that the Republic of the Upper Volta should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,<sup>15</sup>*

<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 20, document A/4358.*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4357.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4372.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4377.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4388.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4386.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4393.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4392.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4398.

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4394.

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4453.

<sup>12</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4430.

<sup>13</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4454.

<sup>14</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4431.

<sup>15</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4455.

*Having considered* the application for membership of the Republic of the Upper Volta,<sup>16</sup>

*Decides* to admit the Republic of the Upper Volta to membership in the United Nations.

864th plenary meeting,  
20 September 1960.

**1484 (XV). Admission of the Republic of the Ivory Coast to membership in the United Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received* the recommendation of the Security Council of 23 August 1960 that the Republic of the Ivory Coast should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,<sup>17</sup>

*Having considered* the application for membership of the Republic of the Ivory Coast,<sup>18</sup>

*Decides* to admit the Republic of the Ivory Coast to membership in the United Nations.

864th plenary meeting,  
20 September 1960.

**1485 (XV). Admission of the Republic of Chad to membership in the United Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received* the recommendation of the Security Council of 23 August 1960 that the Republic of Chad should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,<sup>19</sup>

*Having considered* the application for membership of the Republic of Chad,<sup>20</sup>

*Decides* to admit the Republic of Chad to membership in the United Nations.

864th plenary meeting,  
20 September 1960.

**1486 (XV). Admission of the Republic of the Congo (Brazzaville) to membership in the United Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received* the recommendation of the Security Council of 23 August 1960 that the Republic of the Congo (Brazzaville) should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,<sup>21</sup>

*Having considered* the application for membership of the Republic of the Congo (Brazzaville),<sup>22</sup>

*Decides* to admit the Republic of the Congo (Brazzaville) to membership in the United Nations.

864th plenary meeting,  
20 September 1960.

**1487 (XV). Admission of the Gabon Republic to membership in the United Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received* the recommendation of the Security Council of 23 August 1960 that the Gabon Republic

should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,<sup>23</sup>

*Having considered* the application for membership of the Gabon Republic,<sup>24</sup>

*Decides* to admit the Gabon Republic to membership in the United Nations.

864th plenary meeting,  
20 September 1960.

**1488 (XV). Admission of the Central African Republic to membership in the United Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received* the recommendation of the Security Council of 23 August 1960 that the Central African Republic should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,<sup>25</sup>

*Having considered* the application for membership of the Central African Republic,<sup>26</sup>

*Decides* to admit the Central African Republic to membership in the United Nations.

864th plenary meeting,  
20 September 1960.

**1489 (XV). Admission of the Republic of Cyprus to membership in the United Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received* the recommendation of the Security Council of 24 August 1960 that the Republic of Cyprus should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,<sup>27</sup>

*Having considered* the application for membership of the Republic of Cyprus,<sup>28</sup>

*Decides* to admit the Republic of Cyprus to membership in the United Nations.

864th plenary meeting,  
20 September 1960.

**1490 (XV). Admission of the Republic of Senegal to membership in the United Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received* the recommendation of the Security Council of 28 September 1960 that the Republic of Senegal should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,<sup>29</sup>

*Having considered* the application for membership of the Republic of Senegal,<sup>30</sup>

*Decides* to admit the Republic of Senegal to membership in the United Nations.

864th plenary meeting,  
28 September 1960.

**1491 (XV). Admission of the Republic of Mali to membership in the United Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received* the recommendation of the Security Council of 28 September 1960 that the Republic of Mali

<sup>16</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4432.

<sup>17</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4456.

<sup>18</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4433.

<sup>19</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4457.

<sup>20</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4436.

<sup>21</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4458.

<sup>22</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4435.

<sup>23</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4459.

<sup>24</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4441.

<sup>25</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4460.

<sup>26</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4451.

<sup>27</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4462.

<sup>28</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4438.

<sup>29</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4513.

<sup>30</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4511.

should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,<sup>31</sup>

*Having considered* the application for membership of the Republic of Mali,<sup>32</sup>

*Decides to* admit the Republic of Mali to membership in the United Nations.

876th plenary meeting,  
28 September 1960.

#### 1492 (XV). Admission of the Federation of Nigeria to membership in the United Nations

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received* the recommendation of the Security Council of 7 October 1960 that the Federation of Nigeria should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,<sup>33</sup>

*Having considered* the application for membership of the Federation of Nigeria,<sup>34</sup>

*Decides to* admit the Federation of Nigeria to membership in the United Nations.

893rd plenary meeting,  
7 October 1960.

#### 1495 (XV). Co-operation of Member States

*The General Assembly,*

*Deeply concerned* by the increase in world tensions,

*Considering* that the deterioration in international relations constitutes a grave risk to world peace and co-operation,

*Conscious* that both in the General Assembly and in the world at large it is necessary to arrest this trend in international relations and to contribute towards greater harmony among nations irrespective of the differences in their political and economic systems,

1. *Urges* that all countries, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, refrain from actions likely to aggravate international tensions;

2. *Reaffirms the conviction* that the strength of the United Nations rests on the co-operation of its Member States which should be forthcoming in full measure so that the Organization becomes a more effective instrument for the safeguarding of peace and for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples;

3. *Urges further* that immediate and constructive steps should be adopted in regard to the urgent problems concerning the peace of the world and the advancement of its peoples;

4. *Appeals* to all Member States to use their utmost endeavours to these ends.

907th plenary meeting,  
17 October 1960.

#### 1503 (XV). Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency

*The General Assembly*

*Takes note* of the report of the International Atomic

<sup>31</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4514.

<sup>32</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4512.

<sup>33</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4533.

<sup>34</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4527.

<sup>35</sup> Annual report of the Board of Governors to the General Conference, 1 July 1959-30 June 1960, Vienna, July 1960 (A/4531 and Corr.1 and Add.1).

Energy Agency to the General Assembly for the year 1959-1960.<sup>35</sup>

943rd plenary meeting,  
12 December 1960.

#### 1513 (XV). 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 1959 to 15 July 1960.<sup>36</sup>

943rd plenary meeting,  
12 December 1960.

#### 1514 (XV). Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples

*The General Assembly,*

*Mindful* of the determination proclaimed by the peoples of the world in the Charter of the United Nations to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

*Conscious* of the need for the creation of conditions of stability and well-being and peaceful and friendly relations based on respect for the principles of equal rights and self-determination of all peoples, and of universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

*Recognizing* the passionate yearning for freedom in all dependent peoples and the decisive role of such peoples in the attainment of their independence,

*Aware* of the increasing conflicts resulting from the denial of or impediments in the way of the freedom of such peoples, which constitute a serious threat to world peace,

*Considering* the important role of the United Nations in assisting the movement for independence in Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories,

*Recognizing* that the peoples of the world ardently desire the end of colonialism in all its manifestations,

*Convinced* that the continued existence of colonialism prevents the development of international economic co-operation, impedes the social, cultural and economic development of dependent peoples and militates against the United Nations ideal of universal peace,

*Affirming* that peoples may, for their own ends, freely dispose of their natural wealth and resources without prejudice to any obligations arising out of international economic co-operation, based upon the principle of mutual benefit, and international law,

*Believing* that the process of liberation is irresistible and irreversible and that, in order to avoid serious crises, an end must be put to colonialism and all practices of segregation and discrimination associated therewith,

*Welcoming* the emergence in recent years of a large number of dependent territories into freedom and independence, and recognizing the increasingly powerful trends towards freedom in such territories which have not yet attained independence,

<sup>36</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 2 (A/4494).

*Convinced* that all peoples have an inalienable right to complete freedom, the exercise of their sovereignty and the integrity of their national territory,

*Solemnly proclaims* the necessity of bringing to a speedy and unconditional end colonialism in all its forms and manifestations;

And to this end

*Declares* that:

1. The subjection of peoples to alien subjugation, domination and exploitation constitutes a denial of fundamental human rights, is contrary to the Charter of the United Nations and is an impediment to the promotion of world peace and co-operation.

2. All peoples have the right to self-determination; by virtue of that right they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development.

3. Inadequacy of political, economic, social or educational preparedness should never serve as a pretext for delaying independence.

4. All armed action or repressive measures of all kinds directed against dependent peoples shall cease in order to enable them to exercise peacefully and freely their right to complete independence, and the integrity of their national territory shall be respected.

5. Immediate steps shall be taken, in Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories or all other territories which have not yet attained independence, to transfer all powers to the peoples of those territories, without any conditions or reservations, in accordance with their freely expressed will and desire, without

any distinction as to race, creed or colour, in order to enable them to enjoy complete independence and freedom.

6. Any attempt aimed at the partial or total disruption of the national unity and the territorial integrity of a country is incompatible with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

7. All States shall observe faithfully and strictly the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the present Declaration on the basis of equality, non-interference in the internal affairs of all States, and respect for the sovereign rights of all peoples and their territorial integrity.

*947th plenary meeting,  
14 December 1960.*

## 1592 (XV). The situation in the Republic of the Congo

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the item entitled "The situation in the Republic of the Congo",

*Noting* that the previous resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly on this subject are still in effect,

*Decides* to keep this item on the agenda of its resumed fifteenth session.

*958th plenary meeting,  
20 December 1960.*

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## Note

### Appointment of the Peace Observation Commission (item 18)

At its 960th plenary meeting on 20 December 1960, the General Assembly decided to reappoint, for the calendar years 1961 and 1962, the present members of the Peace Observation Commission. The Commission is therefore composed as follows: 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.



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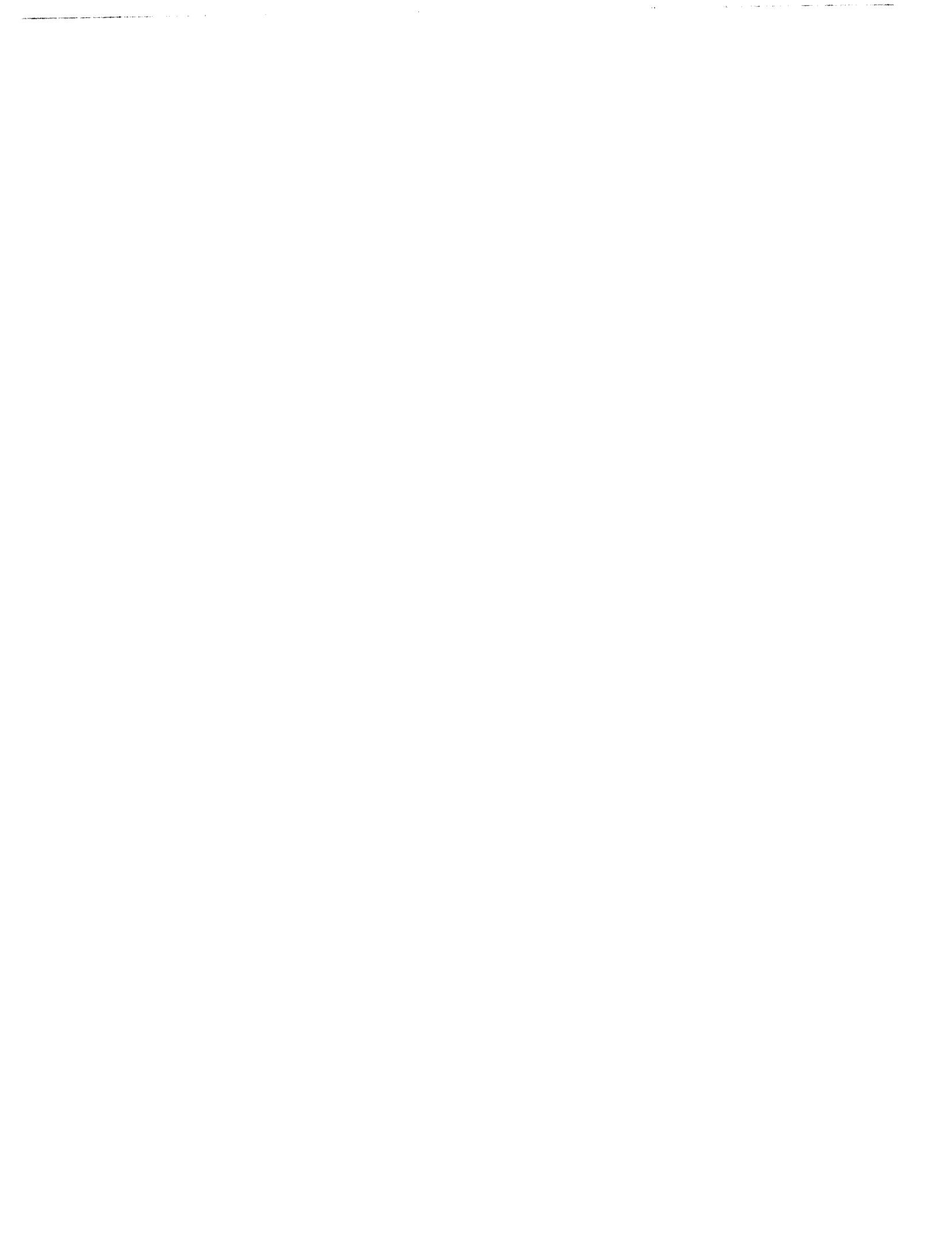
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