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APPOINTMENT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

In accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly appointed a Credentials Committee to examine the credentials of representatives.¹

The Committee was constituted as follows: AFGHANISTAN, AUSTRALIA, COLOMBIA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, FRANCE, INDONESIA, IRAQ, the UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

*516th plenary meeting,
20 September 1955.*

COMPOSITION OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

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

- (a) *President of the General Assembly:*

His Excellency Mr. José Maza (Chile)

*516th plenary meeting,
20 September 1955.*

- (b) *Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly:*

The representatives of the following Member States: CHINA, ETHIOPIA, FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

*517th plenary meeting,
21 September 1955.*

- (c) *Chairmen of the six Main Committees and of the Ad Hoc Political Committee of the General Assembly:*

First Committee: Sir Leslie Munro (New Zealand)

Second Committee: Mr. Ernest Chauvet (Haiti)

Third Committee: Mr. Omar Loutfi (Egypt)

Fourth Committee: Mr. Luciano Joublanc Rivas (Mexico)

Fifth Committee: Mr. Hans Engen (Norway)

Sixth Committee: Mr. Manfred Lachs (Poland)

Ad Hoc Political Committee: Prince Wan Waithayakon (Thailand)

*517th plenary meeting,
21 September 1955.*

ELECTION OF THREE NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The General Assembly elected three non-permanent members to the Security Council to fill the vacancies which will occur on the expiration of the terms of office of BRAZIL, NEW ZEALAND and TURKEY.

The States elected were the following:

AUSTRALIA, CUBA and YUGOSLAVIA.

*534th and 560th plenary meetings,
14 October and 20 December 1955.*

¹ For the resolutions adopted on the reports of the Credentials Committee, see page 1.

ELECTION OF SIX MEMBERS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The General Assembly elected six members to the Economic and Social Council to fill the vacancies which will occur on the expiration of the terms of office of AUSTRALIA, INDIA, TURKEY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, VENEZUELA and YUGOSLAVIA.

The States elected were the following:

BRAZIL, CANADA, GREECE, INDONESIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and YUGOSLAVIA.

*535th and 536th plenary meetings,
19 and 20 October 1955.*

ELECTION OF THREE MEMBERS TO THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

The General Assembly elected two members to the Trusteeship Council to fill the vacancies which will occur on the expiration of the terms of office of EL SALVADOR and SYRIA.

The States elected were the following:

GUATEMALA and SYRIA.

*536th plenary meeting,
20 October 1955.*

Consequent upon the admission to the United Nations of Italy, the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration, and the assumption by Italy of its seat as a member of the Trusteeship Council, the General Assembly was called upon to elect one non-administering Member in accordance with paragraph 1 c of Article 86 of the Charter.

The following State was elected:

BURMA.

*559th plenary meeting,
16 December 1955.*

ALLOCATION OF AGENDA ITEMS¹

Plenary meetings

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of the Netherlands (item 1).
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (item 2).
3. Appointment of a Credentials Committee (item 3).
4. Election of the President (item 4).
5. Constitution of the Main Committees and election of officers (item 5).
6. Election of Vice-Presidents (item 6).
7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter (item 7).
8. Adoption of the agenda (item 8).
9. Opening of the general debate (item 9).
10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (item 10).
11. Report of the Security Council (item 11).
12. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters I, VII, VIII and IX) (item 12).
13. Election of three non-permanent members of the Security Council (item 14).
14. Election of six members of the Economic and Social Council (item 15).
15. Election of two members of the Trusteeship Council (item 16).
16. Proposal to call a General Conference of the Members of the United Nations for the purpose of reviewing the Charter (Article 109 of the Charter) (item 55).
17. Application of the Federal Republic of Germany for membership in the International Civil Aviation Organization (item 57).

First Committee

POLITICAL AND SECURITY (INCLUDING THE REGULATION OF ARMAMENTS)

1. Regulation, limitation and balanced reduction of all armed forces and all armaments; conclusion of an international convention (treaty) on the reduction of armaments and the prohibition of atomic, hydrogen and other weapons of mass destruction: report of the Disarmament Commission (item 17).
2. Peaceful uses of atomic energy (item 18):²
 - (a) International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy: report of the Secretary-General;
 - (b) Progress in developing international co-operation for the peaceful uses of atomic energy: reports of Governments.

¹ Unless otherwise indicated, all the items formed part of the agenda recommended by the General Committee in its first report (A/2980) and adopted by the General Assembly at its 530th plenary meeting on 30 September 1955. At the same meeting, the General Assembly also adopted the recommendations of the General Committee on the allocation of agenda items and the organization of the work of the tenth session.

² At its 521st plenary meeting on 23 September 1955, the General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, to consider jointly item 18 of the provisional agenda (A/2915) and item 6 of the supplementary list (A/2942) which became respectively sub-items (a) and (b) of the present agenda item.

3. Effects of atomic radiation (item 59):³

- (a) Co-ordination of information relating to the effects of atomic radiation upon human health and safety;
 - (b) Dissemination of information on the effects of atomic radiation and on the effects of experimental explosions of thermo-nuclear bombs.
4. The Korean question (item 19):⁴
 - (a) Report of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea;
 - (b) Reports of the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission in Korea;
 - (c) Problem of ex-prisoners of the Korean war.
 5. The question of Morocco (item 58).
 6. The question of Algeria (item 64).⁵
 7. The question of West Irian (West New Guinea) (item 65).⁶
 8. Measures for the further relaxation of international tension and development of international co-operation (item 66).⁷

Ad Hoc Political Committee⁸

1. Treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa: report of the Secretary-General (item 20).
2. Admission of new Members to the United Nations: reports of the Security Council and of the Committee of Good Offices (item 21).
3. Report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (item 22).
4. The question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of *apartheid* of the Government of the Union of South Africa: report of the United Nations Commission on the Racial Situation in the Union of South Africa (item 23).

³ At its 521st plenary meeting on 23 September 1955 the General Assembly on the recommendation of the General Committee decided to consider jointly item 4 of the supplementary list (A/2942) and the additional item proposed by India (A/2949) which became respectively sub-items (a) and (b) of the present agenda item.

⁴ In its report on this item, the First Committee informed the General Assembly that it had adopted a proposal to the effect that sub-item (b) should not be discussed at the tenth session (A/3048, para. 12). At its 549th plenary meeting on 29 November 1955, the General Assembly took note of this decision.

⁵ At its 530th meeting on 30 September 1955 the General Assembly rejected the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report (A/2980) not to include this item in the agenda; at the same meeting the General Assembly allocated this item to the First Committee.

⁶ Included in the agenda by the General Assembly at its 532nd meeting on 3 October 1955 on the basis of a recommendation by the General Committee as set forth in its second report (A/2985); at the same meeting the General Assembly allocated this item to the First Committee.

⁷ Included in the agenda by the General Assembly at its 532nd plenary meeting on 3 October 1955 on the basis of a recommendation by the General Committee as set forth in its second report (A/2985); at the same meeting the General Assembly allocated this item to the First Committee, which decided to consider it jointly with agenda item 17.

⁸ Established by the General Assembly at its 516th plenary meeting on 20 September 1955.

Second Committee

ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL

1. Report of the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency (item 25).
2. Economic development of under-developed countries (item 24):
 - (a) Question of the establishment of a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development: report submitted in accordance with resolution 822 (IX) of 11 December 1954;
 - (b) Question of the establishment of an International Finance Corporation: report of the Economic and Social Council;
 - (c) Programmes of technical assistance: report of the Economic and Social Council.
3. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters II, III and IV) (item 12).
4. Question of assistance to Libya: report of the Secretary-General (item 26).

Third Committee

SOCIAL, HUMANITARIAN AND CULTURAL

1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (item 27).
2. Draft International Covenants on Human Rights (item 28).⁹
3. Recommendations concerning international respect for the right of peoples and nations to self-determination: report of the Economic and Social Council (item 29).⁹
4. Advisory services in the field of human rights (item 62).
5. Draft Convention on the Nationality of Married Women (item 63).⁹
6. Question of the safety of commercial aircraft flying in the vicinity of, or inadvertently crossing, international frontiers (item 61).
7. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapters V and VI) (item 12).

Fourth Committee

TRUSTEESHIP (INCLUDING NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES)

1. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter: reports of the Secretary-General and of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories (item 31):
 - (a) Information on social conditions;
 - (b) Information on other conditions;
 - (c) General questions relating to the transmission and examination of information;
 - (d) Offers of study and training facilities under resolution 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954.
2. Consideration of communications relating to the cessation of the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter: reports of the Secretary-General and of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories (item 32):

* See "Other decisions taken by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Third Committee", p. 16.

(a) Communication from the Government of the Netherlands concerning the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam;

(b) Other communications, if any;

(c) Procedures concerning the consideration of communications.

3. Question of the renewal of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories (item 33).
4. Election, if required, to fill vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories (item 34).
5. Question of South West Africa (item 30):
 - (a) Voting procedure on questions relating to reports and petitions concerning the Territory of South West Africa: advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice;
 - (b) Report of the Committee on South West Africa.
6. Report of the Trusteeship Council (item 13).
7. The Togoland unification problem and the future of the Trust Territory of Togoland under British administration: report of the Trusteeship Council (item 35).

Fifth Committee

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY

1. Financial reports and accounts, and reports of the Board of Auditors (item 36):
 - (a) United Nations, for the financial year ended 31 December 1954;
 - (b) United Nations Children's Fund, for the financial year ended 31 December 1954;
 - (c) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, for the financial year ended 30 June 1955;
 - (d) United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency, for the financial year ended 30 June 1955;
 - (e) United Nations Refugee Emergency Fund, for the financial year ended 31 December 1954.
2. Review of audit procedures of the United Nations and the specialized agencies: reports of the Secretary-General and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (item 43).
3. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (item 44):
 - (a) Annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board;
 - (b) Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the third actuarial valuation of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund as of 30 September 1954;
 - (c) Amendments to the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, including report on article XI;
 - (d) Acceptance by the specialized agencies of the jurisdiction of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal in matters involving applications alleging non-observance of the Regu-

- lations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: report of the Secretary-General.
4. Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds (item 40).
 5. Headquarters of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General (item 41).
 6. Budget estimates for the financial year 1956 (item 38).
 7. Organization of the Secretariat: report of the Secretary-General (item 47).¹⁰
 8. Administrative and budgetary co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies: reports of the Secretary-General and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (item 45).
 9. Audit reports relating to expenditure by specialized agencies of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account (item 46).
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 - (a) Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
 - (b) Committee on Contributions;
 - (c) Board of Auditors;
 - (d) Investments Committee: confirmation of the appointment made by the Secretary-General;
 - (e) United Nations Administrative Tribunal;
 - (f) United Nations Staff Pension Committee.
 11. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Committee on Contributions (item 42).

¹⁰ The Fifth Committee considered this item jointly with item 38.

12. Report of the Special Committee on Review of Administrative Tribunal Judgments (item 49).
13. Personnel questions: report of the Secretary-General (item 56).
14. Use of income derived from the Staff Assessment Plan: report of the Secretary-General (item 48).
15. Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1955 (item 37).
16. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chapter X) (item 12).
17. Establishment and maintenance of a United Nations Memorial cemetery in Korea (item 60).
18. Registration and publication of treaties and international agreements: report of the Secretary-General (item 54).

Sixth Committee

LEGAL

1. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its seventh session (item 50).
2. Question of the continuation of the United Nations Tribunal in Libya: report of the Secretary-General (item 53).
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**RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

**908 (X). Credentials of representatives to the tenth session of the
General Assembly**

A

The General Assembly

Approves the first report¹ of the Credentials Committee.

*542nd plenary meeting,
17 November 1955.*

B

The General Assembly

Approves the second report² of the Credentials Committee.

*557th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.*

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 3, document A/3027.

² *Ibid.*, document A/3091.



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909 (X). The question of Algeria

The General Assembly

Decides not to consider further the item entitled "The question of Algeria" and is therefore no longer seized of this item on the agenda of its tenth session.

*548th plenary meeting,
25 November 1955.*

910 (X). The Korean question

A

REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE UNIFICATION AND REHABILITATION OF KOREA

The General Assembly,

Having noted the report¹ of the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea signed at Seoul, Korea, on 7 September 1955,

Recalling that, in resolution 811 (IX) of 11 December 1954, in approving the report² of the fifteen Governments participating in the Geneva Korean Political Conference on behalf of the United Nations, the General Assembly expressed the hope that it would soon prove possible to make progress towards the achievement by peaceful means of a unified, independent and democratic Korea under a representative form of government and of full restoration of international peace and security in the area,

Noting that paragraph 62 of the Armistice Agreement³ of 27 July 1953 provides that the Agreement "shall remain in effect until expressly superseded either by mutually acceptable amendments and additions or by provision in an appropriate agreement for a peaceful settlement at a political level between both sides",

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/2947).*

² *Ibid., Ninth Session, Annexes, agenda item 17, document A/2786.*

³ *Official Records of the Security Council, Eighth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1953, document S/3079.*

1. *Reaffirms its intention to continue to seek an early solution of the Korean question in accordance with the objectives of the United Nations;*

2. *Urges that continuing efforts be made to achieve these objectives;*

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

*549th plenary meeting,
29 November 1955.*

B

PROBLEM OF EX-PRISONERS OF THE KOREAN WAR

The General Assembly,

Noting that, pending their final disposition, a number of ex-prisoners of the Korean war remain temporarily in India,

1. *Notes with appreciation that the Governments of Argentina and Brazil have generously offered to resettle as many of the ex-prisoners as opt to settle in those countries and that, in respect of the offer of Brazil, consultations with regard to arrangements are taking place;*

2. *Requests the Governments of Member States able to do so, to assist in bringing about a full solution of this problem by accepting for resettlement those ex-prisoners not covered by the present offers;*

3. *Requests the Government of India to report to the General Assembly at its eleventh session on this problem.*

*549th plenary meeting,
29 November 1955.*

911 (X). The question of Morocco

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Morocco,

Noting that negotiations between France and Morocco will be initiated regarding this question,

Expressing confidence that a satisfactory solution of the question of Morocco will be achieved,

Decides to postpone further consideration of this item.

550th plenary meeting,
3 December 1955.

912 (X). Peaceful uses of atomic energy

The General Assembly,

Desiring that mankind should be enabled to make the fullest use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes,

Desiring to promote energetically the use of atomic energy to the end that it will serve only the peaceful pursuits of mankind and ameliorate their living conditions,

Recognizing the deep interest of all Members of the United Nations in achieving these ends,

Recalling its resolution 810 (IX) of 4 December 1954 concerning international co-operation in developing the peaceful uses of atomic energy, and recognizing that, in accordance with that resolution, significant progress is being made in promoting international co-operation for this purpose,

Having considered the report⁴ of the Secretary-General, submitted pursuant to paragraph 8 of section B of the above-mentioned resolution, on the International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy held in Geneva from 8 to 20 August 1955,

Recognizing the necessity of ensuring that the facilities of the International Atomic Energy Agency and such fissionable material as may be placed at its disposal are not used for, or diverted to, other than peaceful purposes,

Believing that continuing international co-operation is essential for further developing and expanding the peaceful uses of atomic energy,

I

CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY

1. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the proceedings of the International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy convened in accordance with General Assembly resolution 810 (IX), and commends the participants therein for the high scientific quality of the papers and discussions, and for the spirit of co-operation which prevailed at the Conference;

2. *Notes* the impressive results achieved by the Conference in facilitating the free flow of scientific knowledge relating to the production and peaceful uses of atomic energy and in laying a foundation for the fuller exchange of information on the development of atomic energy for the aims of human welfare;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* of the work of the Secretary-General and of the Advisory Committee established under paragraph 5 of section B of resolution 810 (IX) in preparing and organizing the Conference;

4. *Recommends* that a second international conference for the exchange of technical information regard-

ing the peaceful uses of atomic energy should be held under the auspices of the United Nations in two to three years time;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, acting upon the advice of the Advisory Committee referred to in paragraph 7 of section I of the present resolution and in consultation with the appropriate specialized agencies, to determine an appropriate place and date, to issue invitations to the conference in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 7 of section B of resolution 810 (IX), to prepare and circulate an agenda, and to provide the necessary staff and services;

6. *Invites* the specialized agencies to consult with the Secretary-General and the Advisory Committee with a view to ensuring proper co-ordination between the conference referred to in paragraph 4 above and such technical conferences as they or their affiliated non-governmental scientific organizations may convene on the more specialized aspects of the peaceful uses of atomic energy;

7. *Decides* to continue the Advisory Committee established under paragraph 5 of section B of resolution 810 (IX) in order that it may assist the Secretary-General in carrying out the provisions of the present resolution;

II

CONCERNING AN INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

1. *Notes with satisfaction* that substantial progress has been made toward negotiation of a draft statute establishing an International Atomic Energy Agency and that this draft has been circulated to Governments for their consideration and comment;

2. *Welcomes* the announced intention of Governments sponsoring the Agency to invite all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies to participate in a conference on the final text of the statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency;

3. *Further welcomes* the extension of invitations to the Governments of Brazil, Czechoslovakia, India and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to participate, as Governments concerned, with the present sponsoring Governments in negotiations on the draft statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency;

4. *Recommends* that the Governments concerned take into account the views expressed on the Agency during the present session of the General Assembly, as well as the comments transmitted directly by Governments, and that they take all possible measures to establish the Agency without delay, bearing in mind the provisions of the present resolution;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Advisory Committee referred to in paragraph 7 of section I of the present resolution, to study the question of the relationship of the International Atomic Energy Agency to the United Nations, and to transmit the results of their study to the Governments concerned before the conference referred to in paragraph 2 of section II above is convened;

6. *Requests* the Governments concerned to report to the General Assembly as appropriate;

7. *Suggests* that the International Atomic Energy Agency, when established, consider the desirability of

⁴ Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 18, document A/2967.

arranging for an international periodical devoted to the peaceful uses of atomic energy.

*550th plenary meeting,
3 December 1955.*

913 (X). Effects of atomic radiation

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the importance of, and the widespread attention being given to, problems relating to the effects of ionizing radiation upon man and his environment,

Believing that the widest distribution should be given to all available scientific data on the short-term and long-term effects upon man and his environment of ionizing radiation, including radiation levels and radio-active "fall-out",

Noting that studies of this problem are being conducted in various countries,

Believing that the peoples of the world should be more fully informed on this subject,

1. *Establishes* a scientific Committee consisting of Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, France, India, Japan, Mexico, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and requests the Governments of these countries each to designate one scientist, with alternates and consultants as appropriate, to be its representative on this Committee;

2. *Requests* the Committee:

(a) To receive and assemble in an appropriate and useful form the following radiological information furnished by States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies:

- (i) Reports on observed levels of ionizing radiation and radio-activity in the environment;
- (ii) Reports on scientific observations and experiments relevant to the effects of ionizing radiation upon man and his environment already under way or later undertaken by national scientific bodies or by authorities of national Governments;

(b) To recommend uniform standards with respect to procedures for sample collection and instrumentation, and radiation counting procedures to be used in analyses of samples;

(c) To compile and assemble in an integrated manner the various reports, referred to in sub-paragraph (a) (i) above, on observed radiological levels;

(d) To review and collate national reports, referred to in sub-paragraph (a) (ii) above, evaluating each report to determine its usefulness for the purposes of the Committee;

(e) To make yearly progress reports and to develop, by 1 July 1958, or earlier if the assembled facts warrant, a summary of the reports received on radiation levels and radiation effects on man and his environment together with the evaluations provided for in sub-paragraph (d) above and indications of research projects which might require further study;

(f) To transmit from time to time, as it deems appropriate, the documents and evaluations referred to above to the Secretary-General for publication and dis-

semination to States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Committee with appropriate assistance in organizing and carrying on its work, and to provide a secretary of the Committee;

4. *Calls upon* all concerned to co-operate in making available reports and studies relating to the short-term and long-term effects of ionizing radiation upon man and his environment and radiological data collected by them;

5. *Requests* the specialized agencies to concert with the Committee concerning any work they may be doing or contemplating within the sphere of the Committee's terms of reference to assure proper co-ordination;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the Government of Japan to nominate a scientist, with alternates and consultants as appropriate, to be its representative on the Committee;

7. *Decides* to transmit to the Committee the records of the proceedings of the General Assembly on the present item.

*550th plenary meeting,
3 December 1955.*

914 (X). Regulation, limitation and balanced reduction of all armed forces and all armaments; conclusion of an international convention (treaty) on the reduction of armaments and the prohibition of atomic, hydrogen and other weapons of mass destruction

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 808 (IX) of 4 November 1954, which established the conclusion that a further effort should be made to reach agreement on comprehensive and co-ordinated proposals to be embodied in a draft international disarmament convention providing for:

- (a) The regulation, limitation and major reduction of all armed forces and all conventional armaments;
- (b) The total prohibition of the use and manufacture of nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction of every type, together with the conversion of existing stocks of nuclear weapons for peaceful purposes;

(c) The establishment of effective international control, through a control organ with rights, powers and functions adequate to guarantee the effective observance of the agreed reductions of all armaments and armed forces and the prohibition of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction, and to ensure the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes only,

the whole programme to be such that no State would have cause to fear that its security was endangered,

Expressing the hope that efforts to relax international tensions, to promote mutual confidence and to develop co-operation among States, such as the Geneva Conference of the Heads of Government of the four Powers, the Bandung Conference of African and Asian countries and the United Nations tenth anniversary commemorative meeting at San Francisco, will prove effective in promoting world peace,

Desirous of contributing to the lowering of international tensions, the strengthening of confidence between

States, the removal of the threat of war and the reduction of the burden of armaments,

Convinced therefore of the need to continue to seek agreement on a comprehensive programme for disarmament which will promote international peace and security with the least diversion for armaments of the world's human and economic resources,

Welcoming the progress which has been made towards agreement on objectives during the meetings in 1955 of the Sub-Committee of the Disarmament Commission,

Noting that agreement has not yet been reached on the rights, powers and functions of a control system, which is the keystone of any disarmament agreement, nor on other essential matters set out in General Assembly resolution 808 (IX),

Noting also that special technical difficulties have arisen in regard to the detection and control of nuclear weapons material,

Recognizing further that inspection and control of disarmament can best be achieved in an atmosphere which is free of fear and suspicion,

1. *Urges* that the States concerned and particularly those on the Sub-Committee of the Disarmament Commission:

(a) Should continue their endeavours to reach agreement on a comprehensive disarmament plan in accordance with the goals set out in General Assembly resolution 808 (IX);

(b) Should, as initial steps, give priority to early agreement on and implementation of:

(i) Such confidence-building measures as the plan of Mr. Eisenhower, President of the United States of America, for exchanging military blueprints and mutual aerial inspection, and the plan of Mr. Bulganin, Prime Minister of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, for establishing control posts at strategic centres,

(ii) All such measures of adequately safeguarded disarmament as are now feasible;

2. *Suggests* that account should also be taken of the proposals of the Prime Minister of France for exchanging and publishing information regarding military expenditures and budgets, of the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for seeking practical experience in the problems of in-

spection and control, and of the Government of India regarding the suspension of experimental explosions of nuclear weapons and an "armaments truce";

3. *Calls upon* the States concerned, and especially those on the Sub-Committee of the Disarmament Commission, to study the proposal of the Prime Minister of France for the allocation of funds resulting from disarmament for improving the standards of living throughout the world and, in particular, in the less-developed countries;

4. *Recommends further* that scientific search should be continued by each State, with appropriate consultation between Governments, for methods that would make possible thoroughly effective inspection and control of nuclear weapons material, having as its aim to facilitate the solution of the problem of comprehensive disarmament;

5. *Suggests* that the Disarmament Commission reconvene its Sub-Committee and that both pursue their efforts to attain the above objectives;

6. *Decides* to transmit to the Disarmament Commission, for its information, the records of the meetings of the First Committee at which the disarmament problem was discussed during the tenth session of the General Assembly, and requests the Disarmament Commission and the Sub-Committee to give careful and early consideration to the views expressed in those documents.

559th plenary meeting,
16 December 1955.

915 (X). The question of West Irian (West New Guinea)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item on the agenda of its tenth session entitled "The question of West Irian (West New Guinea)",

Hoping that the problem will be peacefully resolved,

Noting the joint statement issued by the Governments of Indonesia and the Netherlands on 7 December 1955,

Expresses the hope that the negotiations referred to in the said joint statement will be fruitful.

559th plenary meeting,
16 December 1955.

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916 (X). Report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 194 (III) of 11 December 1948, 302 (IV) of 8 December 1949, 393 (V) of 2 December 1950, 513 (VI) of 26 January 1952, 614 (VII) of 6 November 1952, 720 (VIII) of 27 November 1953 and 818 (IX) of 4 December 1954,

Noting the annual report¹ and the special report² of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and the special report³ of the Advisory Commission of the Agency,

Having reviewed the budgets for relief and rehabilitation prepared by the Director of the Agency,

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

1. Directs the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East to pursue its programmes for the relief and rehabilitation of refugees, bearing in mind the limitations imposed upon it by the extent of the contributions for the fiscal year;

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

3. Requests the Government of the area, without

¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/2978).

² Ibid., Supplement No. 15 A (A/2978/Add.1).

³ Ibid., Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 22, document A/3017.

prejudice to paragraph 11 of resolution 194 (III), to make a determined effort, in co-operation with the Director of the Agency, to seek and carry out projects capable of supporting substantial numbers of refugees;

4. Notes with gratification that the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of the Jordan and the Agency have made substantial progress toward resolving the difficulties which impede the granting of rations to all qualified refugee children in Jordan;

5. Notes the serious need of the other claimants for relief as described in the special report² prepared by the Director pursuant to paragraph 6 of resolution 818 (IX), namely, the frontier villagers in Jordan, the non-refugee population of the Gaza strip, a number of the refugees in Egypt, and certain of the Bedouin;

6. Appeals to private organizations to give them increased assistance to the extent that local Governments cannot do so;

7. Urges all Governments and individuals to support these private organizations with food, goods and services;

8. Requests the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds, after the receipt of the budgets from the Director of the Agency, to seek such funds as may be required by the Agency;

9. Appeals to the Governments of Member and non-member States to make voluntary contributions to the extent necessary to carry through to fulfilment the Agency's programmes, and thanks the numerous religious, charitable and humanitarian organizations for their valuable and continuing work in assisting the refugees;

10. Expresses its thanks to the Director and the staff of the Agency for their continued faithful efforts to carry out their mandate, and requests the Governments of the area to continue to facilitate the work of the Agency and to ensure the protection of its personnel and property;

11. Requests the Director of the Agency to continue

to submit the reports referred to in paragraph 21 of resolution 302 (IV) as well as the annual budgets.

550th plenary meeting,
3 December 1955.

917 (X). The question of race conflict in South Africa resulting from the policies of apartheid of the Government of the Union of South Africa

The General Assembly,

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

Recalling section E of resolution 377 A (V) of 3 November 1950, in which it expressed its conviction that a genuine and lasting peace depends also upon the observance of all the principles and purposes established in the Charter of the United Nations, upon the implementation of the resolutions of the General Assembly and other principal organs of the United Nations intended to achieve the maintenance of international peace and security and especially upon respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all,

Reiterating its resolutions 103 (I) of 19 November 1946 and 616 B (VII) of 5 December 1952 in which the General Assembly has declared, *inter alia*, that it is in the higher interests of humanity to put an immediate end to religious and so-called racial persecution and discrimination, and that governmental policies which are designed to perpetuate or increase discrimination are inconsistent with the pledges of the Members under Article 56 of the Charter,

Noting that the United Nations Commission on the Racial Situation in the Union of South Africa has now submitted its third report,⁴

1. Commends the United Nations Commission on the Racial Situation in the Union of South Africa for its constructive work;

2. Notes with regret that the Government of the Union of South Africa again refused to co-operate with the Commission;

3. Recommends the Government of the Union of South Africa to take note of the Commission's report;

4. Expresses its concern at the fact that the Government of the Union of South Africa continues to give effect to the policies of *apartheid*, notwithstanding the request made to it by the General Assembly to reconsider its position in the light of the high principles contained in the Charter and taking into account the pledge of all Member States to promote respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms without distinction as to race;

5. Reminds the Government of the Union of South Africa of the faith it had reaffirmed, in signing the Charter, in fundamental human rights and in the dignity and worth of the human person;

⁴ *Ibid.*, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/2953).

6. Calls on the Government of the Union of South Africa to observe the obligations contained in Article 56 of the Charter.

551st plenary meeting,
6 December 1955.

918 (X). Admission of new Members to the United Nations⁵

The General Assembly,

Having noted the general sentiment which has been expressed on numerous occasions in favour of the widest possible membership of the United Nations,

Having received the preliminary report⁶ of the Committee of Good Offices established by General Assembly resolution 718 (VIII) of 23 October 1953,

Taking into account the statements about the admission of new Members made by permanent members of the Security Council in the general debate at the present session of the General Assembly,

Believing that a broader representation in the membership of the United Nations will enable the Organization to play a more effective role in the current international situation,

1. Expresses appreciation of the work and efforts of the Committee of Good Offices;

2. Requests the Security Council to consider, in the light of the general opinion in favour of the widest possible membership of the United Nations, the pending applications for membership of all those eighteen countries about which no problem of unification arises;

3. Requests further that the Security Council make its report on these applications to the General Assembly during the present session.

552nd plenary meeting,
8 December 1955.

919 (X). Treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report⁷ of the Secretary-General relating to the question of the treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa, submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 816 (IX) of 4 November 1954,

1. Notes that the negotiations envisaged in resolution 816 (IX) have not been pursued;

2. Urges the parties concerned to pursue negotiations with a view to bringing about a settlement of the question of the treatment of people of Indian origin in the Union of South Africa;

3. Invites the parties to report as appropriate, jointly or separately, to the General Assembly at its next session.

554th plenary meeting,
14 December 1955.

⁵ See also resolution 995 (X).

⁶ Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 21, document A/2973.

⁷ *Ibid.*, agenda item 20, document A/3001.

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920 (X). Report of the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency

The General Assembly,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 410 (V) of 1 December 1950, 701 (VII) of 11 March 1953, 725 (VIII) of 7 December 1953 and 828 (IX) of 14 December 1954,

Taking note of the report¹ of the Agent General on the work of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency for the period 1 September 1954 to 30 June 1955, and of the comments² thereon by the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea,

Recognising the particular importance of the Agency's programme for the relief and rehabilitation of the Republic of Korea,

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

2. Stresses the desire that the approved programmes of the Agency be expeditiously implemented to the maximum extent possible within available funds;

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

*537th plenary meeting,
25 October 1955.*

921 (X). Programmes of technical assistance

The General Assembly,

Having considered chapter III B of the report³ of

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/2936).*

² *Ibid., Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 25, document A/2982.*

³ *Ibid., Tenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/2943).*

the Economic and Social Council concerning the report⁴ of the Secretary-General on the regular United Nations programme of technical assistance and the seventh report⁵ of the Technical Assistance Board on the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance,

Having considered, in particular, the report⁶ of the Economic and Social Council on questions raised by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions regarding the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, together with the comments⁷ thereon of the Advisory Committee made in response to General Assembly resolutions 722 (VIII) and 831 D (IX) of 23 October 1953 and 26 November 1954 respectively,

Reaffirming its confidence in the Expanded Programme as a means of furthering economic and social progress and achieving higher standards of living,

Considering that technical training of nationals of under-developed countries is indispensable to the economic development of those countries,

Noting with satisfaction the continued financial support of the programmes as shown in the contributions for 1955,

Recalling the authority and responsibility for technical assistance matters conferred upon the Technical Assistance Committee by previous resolutions of the Economic and Social Council and of the General Assembly,

Recalling its approval in annex III to General Assembly resolution 831 (IX) of the system of allocation⁸ of funds to each of the participating organizations,

1. Takes note of chapter III B of the report of the Economic and Social Council;

2. Requests the Economic and Social Council to continue its efforts to secure the maximum administrative

⁴ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twentieth Session, Annexes, agenda item 7, document E/2736.*

⁵ *Ibid., Supplement No. 4 (E/2714 and document E/2714/Add.1).*

⁶ *Ibid., Supplement No. 1, resolution 584 B (XX), annex.*

⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 24, document A/994.*

⁸ See also resolution 994 (X).

efficiency and co-ordination of activities of participating organizations in order that the fullest benefits of the programmes of technical assistance may be brought to the countries served;

3. Expresses its confidence that all pertinent comments made by Member States in the General Assembly concerning the nature, operations and other aspects of the regular and expanded programmes of technical assistance will be kept in mind when any comprehensive review of these programmes and their possibilities is undertaken;

4. Invites Governments to give the fullest support to the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and to announce their pledges for the year 1956 at the forthcoming Sixth United Nations Technical Assistance Conference, in order to ensure the continued growth of the Programme.

537th plenary meeting,
25 October 1955.

922 (X). Question of the establishment of an International Finance Corporation

The General Assembly,

Having received the report⁹ of the Economic and Social Council on the establishment of an International Finance Corporation submitted in response to General Assembly resolution 823 (IX) of 11 December 1954,

Noting that a substantial number of Governments have taken steps towards acceptance of membership, or have declared their intention of acquiring membership, in the Corporation in order to further economic development by encouraging the growth of productive private enterprise in member countries, particularly in the less developed areas,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for:

(a) Preparing the draft Articles of Agreement for the International Finance Corporation;

(b) Bringing about agreement by a large number of its members to join in the establishment of the International Finance Corporation;

2. Looks to the early establishment of the International Finance Corporation and to successful results from its operations.

539th plenary meeting,
3 November 1955.

923 (X). Question of the establishment of a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the importance of the economic development of the under-developed countries as an essential condition for promoting such international relationships as are propitious for the strengthening of peace and the attainment of world-wide prosperity,

Considering the real need of the under-developed countries for additional means for accelerating the development of their economic-social infra-structure, which is basic to the substantial expansion of their production and to the well-being of their peoples,

* Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/2943), chapter III A, paras. 178 to 190.

Recalling its resolutions on the establishment of a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development and, in particular, reaffirming its unanimously adopted resolutions 724 A (VIII) and 724 B (VIII) of 7 December 1953,

Recalling further its appeal to Governments to review their respective positions as regards extending their material support to such a Fund in accordance with changes in the international situation and other relevant factors, both national and international, as expressed in its resolution 822 (IX) of 11 December 1954,

Having examined the further report¹⁰ of Mr. Raymond Scheyven, assisted by the Secretary-General and a Committee of Experts, the comments¹¹ thereon of the Economic and Social Council, included in the Council's report at the request of the General Assembly under resolution 822 (IX), and the statement¹² made by Mr. Scheyven on 31 October 1955,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 583 A (XX) of 5 August 1955,

1. Expresses its great appreciation of the work performed by Mr. Scheyven, assisted by the Secretary-General and the Committee of Experts;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to invite the States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies in the economic and social sphere, to transmit to him, not later than 31 March 1956, their views, as definitely as possible, relating to the establishment, role, structure and operations of a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development, bearing in mind particularly the questions enumerated in the annex attached hereto, in order that such views and replies may provide material for the statute of the Fund when it is decided to establish such a Fund;

3. Requests further that the Secretary-General, in addressing Member States as indicated above, provide them with all the relevant documents, including the records of the discussions on the subject at the tenth session of the General Assembly;

4. Establishes an *Ad Hoc* Committee composed of representatives of sixteen Governments, to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly, to analyse the replies and comments of Governments received under paragraph 2 above, with a view to submitting to the Economic and Social Council at its twenty-second session and to the General Assembly at its eleventh session such interim report as it may be in a position to make, and its final report to the twenty-third session of the Council, it being understood that in making such reports, it would not commit any Member Government;

5. Invites the Secretary-General to provide the *Ad Hoc* Committee with all the necessary facilities;

6. Expresses the hope, in view of the increased support for the proposed establishment of a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development, that conditions more favourable to the establishment of an international Fund will be created in the near future, and that savings from internationally supervised world-wide disarmament will provide additional means for financ-

¹⁰ Ibid., Supplement No. 17 (A/2906).

¹¹ Ibid., Supplement No. 3 (A/2943), chapter III A, paras. 142 to 177.

¹² Ibid., Tenth Session, Second Committee, 366th meeting.

ing the economic development of under-developed countries, and will further the aims and objectives of such a Fund.

*553rd plenary meeting,
9 December 1955.*

ANNEX

1. What, in the expectation of your Government, will be the role of a Special Fund in the economic development of your country?

2. What is the opinion of your Government as regards the nature of contributions to the operational budget of the Special Fund?

3. What is the opinion of your Government as to the initial sum which should be collected before the Special Fund starts its operations?

4. What does your Government think as to the Special Fund making grants-in-aid and loans and under what terms and conditions?

5. What is the opinion of your Government about the relationships between the Special Fund on the one hand and the United Nations and the specialized agencies on the other?

6. What, in the opinion of your Government, should be the structure (governing bodies and management) of the Special Fund?

7. What, in the opinion of your Government, should be the methods and mechanism for the appraisal of projects submitted by Governments?

8. Any other suggestions your Government may have regarding the structure and functions of the Special Fund.

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At the 553rd plenary meeting on 9 December 1955, after the adoption of the resolution, the President proposed the following States Members to be represented on the Ad Hoc Committee: CANADA, CHILE, COLOMBIA, CUBA, EGYPT, FRANCE, INDIA, INDONESIA, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, PAKISTAN, POLAND, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and YUGOSLAVIA. The General Assembly agreed to this proposal.

924 (X). 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, comprising Cyrenaica, Tripolitania and the Fezzan, should be constituted as an independent and sovereign State, and that this independence was achieved on 24 December 1951, in accordance with that resolution,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 515 (VI) of 1 February 1952 by which the Assembly 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 Gov-

ernment of Libya, could furnish additional assistance to the United Kingdom of Libya with a view to financing its fundamental and urgent programmes of economic and social development, giving consideration to the possibility of opening a special account of voluntary contributions to that end, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its seventh session,

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

Recalling its resolution 398 (V) of 17 November 1950 which recognizes the special responsibility assumed by the United Nations for the future of Libya,

Having noted the communication¹³ dated 1 September 1955 from the Prime Minister of Libya, addressed to the Secretary-General,

Having noted the report¹⁴ of the Secretary-General on the question of assistance to Libya,

Noting with satisfaction the technical assistance given to Libya under the United Nations technical assistance programmes, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 726 (VIII) of 8 December 1953,

Noting that there has been no material response to the invitation in paragraph 1 of resolution 726 (VIII),

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 within the United Nations Organization available for receiving voluntary contributions, in order to assist Libya in the financing of its fundamental and urgent programmes of reconstruction and of economic and social development;

2. Recommends that, if and when further means become available for assisting in the financing of the development of under-developed areas, due consideration be given by the United Nations and the specialized agencies to the specific development needs of Libya;

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

4. 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;

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

*553rd plenary meeting,
9 December 1955.*

¹³ *Ibid.*, Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 26, document A/2969.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, document A/2968.



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925 (X). Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the report¹ of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees with the annexed report of the United Nations Refugee Fund Executive Committee, and of the progress which has been made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 832 (IX) of 21 October 1954,

Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolution 589 (XX) of 29 July 1955,

Considering that under the Statute² of his Office the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is charged with the duty of seeking solutions for the problems of refugees through voluntary repatriation, resettlement and integration,

Noting with concern that the approved target for governmental contributions to the United Nations Refugee Fund for 1955 has not yet been reached,

1. *Requests the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue his efforts to effect solutions by the above-mentioned means, under due safeguards to be applied by him in accordance with his responsibility under the Statute of his Office to provide international protection to refugees within his mandate;*

2. *Notes with satisfaction that the United Nations Refugee Fund Executive Committee, in laying down the principles which are to govern the implementation of the programme for permanent solutions under General Assembly resolution 832 (IX), has directed that the main emphasis of the programme should be on the reduction of the number of refugees in camps;*

3. *Urges States Members and non-members of the United Nations to give early and serious consideration to making contributions to the United Nations Refugee Fund in order that the targets for 1955 and 1956 may be*

attained and the High Commissioner enabled fully to implement the programmes planned for those years.

*537th plenary meeting,
25 October 1955.*

926 (X). Advisory services in the field of human rights

The General Assembly,

Considering that, by Articles 55 and 56 of the United Nations Charter, the States Members of the United Nations have pledged themselves to promote universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Recognizing that technical assistance, by the international interchange of technical knowledge through international co-operation, represents one of the means by which it is possible to promote the human rights objectives of the United Nations as set forth in the Charter and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 729 (VIII) of 23 October 1953 authorizing the Secretary-General to render, at the request of Member States, services which do not fall within the scope of existing technical assistance programmes, in order to assist those States in promoting and safeguarding the rights of women,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 730 (VIII) of 23 October 1953 authorizing the Secretary-General to render, at the request of any Member State, technical advice and other services which do not fall within the scope of existing technical assistance programmes, in order to assist the Government of that State within its territory in the eradication of discrimination or in the protection of minorities, or both,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 839 (IX) of 17 December 1954 authorizing the Secretary-General to render, at the request of Member States, services which do not fall within the scope and objectives of existing technical assistance programmes, in order to assist those States in promoting freedom of information, and Economic and Social Council resolution 574 A (XIX) of

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/2902 and Add.1).*

² *Ibid., Fifth Session, Supplement No. 20, resolution 428 (V), annex.*

26 May 1955 requesting the Secretary-General to take steps to put into operation a programme to promote freedom of information by providing such services as experts, fellowships and seminars,

Taking account of the arrangements previously established by the General Assembly concerning the regular technical assistance programme and the advisory services of the United Nations in its resolutions 200 (III) of 4 December 1948, 246 (III) of 4 December 1948, 305 (IV) of 16 November 1949, 418 (V) of 1 December 1950, 518 (VI) of 12 January 1952 and 723 (VIII) of 23 October 1953,

Considering that the specialized agencies, within their competence and by virtue of their regular programmes of technical assistance, are already rendering important services to their members with a view to ensuring the effective observance of human rights,

1. *Decides* to consolidate the technical assistance programmes already approved by the General Assembly (relating to the promotion and safeguarding of the rights of women, the eradication of discrimination and the protection of minorities as well as to the promotion of freedom of information) with the broad programme of assistance in the field of human rights proposed in the present resolution, the entire programme to be known as "advisory services in the field of human rights";

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General:

(a) Subject to the directions of the Economic and Social Council, to make provision at the request of Governments, and with the co-operation of the specialized agencies where appropriate and without duplication of their existing activities, for the following forms of assistance with respect to the field of human rights:

(i) Advisory services of experts;

(ii) Fellowships and scholarships;

(iii) Seminars;

(b) To take the programme authorized by the present resolution into account in preparing the budgetary estimates of the United Nations;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake the assistance provided for in paragraph 2 (a) above, in agreement with the Governments concerned, on the basis of requests received from Governments and in accordance with the following policies:

(a) The kind of service to be rendered to each country under paragraph 2 (a) (i) shall be determined by the Government concerned;

(b) The selection of the persons under paragraph 2 (a) (ii) shall be made by the Secretary-General on the basis of proposals received from Governments;

(c) The amount of assistance and the conditions under which it is to be rendered shall be decided by the Secretary-General, with due regard to the greater needs of the under-developed areas, and in conformity with the principle that each requesting Government shall be expected to assume responsibility, as far as possible, for all or a considerable part of the expenses connected with the assistance furnished to it, either by making a contribution in cash, or by providing supporting staff, services and payment of local costs for the purpose of carrying out the programme;

(d) The assistance shall be applicable to any subject in the field of human rights, in addition to the subjects covered by the relevant resolutions of the General As-

sembly, provided however that the subject shall be one for which adequate advisory assistance is not available through a specialized agency and which does not fall within the scope of existing technical assistance programmes;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report regularly to the Economic and Social Council, to the Commission on Human Rights and, as appropriate, to the Commission on the Status of Women, on the measures which he takes in compliance with the terms of the present resolution;

5. *Recommends* that the specialized agencies continue to develop their technical assistance activities with a view to aiding Member States to further the effective observance of human rights;

6. *Invites* the specialized agencies to communicate to the Economic and Social Council, for transmission to the Commission on Human Rights, any observations which they may find appropriate on the above-mentioned assistance and on any new measures of assistance which they may deem necessary with a view to assisting Member States in furthering the effective observance of human rights;

7. *Expresses the hope* that international and national non-governmental organizations, universities, philanthropic foundations and other private groups will supplement this United Nations programme with similar programmes designed to further research and studies, the exchange of information and assistance in the field of human rights;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform Member States of this new programme and of the procedures to be followed in obtaining assistance;

9. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to submit to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session a report containing:

(a) An evaluation of the projects carried out under the programme of advisory services in human rights, with particular reference to the extent to which these projects have furthered the aims and purposes of the United Nations in the field of human rights;

(b) Recommendations concerning the future of the programme.

554th plenary meeting,
14 December 1955.

927 (X). Question of the safety of commercial aircraft flying in the vicinity of, or inadvertently crossing, international frontiers

The General Assembly,

Mindful of incidents involving attacks on civilian aircraft innocently deviating from fixed plans in the vicinity of, or across, international frontiers,

Noting that such incidents cause loss of human life and affect relations between States, and that the problem is therefore a matter of general international concern,

1. *Calls upon* all States to take the necessary measures to avoid such incidents;

2. *Invites* the attention of the appropriate international organizations to the present resolution and to the debate on the matter held in the General Assembly at its tenth session.

554th plenary meeting,
14 December 1955.

928 (X). Ratification of, or accession to, the Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 629 (VII) of 6 November 1952,

Taking note with appreciation of the work of the United Nations Conference on the Status of Stateless Persons, held at United Nations Headquarters from 13 to 23 September 1954,⁸ and in particular of the adoption and opening for signature of the Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons of 28 September 1954,

Considering that, under the terms of its article 35, the Convention is open for signature or for accession by:

- (a) Any State Member of the United Nations,
- (b) Any other State invited to attend the United Nations Conference on the Status of Stateless Persons, and

⁸ E/CONF.17/5.

(c) Any State to which an invitation to sign or to accede to this Convention may be addressed by the General Assembly of the United Nations,

Considering that not all States members of a specialized agency or parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice were invited to attend the United Nations Conference on the Status of Stateless Persons,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to invite on its behalf to accede to the Convention any non-member State which was not invited to attend the United Nations Conference on the Status of Stateless Persons, but which is, or hereafter becomes, a member of any specialized agency or is, or hereafter becomes, a party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice;

2. Expresses the earnest hope that Governments will take prompt action for the early ratification of, or accession to, the Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons.

*554th plenary meeting,
14 December 1955.*

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

Draft International Covenants on Human Rights

The General Assembly, at its 554th plenary meeting on 14 December 1955, decided to continue its consideration of the draft International Covenants on Human Rights at its eleventh session.

Recommendations concerning international respect for the right of peoples and nations to self-determination

The General Assembly, at its 554th plenary meeting on 14 December 1955, decided to postpone the above item to its eleventh session.

Draft Convention on the Nationality of Married Women

The General Assembly, at its 554th plenary meeting on 14 December 1955, took note of the preamble and the first three articles of the draft Convention on the Nationality of Married Women, as adopted by the Third Committee, and decided to include the item in the provisional agenda of its eleventh session.

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**929 (X). Information on social conditions
in Non-Self-Governing Territories**

The General Assembly,

Considering that, by its resolution 643 (VII) of 10 December 1952, it approved the report¹ on social conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories,

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventh Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/2219), part two.*

Noting the further report² prepared in 1955 by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories on social conditions in these Territories,

Considering that from the latter report it is evident that valuable contributions to the progress of Non-Self-Governing Territories may be provided through the as-

² *Ibid., Tenth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/2908), part two.*

sistance afforded to the Governments concerned by the Secretariat of the United Nations, the United Nations Children's Fund, the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

1. *Approves* the further report, prepared in 1955, on social conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories as a supplement to the report approved in 1952;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to communicate the 1955 report, for their consideration, to the Members of the United Nations responsible for the administration of Non-Self-Governing Territories, to the Economic and Social Council, to the Trusteeship Council and to the specialized agencies concerned;

3. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the increasing co-operation between the Members of the United Nations administering Non-Self-Governing Territories and the international bodies concerned, and requests the latter in the work undertaken by them to take full account of the views expressed in the report on social conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories;

4. *Draws the attention* in particular of the International Labour Organisation to section V of the report on social conditions concerning labour and to section VII concerning race relations; of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to section IX concerning nutrition and public health; of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to section VII concerning race relations; and of the World Health Organization to sections VIII, IX and X concerning various aspects of public health;

5. *Trusts* that collaboration between the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies and between the Administering Members and the international bodies concerned will be maintained and extended in the interest of the co-ordinated development of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in all fields.

*541st plenary meeting,
8 November 1955.*

930 (X). Information on community development in Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Considering that social and economic progress can be accelerated by the implementation of comprehensive development plans affecting all aspects of community life, and that the application of principles of community development and other similar measures of co-operation is an important method of development that has produced noteworthy results in many countries,

Considering further that in Non-Self-Governing Territories the application of such methods of development and the utilization of the potential abilities and energies of the people in all forms of self-help activity can contribute to balanced social and economic progress,

Noting that programmes of community development are already being implemented in a number of these Territories, and that in others similar programmes are being studied,

Considering that it would be useful to examine information regarding programmes and progress in the

field of community development in Non-Self-Governing Territories in connexion with the other information transmitted to the Secretary-General under Article 73 e of the Charter,

Considering further that the Standard Form concerning information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter, as approved by resolution 551 (VI) adopted by the General Assembly on 7 December 1951, contains no section on community development,

1. *Decides* that the Standard Form annexed to resolution 551 (VI) shall be modified by the addition of the annexed text;

2. *Invites* the Members responsible for the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter to render information as complete and up-to-date as possible on programmes and progress in the field of community development, and for this purpose to take into account the annexed text.

*541st plenary meeting,
8 November 1955.*

ANNEX

Part III, K (new text)

K. Community development

1. Description of basic programmes and progress in the field of community development.

2. Description of the administrative organization at the territorial level primarily responsible for encouraging and supporting these programmes.

3. Description of methods used in this field with particular emphasis on new methods and techniques evolved in the Territory and of a few selected projects, at the local level, which have served as experimental pilot projects and demonstration centres.

4. Training of community development officers, local leaders and community workers and measures for obtaining the co-operation of all officers of the government in the use of community development methods.

931 (X). Educational advancement in Non-Self-Governing Territories: offers of study and training facilities under General Assembly resolution 845 (IX)

The General Assembly,

Having regard to its resolution 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954 by which the Secretary-General was requested, after consultation with the Administering Members, to prepare a report for the information of the General Assembly giving details of the offers made and the extent to which they had been taken up,

1. *Takes note* of the report³ presented by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its tenth session on the offers of study and training facilities under resolution 845 (IX), showing the progress achieved so far in the implementation of that resolution;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to prepare for the information of the General Assembly at its future sessions reports giving further details relating to the offers made and the use made of them.

*541st plenary meeting,
8 November 1955.*

³ *Ibid.*, Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 31, documents A/2937 and Add.1, 2, 3/Rev.1 and 4.

932 (X). Progress achieved by the Non-Self-Governing Territories in pursuance of Chapter XI of the Charter

The General Assembly,

Considering that Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations contains various provisions regarding the advancement of territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government,

Considering that, by virtue of Article 73 e of the Charter, the Secretary-General has, since 1946, received information on the economic, social and educational conditions in Non-Self-Governing Territories and that, in some cases, Members administering such Territories have voluntarily submitted information on the development of the free political institutions of the peoples of these Territories,

Considering further that, under the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly from 1946 onwards, this valuable information transmitted by the Administering Members, indicating how and to what extent the principle that the interests of the inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories are paramount has been implemented, has been analysed and summarized by the Secretary-General and studied each year by the General Assembly,

1. *Expresses the opinion that an examination of the progress achieved in the Non-Self-Governing Territories since the establishment of the United Nations, based on the information received from the Administering Members under Article 73 e of the Charter, would be highly desirable and should make it possible to ascertain the extent to which the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories are advancing towards the attainment of the goals set in Chapter XI of the Charter;*

2. *Considers that such an examination would require careful preparation, with the assistance of the specialized agencies concerned;*

3. *Invites the Secretary-General, after consultation with the specialized agencies concerned, to submit to the General Assembly, for consideration at its eleventh session, a report on the main points that might be useful in such an examination.*

*541st plenary meeting,
8 November 1955.*

933 (X). Renewal of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Having considered the work of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories constituted by resolution 332 (IV) adopted by the General Assembly on 2 December 1949,

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

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

2. *Decides that, as provided in resolutions 332 (IV) and 646 (VII) of 2 December 1949 and 10 December*

1952 respectively, the Committee should be composed of those Members of the United Nations transmitting information in accordance with Article 73 e of the Charter and of an equal number of non-administering Members elected by the Fourth Committee on behalf of the General Assembly on as wide a geographical basis as possible;

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

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

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

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

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

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

*541st plenary meeting,
8 November 1955.*

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At its 512th meeting on 17 November 1955 the Fourth Committee, acting in the name of the General Assembly, in accordance with the terms of the above resolution, was called upon to fill the vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories created by the expiration of the terms of office of BRAZIL, CHINA, INDIA and IRAQ.

*The following States were elected for a three-year period:
CHINA, INDIA, IRAQ and VENEZUELA.*

934 (X). Voting procedure on questions relating to reports and petitions concerning the Territory of South West Africa: advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice

The General Assembly,

Having requested, in its resolution 904 (IX) of 23 November 1954, an advisory opinion from the Interna-

tional Court of Justice regarding the voting procedure to be followed by the General Assembly on questions relating to reports and petitions concerning the Territory of South West Africa,

Having noted that, in its advisory opinion⁴ of 7 June 1955, the Court was unanimously of the opinion that the rule⁵ that decisions of the General Assembly on questions relating to reports and petitions concerning the Territory of South West Africa should be regarded as important questions within the meaning of Article 18, paragraph 2, of the Charter was a correct interpretation of the advisory opinion⁶ of the Court of 11 July 1950,

Accepts and endorses the advisory opinion of 7 June 1955 of the International Court of Justice on voting procedure on questions relating to reports and petitions concerning the Territory of South West Africa.

*550th plenary meeting,
3 December 1955.*

935 (X). Petitions and communications relating to the Rehoboth Community of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having accepted the advisory opinion⁷ of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa, including the opinion that petitions concerning the Territory of South West Africa are to be transmitted by the Government of the Union of South Africa "to the General Assembly of the United Nations, which is legally qualified to deal with them",

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 on South West Africa dealing with a petition, undated, from Mr. A. J. Beukes, Mr. P. Diegaard and Mr. A. van Wyk, members of the Rehoboth Community of South West Africa, and related communications from the Rehoboth Community, received on 22 November 1954, and from Mr. Jacobus Beukes, dated 27 November 1954,⁸

Noting that the Government of the Union of South Africa, by a letter⁹ dated 25 March 1954, has informed the Committee that it has "never recognized any obligation to submit . . . petitions to any international body since the demise of the League of Nations",

Noting that the petitioners request that their right of self-government under the Constitutions of the Rehoboth Community of 1870-1874 be restored, and seek an interpretation of the legal status of the Rehoboth Community; that they request that Proclamations Nos. 28 of 1923, 31 of 1924, 9 of 1928, 29 of 1929, 17 of 1932, 5 of 1935, 20 of 1935, 16 of 1938 and 22 of 1941, issued

⁴ *South-West Africa—Voting Procedure, Advisory Opinion of June 7th, 1955: I.C.J. Reports 1955*, p. 67.

⁵ Special rule F adopted under General Assembly resolution 844 (IX) of 11 October 1954.

⁶ *International status of South-West Africa, Advisory Opinion: I.C.J. Reports 1950*, p. 128.

⁷ *Ibid.*

⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/2913)*, chap. VIII and annex VI.

⁹ *Ibid., Ninth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/2666 and Corr. 1)*, annex I (c).

by the Administrator of South West Africa and applied to the Rehoboth Community, be declared null and void in that Community, that the boundaries of the Rehoboth Community, as allegedly recognized by the German Government, be restored and that certain lands allegedly alienated unlawfully from the Rehoboth Community be returned to that Community.

I. With respect to the status of the Rehoboth Community:

Noting that a Treaty of Protection and Friendship was concluded in 1885 between the German Government and the Rehoboth Community, as an agreement between two Governments, whereby the German Government agreed to assume the protection of the Rehoboth Community, while recognizing the rights and freedom which the Rehobothians had established for themselves,

Noting that the German Government abrogated this Treaty in 1915, when the Rehobothians refused to join German forces and to provide men to guard captured Union of South Africa prisoners during the First World War,

Noting that the Administrator of South West Africa as representing the Government of the Union of South Africa on the one part and the *Kapitein* and members of the *Raad* of the Rehoboth Community for themselves and their lawful successors as representing the Rehoboth Community on the other part concluded an Agreement on 17 August 1923 "regulating the future administration by the Government of the Union of South Africa in its capacity as Mandatory of the territory situate within the district of Rehoboth occupied by the said Community known as the *Gebiet*", that this Agreement was ratified and confirmed by Proclamation No. 28 of 1923 and came into force on 1 October 1923,

Noting further that this Agreement provides, *inter alia*, that:

(a) Subject to the provisions of the Agreement, "the Administration concedes to the Rehoboth Community the right of self-government within the *Gebiet* according to the laws presently to be found in the Law Book of the *Raad* of the Rehoboth Community and such additions thereto or amendments thereof as may from time to time lawfully be enacted by the *Raad* of the Rehoboth Community", subject to the assent of the Administrator to any law passed by the *Raad* after 1 October 1923,

(b) "The Administrator shall, after consultation with the *Raad* of the Rehoboth Community, possess the power to legislate for the *Gebiet* and to extend thereto the operation of any law, whether at present in force in the Territory of South West Africa or hereafter enacted, if he considers such legislation or extension to be expedient or desirable in the interest of either the Territory of South West Africa or the *Gebiet*",

Noting that in 1924 political dissension within the Rehoboth Community gave rise to a situation which, in the view of the Administration, seriously endangered the maintenance of law, order and good government both within the *Gebiet* and in the Territory of South West Africa, and that as a consequence the Administrator issued Proclamation No. 31 of 1924, declaring that the *Kapitein* and *Raad* and all persons acting under their authority should cease to function within the *Gebiet* and vesting all their powers, functions and duties in the Magistrate of the Rehoboth District who was to exercise these powers, functions and duties "in accordance with

the laws of the said Community at present in force within the *Gebiet* and in conformity with the provisions" of the Agreement of 17 August 1923,

Noting further that, in the application of laws to the *Gebiet* subsequent to the issuance of Proclamation No. 31 of 1924, the Administrator in each instance cited the 1923 Agreement and referred to his power thereunder to apply laws to the *Gebiet* after consultation with the *Raad*, to the transfer of the functions and powers of the *Raad* to the Magistrate and, consequently, to his consultation with the Magistrate with respect to the application of the law in question,

1. *Decides* to inform the petitioners that the Territory of South West Africa remains a Territory under the international Mandate assumed by the Union of South Africa on 17 December 1920, and that the provisions of the Mandate and of Article 22 of the Covenant of the League of Nations accordingly apply to the Rehoboth Community, which constitutes a part of the Mandated Territory;

2. *Considers* that, subject to the terms of the Mandate, the administration by the Union of South Africa of the territory known as the Rehoboth *Gebiet* continues to be regulated by the Agreement of 17 August 1923 concluded between the Administrator of the Mandated Territory as representing the Government of the Union of South Africa on the one part and the *Kaptein* and members of the *Raad* of the Rehoboth Community for themselves and their lawful successors as representing the Rehoboth Community on the other part;

3. *Considers* that the permanent transfer of powers, functions and duties from representatives of the Rehoboth Community duly elected under the laws of that Community to an official appointed as Magistrate of the Rehoboth District would not be in accordance with the terms of the Agreement of 17 August 1923;

4. *Further considers* that consultation by the Administrator with the Magistrate of the Rehoboth District for the purpose of applying laws to the Rehoboth *Gebiet* subsequent to 1924 does not fulfil the condition of the Agreement of 17 August 1923 for consultation with the *Raad* of the Rehoboth Community;

5. *Recommends therefore* that the Union of South Africa, as the Mandatory Power, take the necessary steps to correct this situation;

II. With respect to the boundaries of the Rehoboth *Gebiet*:

Noting that the boundaries of the Rehoboth *Gebiet* were defined in the schedule to the Agreement of 17 August 1923 and appear to have been accepted by the *Kaptein* and members of the *Raad* of the Rehoboth Community for themselves and their lawful successors as representing the Rehoboth Community,

Is of the opinion that any claims which the Rehoboth Community may have regarding the alleged boundaries of the *Gebiet* prior to the Agreement of 17 August 1923 appear to have been resolved by that Agreement;

III. With respect to the claims of the Rehoboth Community to certain lands within the *Gebiet*:

Noting that these claims have been investigated by successive commissions of inquiry, the first of which was appointed in 1922,

Recommends that the Union of South Africa, as the Mandatory Power, make every effort toward an early and equitable settlement of these claims.

550th plenary meeting,
3 December 1955.

936 (X). Petitions and related communications from Mr. Hosea Kutako, Mr. David Roos and Mr. Erastus Amgabeb concerning South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having accepted the advisory opinion¹⁰ of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa, including the opinion that petitions concerning the Territory of South West Africa are to be transmitted by the Government of the Union of South Africa "to the General Assembly of the United Nations, which is legally qualified to deal with them",

Having authorized the Committee on South West Africa, by General Assembly 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 on South West Africa dealing with a petition, dated 2 September 1954, from Mr. Hosea Kutako, Mr. David Roos and Mr. Erastus Amgabeb, and a related petition, dated 14 January 1955 from Mr. Hosea Kutako,¹¹

Noting that the petitioners request that the United Nations submit the question of the status of South West Africa to the International Court of Justice for its compulsory jurisdiction,

Noting further that the petitioners raise questions relating to the participation of the African people of the Territory in the political development of the Territory, the application of pass laws and racially discriminatory laws, educational facilities, and the alleged refusal on the part of the Administration to permit common meetings for all tribes,

1. *Decides* to inform the petitioners that, according to the advisory opinion of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice:

(a) "South West Africa is a territory under the international Mandate assumed by the Union of South Africa on December 17th, 1920";

(b) "...the Union of South Africa continues to have the international obligations stated in Article 22 of the Covenant of the League of Nations and in the Mandate for South West Africa";

(c) "... competence to determine and modify the international status of the Territory [of South West Africa] rests with the Union of South Africa acting with the consent of the United Nations";

and that the General Assembly, by its resolution 449 A (V) of 13 December 1950, accepted the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa;

Noting the observations of the Committee on South West Africa with respect to questions raised by the petitioners relating to conditions in the Territory of South West Africa,

¹⁰ International status of South-West Africa, Advisory Opinion: I.C.J. Reports 1950, p. 128.

¹¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/2913), chap. VIII and annex VII.

2. Decides to transmit to the petitioners the report and observations¹² made by the Committee on South West Africa at its second session regarding conditions in the Territory of South West Africa.

550th plenary meeting,
3 December 1955.

937 (X). Petition and related communication from the Reverend T. H. Hamtumbangela concerning South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having accepted the advisory opinion¹³ of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa, including the opinion that petitions concerning the Territory of South West Africa are to be transmitted by the Government of the Union of South Africa "to the General Assembly of the United Nations, which is legally qualified to deal with them",

Having authorized the Committee on South West Africa, by General Assembly 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 on South West Africa dealing with a petition, dated 5 October 1954, and a related communication, dated 19 February 1955, from the Reverend T. H. Hamtumbangela,¹⁴

Noting that the petitioner requests that the question of the future status of the Territory of South West Africa be submitted to the International Court of Justice for decision,

Noting further that the petitioner raises questions concerning the racially discriminatory measures applied against the non-European population of the Territory,

1. Decides to inform the petitioner that, according to the advisory opinion of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice:

(a) "South West Africa is a territory under the international Mandate assumed by the Union of South Africa on December 17th, 1920";

(b) "...the Union of South Africa continues to have the international obligations stated in Article 22 of the Covenant of the League of Nations and in the Mandate for South West Africa";

(c) ". . . competence to determine and modify the international status of the Territory [of South West Africa] rests with the Union of South Africa acting with the consent of the United Nations";

and that the General Assembly, by its resolution 449 A (V) of 13 December 1950, accepted the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa;

Noting the observations of the Committee on South West Africa with respect to discriminatory measures applied in the Territory against the non-European population,

¹² *Ibid.*, annex II.

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

¹⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/2913)*, chap. VIII and annex VIII.

2. Decides to transmit to the petitioner the report and observations¹⁵ made by the Committee on South West Africa at its second session regarding conditions in the Territory of South West Africa.

550th plenary meeting,
3 December 1955.

938 (X). Petition from Miss Margery F. Perham concerning South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having accepted the advisory opinion¹⁶ of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa,

Having authorized the Committee on South West Africa, by General Assembly 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 on South West Africa dealing with a petition dated November 1953 from Miss Margery F. Perham,¹⁷

Noting the petitioner's statement that Mr. Himumuine, a Native school principal of South West Africa, has been unable to avail himself of a scholarship at Oxford University because the Government of the Union of South Africa has refused to grant him a passport and has given no reason for its action,

Noting that education forms the foundation of all development in the Territory and that educational facilities for Natives are still inadequate,

1. *Is of the opinion* that the withholding of a passport from a qualified student for the purpose of studying abroad is not only a direct interference in the educational and general advancement of an individual but a hindrance to the educational development of the Territory of South West Africa which was entrusted under the Covenant of the League of Nations to the administration of the Union of South Africa;

2. *Regrets* that the Government of the Union of South Africa did not respond to the appeal addressed to it by the representatives of such an eminent educational institution as Oxford University;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to use his good offices with the Government of the Union of South Africa in order to assist Mr. Himumuine to obtain a passport and all other administrative facilities so that he may avail himself of the scholarship granted to him by Oxford University.

550th plenary meeting,
3 December 1955.

939 (X). Petition from Mr. Jariretundu Kozonguizi concerning South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having accepted the advisory opinion¹⁸ of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa,

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, annex II.

¹⁶ *International status of South-West Africa, Advisory Opinion: I.C.J. Reports 1950*, p. 128.

¹⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/2666 and Corr.1)*, chap. VII and annex VI.

¹⁸ *International status of South-West Africa, Advisory Opinion: I.C.J. Reports 1950*, p. 128.

Having authorized the Committee on South West Africa, by General Assembly 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 on South West Africa dealing with a petition dated 5 August 1954 from Mr. Jariretundu Kozonguizi,¹⁹

Noting the petitioner's allegations that:

(a) Since the Government of the Union of South Africa assumed the administration of the Territory of South West Africa, the indigenous people have suffered under oppressive legislation and have not developed in any sphere,

(b) In spite of their repeated objections to incorporation under the Government of the Union of South Africa, the Africans of South West Africa were placed under the direct administration of the Minister of Native Affairs in the Government of the Union of South Africa,

(c) The enforcement of the Bantu Education Act in South West Africa, as contemplated by the Parliament of the Union of South Africa, would virtually eliminate African education in the Territory, where at present there are no more than six non-Europeans who have progressed beyond high school standard,

(d) The Administrator of South West Africa, without giving any reasons, would not allow or sanction the establishment of a proposed student body purely concerned with the education of the people,

Noting the observations of the Committee on South West Africa with respect to education in the Territory and with respect to a bill proposing the transfer of control over Native affairs from the Administrator of South West Africa to the Minister of Native Affairs of the Union,

Noting that the South West Africa Native Affairs Administration Act (Act No. 56 of 1954) was applied to the Territory on 30 June 1954 and came into operation on 1 April 1955,

Decides to transmit to the petitioner those sections of the report and observations²⁰ of the Committee on South West Africa dealing with education and the transfer of control over Native affairs where the Committee expresses its apprehensions concerning these matters.

*550th plenary meeting,
3 December 1955.*

940 (X). Status of the Territory of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, by its resolutions 65 (I) of 14 December 1946, 141 (II) of 1 November 1947, 227 (III) of 26 November 1948, 337 (IV) of 6 December 1949, 449 B (V) of 13 December 1950, 570 B (VI) of 19 January 1952, 749 B (VIII) of 28 November 1953 and 852 (IX) of 23 November 1954, it had recommended that the Mandated Territory of South West Africa be placed under the International Trusteeship System, and

¹⁹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Annexes, agenda item 34, document A/2666/Add.1, annex III.

²⁰ Ibid., Ninth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/2666 and Corr. 1), annex V.

that it had 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,

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

1. *Reiterates its resolutions mentioned above to the effect that the Territory of South West Africa be placed under the International Trusteeship System;*

2. *Reasserts that the normal way of modifying the present international status of the Territory would be to place it under the International Trusteeship System by means of a trusteeship agreement in accordance with the provisions of Chapter XII of the Charter.*

*550th plenary meeting,
3 December 1955.*

941 (X). Report of the Committee on South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having established by resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953, until such time as an agreement is reached between the United Nations and the Union of South Africa, a Committee on South West Africa,

Having requested that Committee to examine, within the scope of the Questionnaire adopted by the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations in 1926, such information and documentation as may be available in respect of the Territory of South West Africa and to transmit to the General Assembly a report concerning conditions in the Territory taking into account, as far as possible, the scope of the reports of the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations,

Having considered, in accordance with the special rules adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 844 (IX) of 11 October 1954, the second report and observations²¹ of the Committee on South West Africa regarding conditions in the Territory,

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

2. *Takes note of the observations of the Committee concerning conditions in the Territory;*

3. *Approves the report²² of the Committee on South West Africa;*

4. *Draws the attention of the Government of the Union of South Africa to the Committee's report and observations;*

5. *Urges the Government of the Union of South Africa to give serious consideration to the observations and recommendations of the Committee and to study the possibility of adopting measures to implement them in order to ensure the fulfilment of its obligations and responsibilities under the Mandate;*

²¹ Ibid., Tenth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/2913), annex II.

²² Ibid., Supplement No. 12 (A/2913) and ibid., Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 30, documents A/2913/Add.1 and A/2913/Add.2.

6. Invites the Government of the Union of South Africa to co-operate with the Committee and, in particular, to submit to the Committee reports and such petitions as may be received on its administration of the Territory of South West Africa, and to assist the Committee in the examination of such reports and petitions, or of such information and documentation as may be available to that Committee;

7. Requests the Committee on South West Africa, in the preparation of its next report, to take into account the discussions in the Fourth Committee at the tenth session of the General Assembly;

8. Further requests the Committee on South West Africa, in the preparation of its next and all future reports, to include its recommendations on each aspect of conditions in the Territory for such particular action as it considers the Government of the Union of South Africa should take to ensure the fulfilment of its obligations and responsibilities under the Mandate.

*550th plenary meeting,
3 December 1955.*

942 (X). Question of the admissibility of oral hearings by the Committee on South West Africa: request for an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice

The General Assembly,

Having been requested by the Committee on South West Africa to decide whether or not the oral hearing of petitioners on matters relating to the Territory of South West Africa is admissible before that Committee,²⁸

Having instructed the Committee, in General Assembly resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953, to examine petitions as far as possible in accordance with the procedure of the former Mandates System,

Requests the International Court of Justice to give an advisory opinion on the following question:

"Is it consistent with the advisory opinion²⁴ of the International Court of Justice of 11 July 1950 for the Committee on South West Africa, established by General Assembly resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953, to grant oral hearings to petitioners on matters relating to the Territory of South West Africa?"

*550th plenary meeting,
3 December 1955.*

943 (X). Hearing of the Reverend Michael Scott

The General Assembly,

Having granted an oral hearing to the Reverend Michael Scott on behalf of the Native inhabitants of the Territory of South West Africa under the administration of the Union of South Africa,

1. Takes note of the statements of the Reverend Michael Scott on behalf of the Native inhabitants of South West Africa under the administration of the Union of South Africa;

²⁸ *Ibid., Tenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 30, document A/2913/Add.2.

²⁴ *International Status of South-West Africa, Advisory Opinion: I.C.J. Reports 1950*, p. 128.

2. Decides to transmit to the Committee on South West Africa the statements of the Reverend Michael Scott for its study and consideration as appropriate.

*550th plenary meeting,
3 December 1955.*

944 (X). The Togoland unification problem and the future of the Trust Territory of Togoland under British administration

The General Assembly,

I. The future of Togoland under British administration:

Recalling its resolution 860 (IX) of 14 December 1954, by which the Trusteeship Council was requested to consider the arrangements to be made to ascertain the wishes of the inhabitants of the Trust Territory of Togoland under British administration as to their future, without prejudice to the eventual solution which they might choose, whether it be independence, unification of an independent Togoland under British administration with an independent Togoland under French administration, unification with an independent Gold Coast, or some other self-governing or independent status,

Having received the report²⁵ of the Trusteeship Council transmitting the special report²⁶ of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Trust Territories of Togoland under British Administration and Togoland under French Administration, 1955, the observations²⁷ of the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the official records of the relevant meetings of the Council,

Noting the opinion of the Trusteeship Council that the views expressed in the special report of the Visiting Mission provide in general a useful basis for determining the arrangements to be made in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 860 (IX),

Taking note also of the views expressed orally by the various local political groups before the Fourth Committee during its hearings,

Noting further the statement of the Government of the United Kingdom that the Gold Coast will attain independence in the near future and that, in consequence, it will be impossible thereafter for Togoland under British administration to be administered as at present,

1. Accepts the recommendation of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Trust Territories of Togoland under British Administration and Togoland under French Administration, 1955, contained in its special report that the wishes of the inhabitants of Togoland under British administration as to their future should be ascertained by plebiscite;

2. Recommends that the Administering Authority of Togoland under British administration, 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 and conduct without delay, under the supervision of the United Nations, a plebiscite in respect of the Trust Territory in order to

²⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 35, document A/3046.

²⁶ *Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Fifth Special Session, Supplement No. 2 (T/1218)*, document T/1206 and Add.1.

²⁷ *Ibid.*, document T/1214.

ascertain the wishes of the majority of its inhabitants in regard to

(a) The union of their Territory with an independent Gold Coast; or

(b) Separation of Togoland under British administration from the Gold Coast and its continuance under trusteeship pending the ultimate determination of its political future;

3. Decides to appoint a United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner who shall exercise on behalf of the General Assembly the powers and functions of supervision defined by the Visiting Mission in its special report, and who shall be assisted by observers and staff to be appointed by the Secretary-General in consultation with him;

4. Recommends further that the plebiscite be organized and conducted on the basis of the arrangements proposed in chapter IV of the special report of the Visiting Mission, subject to such modifications of detail as are agreed upon between the Administering Authority and the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner, and such additional measures as may be proposed by the Commissioner in order to secure a free and neutral atmosphere for the plebiscite;

5. Requests the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner to submit a report on the organization, conduct and results of the plebiscite to the Trusteeship Council for its consideration, and for transmission to the General Assembly at its eleventh session in order that the latter may, in consultation with the Administering Authority, assess the results and determine the further action to be taken on the attainment of independence by the Gold Coast in the light of all the circumstances and in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the Trusteeship Agreement;

6. Requests the Trusteeship Council, in virtue of the provisions of the Trusteeship Agreement and of the Charter, to continue to exercise its functions at either its regular or special sessions as may be necessary, and to take into consideration any matter that may arise, or be referred to it, in respect of the Trust Territory;

II. The future of Togoland under French administration:

Noting with regard to Togoland under French administration, the statements made by the Administering Authority, as recorded by the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Trust Territories of Togoland under British Administration and Togoland under French Administration, 1955, in its special report, to the effect that the Authority itself, taking into account the views of the Territorial Assembly, contemplates holding in due course consultations with the inhabitants of the Territory to ascertain their wishes in respect of the future of the Territory,

Noting also the statements by the representative of France in both the Fourth Committee and the Trusteeship Council to the effect that his Government supports in principle the proposals made by the Visiting Mission,

Noting also the view expressed by the Visiting Mission that, following the political reforms at present contemplated by the Administering Authority, steps will

be taken to ascertain the wishes of the inhabitants of the Territory as to their future,

1. Endorses the conclusion of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Trust Territories of Togoland under British Administration and Togoland under French Administration, 1955, in respect of Togoland under French administration, that the implementation of the contemplated political reforms will play a helpful role in enabling the wishes of the inhabitants of the Territory as to their future to be ascertained at an early date by direct and democratic methods;

2. Recommends that this consultation of the population be conducted, as in the case of Togoland under British administration, under the supervision of the United Nations;

3. Requests the Trusteeship Council, at its forthcoming regular session, to undertake a special study of this matter, in consultation with the Administering Authority, and to report thereon, if possible, to the General Assembly at its eleventh session.

556th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.

945 (X). Communication from the Government of the Netherlands concerning the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, by resolution 222 (III) of 3 November 1948, the General Assembly, while welcoming any development of self-government in Non-Self-Governing Territories, considers it essential that the United Nations be informed of any change in the constitutional status of any such Territory as a result of which the responsible Government concerned thinks it unnecessary to transmit information in respect of that Territory under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling that, by resolution 747 (VIII) of 27 November 1953, the General Assembly invited the Government of the Netherlands to communicate to the Secretary-General the result of the negotiations between the representatives of the Netherlands, the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam, and invited the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to report to the General Assembly on the information received,

Having received the communication²⁸ dated 30 March 1955, by which the Government of the Netherlands transmitted to the Secretary-General the constitutional provisions embodied in the Charter for the Kingdom of the Netherlands promulgated on 29 December 1954, together with an explanatory memorandum thereon,

Having studied the report²⁹ prepared by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories, during its session of 1955, on the question of the cessation of the transmission of information with respect to the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam,

Bearing in mind the competence of the General Assembly to decide whether or not a Non-Self-Governing Territory has attained the full measure of self-govern-

²⁸ Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 32, document A/AC.35/L.206.

²⁹ Ibid., Tenth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/2908) and Supplement No. 16A (A/2908/Add.1).

ment referred to in Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Takes note* of the documentation submitted, and of the explanations provided, to the effect that the peoples of the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam have expressed, through their freely elected representative bodies, their approval of the new constitutional order, and takes note also of the opinion of the Government of the Netherlands;

2. *Expresses the opinion* that, without prejudice to the position of the United Nations as affirmed in General Assembly resolution 742 (VIII) of 27 November 1953, and to such provisions of the Charter of the United Nations as may be relevant, on the basis of the information before it as presented by the Government of the Netherlands, and as desired by the Government of the Netherlands, cessation of the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter in respect of the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam is appropriate.

*557th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.*

946 (X). Attainment by the Trust Territories of the objective of self-government or independence

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, by its resolutions 558 (VI) of 18 January 1952, 752 (VIII) of 9 December 1953 and 858 (IX) of 14 December 1954, it invited the Administering Authority of each Trust Territory, other than Somaliland under Italian administration, to include in each annual report information concerning measures taken or contemplated towards self-government or independence, and estimates of the periods of time required for such measures, and requested the Trusteeship Council to include in each of its reports to the General Assembly a separate section dealing with the subject and stating in each case its conclusions and recommendations,

Noting with regret the omission from the report³⁰ of the Council covering the period from 17 July 1954 to 22 July 1955 of the separate section envisaged by the above-mentioned resolutions,

Noting further that the Council, by its resolution 1254 (XVI) of 19 July 1955, decided to instruct each of its drafting committees on the annual reports concerned, beginning from its seventeenth session, to prepare, in the course of its regular functions and in the light of General Assembly resolutions 752 (VIII) and 858 (IX), appropriate draft conclusions and recommendations concerning the question of the attainment by the Territory of self-government or independence,

1. *Draws the attention* of the Trusteeship Council to the importance which the General Assembly continues to attach to the question of the attainment by the Trust Territories of the objective of self-government or independence;

2. *Requests* the Council to ensure that the procedure devised by it for dealing in future with this question will enable it to comply fully with the terms of the relevant General Assembly resolutions and, accordingly, to include in its next and succeeding reports to the Assembly a separate section containing the information indicated

³⁰ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 4 (A/2933).

in those resolutions and the conclusions and recommendations of the Council thereon.

*557th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.*

947 (X). Question of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 392 (V) of 15 December 1950, recommending that the portion of the boundary between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia not already delimited by international agreement be delimited by bilateral negotiations between the Government of Ethiopia and the Administering Authority,

Recalling further its resolution 854 (IX) of 14 December 1954 in which the Governments of Ethiopia and Italy were urged to exert their utmost efforts to achieve a final settlement of the frontier question by direct negotiations,

Having noted the encouraging views expressed during its tenth session by the representatives of the Governments of Ethiopia and Italy,

Having heard the statements of the representative of the Somali Youth League before the Fourth Committee,

Considering the progress made in the discussions between the Governments of the two countries since July 1955,

Confident in the good faith and willingness of the two Governments to pursue vigorously direct negotiations for an early delimitation of the frontier,

Mindful of the patent urgency of establishing a delimitation of the frontier between Ethiopia and the Trust Territory as soon as possible,

1. *Recommends* that the Governments of Ethiopia and Italy expedite their current direct negotiations so that the question of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia may be settled as soon as possible;

2. *Requests* the Governments of Ethiopia and Italy to report on the progress of these direct negotiations to the General Assembly at its eleventh session.

*557th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.*

948 (X). Report of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 17 July 1954 to 22 July 1955

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the report³⁰ of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 17 July 1954 to 22 July 1955;

2. *Recommends* that the Trusteeship Council, in its future deliberations, take into account the comments and suggestions made in the course of the discussion of its report at the tenth session of the General Assembly.

*557th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.*

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The General Assembly

1. *Accepts* the financial reports and accounts of the United Nations for the financial year ended 31 December 1954 and the certificates of the Board of Auditors;¹

2. *Concurs* in the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in paragraphs 218, 221 and 223 of its first report² to the General Assembly at its tenth session.

*539th plenary meeting,
3 November 1955.*

950 (X). Amendment to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations (regulation 9.2)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the recommendation contained in paragraph 221 of the first report³ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the General Assembly at its tenth session,

Adopts the text annexed to the present resolution as an amendment to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations. This amendment shall become effective from the date of its adoption.

*539th plenary meeting,
3 November 1955.*

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/2901).*

² *Ibid., Supplement No. 7 (A/2921).*

ANNEX

Financial regulation 9.2 (amended text)

The Secretary-General may, after consultation with the Investments Committee, make long-term investments of moneys standing to the credit of Trust Funds, Reserve and Special Accounts, except as may be otherwise provided by the appropriate authority in respect of each such Fund or Account and having regard to the particular requirements as to the liquidity of funds in each case.

951 (X). United Nations Children's Fund: financial report and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1954 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 1954 and the certificate of the Board of Auditors;⁴

2. *Takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its second report⁵ to the General Assembly at its tenth session.

*539th plenary meeting,
3 November 1955.*

952 (X). United Nations Refugee Emergency Fund: financial report and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1954 and report of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

1. *Accepts* the financial report and accounts of the United Nations Refugee Emergency Fund for the finan-

⁴ *Ibid., Supplement No. 6A (A/2905).*

⁵ *Ibid., Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 36, document A/2922.*

cial year ended 31 December 1954 and the certificate of the Board of Auditors;⁵

2. *Takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in paragraphs 224 to 226 of its first report⁶ to the General Assembly at its tenth session.

*539th plenary meeting,
3 November 1955.*

953 (X). Annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

The General Assembly

Takes note with satisfaction of the annual report⁷ of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board.

*539th plenary meeting,
3 November 1955.*

954 (X). Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the third actuarial valuation of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund as of 30 September 1954

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the report⁸ of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the third actuarial valuation of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund as of 30 September 1954;

2. *Takes note* of the observations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its third report⁹ to the General Assembly at its tenth session.

*539th plenary meeting,
3 November 1955.*

955 (X). Amendments to the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

The General Assembly

Adopts the texts annexed to the present resolution as amendments to the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund. These amendments shall become effective from the date of their adoption.

*539th plenary meeting,
3 November 1955.*

ANNEX

Article I, paragraph 4 (amended text)

"Final average remuneration" means the average annual pensionable remuneration of the participant during the last five years of his contributory service. Where the participant has less than five years of contributory service, the final average remuneration shall mean the average annual pensionable remuneration during the actual period of contributory service.

Article II, paragraph 2 (amended text)

The foregoing provision shall apply to the Registrar and every full-time officer of the Registry of the International Court of Justice except that the occupant of the position of Registrar as at 16 December 1954 shall become a participant notwithstanding that he was over sixty years of age at the time of his appointment.

⁵ *Ibid.*, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 6D (A/2900).

⁶ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 7 (A/2921).

⁷ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 8 (A/2914).

⁸ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 8A (A/2916).

⁹ *Ibid.*, Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 44, document A/2986.

Article IV, paragraph 3 (amended text)

A participant who is entitled under this article to a benefit which is less than \$180 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. In the case of a participant who is married at the date of retirement, he may also receive the actuarial equivalent of the prospective benefit which would be payable on his death under article VII, 2(a).

Article VII, paragraph 2(a) (amended text)

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, except as provided in paragraph 3 below, 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.

Article VII, paragraph 5 (amended text)

Upon the death of a participant who does not leave a widow entitled to a widow's 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 2½ per cent per annum, 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.

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.

Article IX, paragraph 2 (amended text)

On the basis of the medical examinations referred to in the preceding paragraph, the Joint Staff Pension Board shall decide whether the participant concerned shall be covered by the provisions of articles V and VII, 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 and VII, 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 widow be excluded from the provision of article VII, 1, if he has attained age sixty.

Article X, paragraph 1(a) (amended text)

If the participant has less than five years of contributory service, he shall be paid a sum equal to:

(i) His own contributions to the Pension Fund, with compound interest at 2½ per cent per annum, plus

(ii) 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

- (iii) 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.

Article X, paragraph 1(b) (amended text)

If the participant has five or more years of contributory service, he shall be entitled, four months after his employment ceases, to a lump-sum payment which shall be 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 contributory service and final average remuneration, provided that the amount to be received under this clause shall not be less than the amount receivable under sub-paragraph (a) above. During that period of four months he shall not be eligible for a disability benefit but shall be eligible for a death benefit based on his contributory service at the date he ceased to be employed by a member organization; except that

- (i) A widow's benefit will be payable only if his widow was his wife at the time his employment ceased, and
- (ii) If a death benefit becomes payable under article VII, 5, and no child's benefit is payable under article VIII, the death benefit shall not be less than the withdrawal benefit which would have been paid to the participant if he had requested earlier payment under the terms of sub-paragraph (c).

If he dies during this period of four months and a death benefit becomes payable under article VII, no further benefit shall be payable.

Article X, paragraph 1(d) (amended text)

Any participant whose years of contributory service when added to his age at withdrawal equal sixty or more may elect to receive, in lieu of the lump sum due under sub-paragraph (b) above, his withdrawal benefit in the form of either:

- (i) A life annuity, either immediate or deferred to age sixty, which is the actuarial equivalent of such lump sum, or
- (ii) One-half of the lump sum due under sub-paragraph (b) above and a life annuity deferred to age sixty which is the actuarial equivalent of one-half of such lump sum, or
- (iii) In the case of a married male participant, a life annuity, either immediate or deferred to age sixty, including a prospective widow's benefit for his wife, which is the actuarial equivalent of such lump sum. Where a participant who has so elected dies, such widow shall be entitled to a widow's benefit half as large as the life annuity which was being paid to the deceased at the time of his death, or had been deferred to age sixty as the case may be. This benefit shall cease on the widow's remarriage and the widow shall be entitled to a lump-sum payment equal to twice the annual amount of her widow's benefit.

Article X, paragraph 2 (amended text)

The payment of any lump sum due under this article shall be postponed at the request of the person entitled to the benefit for a period not exceeding three years from the date when the benefit became due.

Article X, paragraph 3 (new text)

Where a lump sum payment of a withdrawal benefit due under this article is made more than four months after the date when a participant's employment ceased, compound interest at 2½ per cent per annum shall, from that date, be added to the amount of benefit to which he is entitled.

Article XI (revised text)

Summary dismissal for serious misconduct

A participant who, in conformity with the Staff Regulations, has been summarily dismissed for serious misconduct shall receive:

- (a) His own contributions to the Pension Fund, with compound interest at 2½ per cent per annum, plus

(b) Such amount as may have been transferred on his account to the Pension Fund from the Provident Fund at the time of his entry into the Pension Fund, without interest, provided that, on the recommendation of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, or of the competent authority of the member organization concerned, the Joint Staff Pension Board shall, to the extent so recommended, grant to such participant a lump sum equal to either the whole or a part of the remainder of the benefit he would have been entitled to, under article X, had he ceased to be employed for reasons other than summary dismissal for serious misconduct.

Article XLI (new text)

Jurisdiction of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

1. Applications alleging non-observance of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund arising out of a decision of the Joint Staff Pension Board may be submitted directly to the United Nations Administrative Tribunal by:

(a) Any staff member of a member organization which has accepted the jurisdiction of the Tribunal in Joint Staff Pension Fund cases who is eligible under article II of the Regulations as a participant in the Fund, even after his employment has ceased, and any person who has succeeded to such staff member's rights upon his death;

(b) Any other person who can show that he is entitled to rights under the Regulations of the Fund by virtue of the participation in the Fund of a staff member of such member organization.

2. In the event of a dispute as to whether the Tribunal has competence, the matter shall be settled by a decision of the Tribunal.

3. The decision of the Tribunal shall be final and without appeal.

4. The time limits prescribed in article 7 of the Statute of the Tribunal are reckoned from the date of the communication of the contested decision of the Joint Staff Pension Board.

956 (X). Acceptance by the specialized agencies of the jurisdiction of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal in matters involving applications alleging non-observance of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

The General Assembly

1. Takes note of the report¹⁰ of the Secretary-General on the acceptance by the specialized agencies of the jurisdiction of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal in matters involving applications alleging non-observance of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;

2. Takes note of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its third report¹¹ to the General Assembly at its tenth session.

*539th plenary meeting,
3 November 1955.*

957 (X). Procedure for review of United Nations Administrative Tribunal judgements: amendments to the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal

The General Assembly,

Recalling section B of its resolution 888 (IX) of 17 December 1954 in which it accepted in principle judicial

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, document A/2970.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, document A/2986.

review of judgements of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal,

Having considered the report¹² of the Special Committee on Review of Administrative Tribunal Judgements submitted pursuant to that resolution.

1. *Decides* to amend the Statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal, effective from the date of adoption of the present resolution, with respect to judgements rendered by the Tribunal thereafter, as follows:

(a) Add the following new articles 11 and 12:

"Article 11"

"1. If a Member State, the Secretary-General or the person in respect of whom a judgement has been rendered by the Tribunal (including any one who has succeeded to that person's rights on his death) objects to the judgement on the ground that the Tribunal has exceeded its jurisdiction or competence or that the Tribunal has failed to exercise jurisdiction vested in it, or has erred on a question of law relating to the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, or has committed a fundamental error in procedure which has occasioned a failure of justice, such Member State, the Secretary-General or the person concerned may, within thirty days from the date of the judgement, make a written application to the Committee established by paragraph 4 of this article asking the Committee to request an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the matter.

"2. Within thirty days from the receipt of an application under paragraph 1 of this article, the Committee shall decide whether or not there is a substantial basis for the application. If the Committee decides that such a basis exists, it shall request an advisory opinion of the Court, and the Secretary-General shall arrange to transmit to the Court the views of the person referred to in paragraph 1.

"3. If no application is made under paragraph 1 of this article, or if a decision to request an advisory opinion has not been taken by the Committee, within the periods prescribed in this article, the judgement of the Tribunal shall become final. In any case in which a request has been made for an advisory opinion, the Secretary-General shall either give effect to the opinion of the Court, or request the Tribunal to convene specially in order that it shall confirm its original judgement, or give a new judgement, in conformity with the opinion of the Court. If not requested to convene specially, the Tribunal shall at its next session confirm its judgement or bring it into conformity with the opinion of the Court.

"4. For the purpose of this article, a Committee is established and authorized under paragraph 2 of Article 96 of the Charter to request advisory opinions of the Court. The Committee shall be composed of the Member States the representatives of which have served on the General Committee of the most recent regular session of the General Assembly. The Committee shall meet at United Nations Headquarters and shall establish its own rules.

"5. In any case in which award of compensation has been made by the Tribunal in favour of the person concerned and the Committee has requested an advisory opinion under paragraph 2 of this article, the

Secretary-General, if satisfied that such person will otherwise be handicapped in protecting his interests, shall within fifteen days of the decision to request an advisory opinion make an advance payment to him of one-third of the total amount of compensation awarded by the Tribunal less such termination benefits, if any, as have already been paid. Such advance payment shall be made on condition that, within thirty days of the action of the Tribunal under paragraph 3 of this article, such person shall pay back to the United Nations the amount, if any, by which the advance payment exceeds any sum to which he is entitled in accordance with the opinion of the Court.

"Article 12"

"The Secretary-General or the applicant may apply to the Tribunal for a revision of a judgement on the basis of the discovery of some fact of such a nature as to be a decisive factor, which fact was, when the judgement was given, unknown to the Tribunal and also to the party claiming revision, always provided that such ignorance was not due to negligence. The application must be made within thirty days of the discovery of the fact and within one year of the date of the judgement. Clerical or arithmetical mistakes in judgements, or errors arising therein from any accidental slip or omission, may at any time be corrected by the Tribunal either of its own motion or on the application of any of the parties";

(b) Renumber the former articles 11 and 12 as articles 13 and 14 respectively, and in paragraph 3 of article 9 substitute the words "article 14" for "article 12".

(c) Amend paragraph 2 of article 10 to read:

"Subject to the provisions of articles 11 and 12, the judgements of the Tribunal shall be final and without appeal";

2. *Recommends* that Member States and the Secretary-General should not make oral statements before the International Court of Justice in any proceedings under the new article 11 of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal adopted under the present resolution.

541st plenary meeting,
8 November 1955.

958 (X). Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds

A

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report¹³ of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds appointed at the ninth session of the General Assembly,

Believing that provision should be made for the continuation of the work of the Committee,

1. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to appoint a Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds consisting of not more than ten members to serve from the close of the tenth session to the close of the eleventh session of the General Assembly for the purpose of consulting with Member and non-member States as to the amounts which Governments may contribute on a voluntary basis toward each of the programmes approved by the General Assembly for which funds are not available through the regular budget of the United Nations and for which the Committee is specifically requested by the General Assembly to obtain pledges of voluntary contributions from Governments;

¹² *Ibid.*, Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 49, document A/2909.

¹³ *Ibid.*, agenda item 40, document A/2945.

2. *Reaffirms* the terms of reference of the Committee as laid down in General Assembly resolutions 693 (VII) of 25 October 1952;

3. *Decides* that the Secretary-General shall, if the Committee so requests, arrange an appropriate meeting or meetings of Member and non-member States at which the pledges of Members and non-members may be made known;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of the eleventh session of the General Assembly the item "Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds".

*541st plenary meeting,
8 November 1955.*

B

The General Assembly,

Having noted the concern again expressed by the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds in the light of its experience during the past year at the effect of the establishment of financial targets unlikely to be realized in actual receipts of contributions,

1. *Requests* the organs of the United Nations concerned with the approval of activities and programmes to be financed by voluntary contributions to take into account, when establishing the budgetary levels of those programmes, the probabilities of collection of contributions for such activities and programmes;

2. *Appeals* to the Governments of Member and non-member States to make voluntary contributions to the fullest extent to carry out the programmes approved by the General Assembly to which reference is made in paragraph 1 of resolution A above.

*541st plenary meeting,
8 November 1955.*

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At the 558th plenary meeting, on 16 December 1955, the President of the General Assembly announced that, in accordance with the terms of resolution A above, he had appointed a Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds, composed of representatives of the following Member States, to serve until the close of the eleventh session of the General Assembly:

ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, CANADA, CHILE, FRANCE, LEBANON, PAKISTAN, the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

959 (X). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

The General Assembly

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

Mr. Carlos Blanco,
Mr. Arthur H. Clough,
Mr. John E. Fobes,
Mr. T. J. Natarajan;

2. *Declares* Mr. Blanco, Mr. Clough and Mr. Fobes to be appointed for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1956, and Mr. Natarajan for a one-year term to commence on 1 January 1956.

*549th plenary meeting,
29 November 1955.*

960 (X). 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. Robert E. Merriam,
Mr. Jiří Nosek,
Mr. Agha Shahi;

2. *Declares* Mr. Merriam, Mr. Nosek and Mr. Shahi to be appointed for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1956.

*549th plenary meeting,
29 November 1955.*

961 (X). Confirmation of the appointment made by the Secretary-General to the membership of the Investments Committee

The General Assembly

Confirms the reappointment by the Secretary-General of Mr. Ivar Rooth as a member of the Investments Committee for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1956.

*549th plenary meeting,
29 November 1955.*

962 (X). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The General Assembly

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

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

2. *Declares* Mrs. Bastid, Mr. Loutfi and Mr. Venkataraman to be appointed for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1956.

*549th plenary meeting,
29 November 1955.*

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

The General Assembly

Takes note of the audit reports¹⁴ relating to expenditure by specialized agencies of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account, for the financial year ended 31 December 1954, and of the observations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, as set forth in its twelfth report¹⁵ to the General Assembly at its tenth session.

*549th plenary meeting,
29 November 1955.*

964 (X). United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: accounts for the financial year ended 30 June 1955 and report of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

1. *Accepts* the accounts of the United Nations Relief

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, Annexes, Audit reports of specialized agencies, document A/2958 and Corr. 1.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 46, document A/3015.

and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for the financial year ended 30 June 1955 and the certificate of the Board of Auditors;¹⁶

2. *Takes note* of the observations¹⁷ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its thirteenth report to the General Assembly at its tenth session.

550th plenary meeting,
3 December 1955.

965 (X). United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency: financial report and accounts for the financial year ended 30 June 1955 and report of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

1. *Accepts* the financial report and accounts of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency for the financial year ended 30 June 1955 and the certificate of the Board of Auditors;¹⁸

2. *Takes note* of the observations¹⁹ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its eleventh report to the General Assembly at its tenth session.

550th plenary meeting,
3 December 1955.

966 (X). Registration and publication of treaties and international agreements

The General Assembly

Having considered the report²⁰ of the Secretary-General and the tenth report²¹ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the General Assembly at its tenth session on the registration and publication of treaties and international agreements,

Recalling its resolution 97 (I) of 14 December 1946 adopting regulations to give effect to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations, as amended by its resolutions 364 B (IV) and 482 (V), of 1 December 1949 and 12 December 1950 respectively,

Noting the economies which have been achieved during the current year in the publication of the United Nations *Treaty Series* as a result of more favourable printing contracts and of the use of more economical methods of production,

Considering that, in view of the heavy volume of material for publication, further measures should be taken, without unduly impairing the value of the *Treaty Series* or in any way infringing Article 102 of the Charter, to reduce both the delay in the publication of treaties and international agreements and the expenditure incurred,

Believing it desirable, however, that the various measures considered in the course of the present session should be further studied,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to Mem-

ber States and to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions by 1 July 1956, for consideration by the General Assembly at its eleventh session, a report covering particularly the following matters:

(a) The desirability and means of supplying translations in English or French of treaties and international agreements;

(b) The possibility of eliminating, as far as practicable, duplication in the publishing of standard form treaties and international agreements in the United Nations *Treaty Series* by the use of cross references to a model text already published in the *Treaty Series*;

(c) Possible arrangements with the specialized agencies and other international organizations, including the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, whereby duplication in the printing and publication of treaties and international agreements can be avoided while at the same time meeting the needs both of the United Nations and of the other organizations concerned;

(d) The possibility of avoiding duplication in the publishing of the United Nations *International Tax Agreements* and the *Treaty Series*;

(e) The method and effect of applying the suggestion concerning the elimination of the publication of annexes contained in part IV, B, of the report²⁰ of the Secretary-General and the consequent savings in time and money, illustrated in relation to the treaties and agreements published in the *Treaty Series* in the course of any one year;

(f) The possibility, having regard to the types of treaties and agreements likely to be filed and recorded in the future under article 10 of the above-mentioned regulations, of effecting further economies in the publication of such treaties and agreements without unduly impairing the usefulness of the *Treaty Series*;

(g) The possible advantages of publishing sub-series of the *Treaty Series* for certain categories of treaties and agreements;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to bring about further printing economies without, however, lowering the present standard of reproduction of the *Treaty Series*, and to keep under review the distribution of the *Treaty Series* so as to ensure a strict curtailment of the free mailing list.

550th plenary meeting,
3 December 1955.

967 (X). Appointment to fill a vacancy in the membership of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

Appoints the Auditor-General of the Netherlands as a member of the Board of Auditors for a three-year term to commence on 1 July 1956.

557th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.

968 (X). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee

The General Assembly

1. *Appoints* the following persons as members and

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 6B (A/2989).

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 36, document A/3021.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 6C (A/2987).

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 36, document A/3012.

²⁰ *Ibid.*, agenda item 54, document A/2971.

²¹ *Ibid.*, document A/3010.

alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee:

Members:

Mr. Arthur H. Clough,
Mr. Rigoberto Torres Astorga,
Mr. Albert S. Watson;

Alternates:

Mr. A. E. van Braam Houckgeest,
Mr. Fazlollah Nouredin Kia,
Mr. Arthur C. Liveran;

2. Declares these members and alternate members to be appointed for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1956.

*557th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.*

969 (X). Headquarters of the United Nations

The General Assembly

1. Takes note of the report²² of the Secretary-General on the Headquarters of the United Nations, and of the observations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its seventh report²³ to the General Assembly at its tenth session;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to make no further commitments against the Permanent Headquarters Construction Account after 31 August 1956.

*557th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.*

970 (X). Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

The General Assembly

Resolves:

1. That the scale of assessments for Members' contributions to the United Nations budget for the financial years 1956, 1957 and 1958 shall be as follows:

<i>Member State</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
Afghanistan	0.06
Argentina	1.28
Australia	1.80
Belgium	1.38
Bolivia	0.05
Brazil	1.20
Burma	0.11
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic.....	0.53
Canada	3.63
Chile	0.33
China	5.62
Colombia	0.41
Costa Rica	0.04
Cuba	0.30
Czechoslovakia	0.92
Denmark	0.72
Dominican Republic	0.05
Ecuador	0.05

²² *Ibid.*, agenda item 41, document A/2948.

²³ *Ibid.*, document A/2997.

<i>Member State</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
Egypt	0.40
El Salvador	0.06
Ethiopia	0.12
France	6.23
Greece	0.22
Guatemala	0.07
Haiti	0.04
Honduras	0.04
Iceland	0.04
India	3.25
Indonesia	0.56
Iran	0.30
Iraq	0.13
Israel	0.17
Lebanon	0.05
Liberia	0.04
Luxembourg	0.06
Mexico	0.77
Netherlands	1.25
New Zealand	0.48
Nicaragua	0.04
Norway	0.54
Pakistan	0.60
Panama	0.05
Paraguay	0.04
Peru	0.16
Philippines	0.45
Poland	1.70
Saudi Arabia	0.07
Sweden	1.59
Syria	0.08
Thailand	0.18
Turkey	0.69
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic.....	2.02
Union of South Africa	0.78
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.....	15.28
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	8.55
United States of America	33.33
Uruguay	0.18
Venezuela	0.47
Yemen	0.04
Yugoslavia	0.40

TOTAL 100.00

2. That, unless earlier review is called for in accordance with rule 161 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the scale of assessments given in paragraph 1 above shall be reviewed by the Committee on Contributions in 1958, when a report shall be submitted for the consideration of the General Assembly at its thirteenth session;

3. That, notwithstanding the terms of financial regulation 5.5, the Secretary-General shall be empowered to accept, at his discretion and after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions, a portion of the contributions of Member States for the financial years 1956, 1957 and 1958 in currencies other than United States dollars;

4. That, subject to revision which may be required in accordance with the principles of rule 161 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, States which are not Members of the United Nations but which participate in certain of its activities shall be called upon to contribute towards the 1956, 1957 and 1958 expenses of such activities on the basis of the following rates:

ascertain the wishes of the majority of its inhabitants in regard to

(a) The union of their Territory with an independent Gold Coast; or

(b) Separation of Togoland under British administration from the Gold Coast and its continuance under trusteeship pending the ultimate determination of its political future;

3. Decides to appoint a United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner who shall exercise on behalf of the General Assembly the powers and functions of supervision defined by the Visiting Mission in its special report, and who shall be assisted by observers and staff to be appointed by the Secretary-General in consultation with him;

4. Recommends further that the plebiscite be organized and conducted on the basis of the arrangements proposed in chapter IV of the special report of the Visiting Mission, subject to such modifications of detail as are agreed upon between the Administering Authority and the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner, and such additional measures as may be proposed by the Commissioner in order to secure a free and neutral atmosphere for the plebiscite;

5. Requests the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner to submit a report on the organization, conduct and results of the plebiscite to the Trusteeship Council for its consideration, and for transmission to the General Assembly at its eleventh session in order that the latter may, in consultation with the Administering Authority, assess the results and determine the further action to be taken on the attainment of independence by the Gold Coast in the light of all the circumstances and in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the Trusteeship Agreement;

6. Requests the Trusteeship Council, in virtue of the provisions of the Trusteeship Agreement and of the Charter, to continue to exercise its functions at either its regular or special sessions as may be necessary, and to take into consideration any matter that may arise, or be referred to it, in respect of the Trust Territory;

II. The future of Togoland under French administration:

Noting with regard to Togoland under French administration, the statements made by the Administering Authority, as recorded by the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Trust Territories of Togoland under British Administration and Togoland under French Administration, 1955, in its special report, to the effect that the Authority itself, taking into account the views of the Territorial Assembly, contemplates holding in due course consultations with the inhabitants of the Territory to ascertain their wishes in respect of the future of the Territory,

Noting also the statements by the representative of France in both the Fourth Committee and the Trusteeship Council to the effect that his Government supports in principle the proposals made by the Visiting Mission,

Noting also the view expressed by the Visiting Mission that, following the political reforms at present contemplated by the Administering Authority, steps will

be taken to ascertain the wishes of the inhabitants of the Territory as to their future,

1. Endorses the conclusion of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Trust Territories of Togoland under British Administration and Togoland under French Administration, 1955, in respect of Togoland under French administration, that the implementation of the contemplated political reforms will play a helpful role in enabling the wishes of the inhabitants of the Territory as to their future to be ascertained at an early date by direct and democratic methods;

2. Recommends that this consultation of the population be conducted, as in the case of Togoland under British administration, under the supervision of the United Nations;

3. Requests the Trusteeship Council, at its forthcoming regular session, to undertake a special study of this matter, in consultation with the Administering Authority, and to report thereon, if possible, to the General Assembly at its eleventh session.

556th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.

945 (X). Communication from the Government of the Netherlands concerning the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, by resolution 222 (III) of 3 November 1948, the General Assembly, while welcoming any development of self-government in Non-Self-Governing Territories, considers it essential that the United Nations be informed of any change in the constitutional status of any such Territory as a result of which the responsible Government concerned thinks it unnecessary to transmit information in respect of that Territory under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling that, by resolution 747 (VIII) of 27 November 1953, the General Assembly invited the Government of the Netherlands to communicate to the Secretary-General the result of the negotiations between the representatives of the Netherlands, the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam, and invited the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories to report to the General Assembly on the information received,

Having received the communication²⁸ dated 30 March 1955, by which the Government of the Netherlands transmitted to the Secretary-General the constitutional provisions embodied in the Charter for the Kingdom of the Netherlands promulgated on 29 December 1954, together with an explanatory memorandum thereon,

Having studied the report²⁹ prepared by the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories, during its session of 1955, on the question of the cessation of the transmission of information with respect to the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam,

Bearing in mind the competence of the General Assembly to decide whether or not a Non-Self-Governing Territory has attained the full measure of self-govern-

²⁸ Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 32, document A/AC.35/L.206.

²⁹ Ibid., Tenth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/2908) and Supplement No. 16A (A/2908/Add.1).

ment referred to in Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Takes note* of the documentation submitted, and of the explanations provided, to the effect that the peoples of the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam have expressed, through their freely elected representative bodies, their approval of the new constitutional order, and takes note also of the opinion of the Government of the Netherlands;

2. *Expresses the opinion* that, without prejudice to the position of the United Nations as affirmed in General Assembly resolution 742 (VIII) of 27 November 1953, and to such provisions of the Charter of the United Nations as may be relevant, on the basis of the information before it as presented by the Government of the Netherlands, and as desired by the Government of the Netherlands, cessation of the transmission of information under Article 73 e of the Charter in respect of the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam is appropriate.

*557th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.*

946 (X). Attainment by the Trust Territories of the objective of self-government or independence

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, by its resolutions 558 (VI) of 18 January 1952, 752 (VIII) of 9 December 1953 and 858 (IX) of 14 December 1954, it invited the Administering Authority of each Trust Territory, other than Somaliland under Italian administration, to include in each annual report information concerning measures taken or contemplated towards self-government or independence, and estimates of the periods of time required for such measures, and requested the Trusteeship Council to include in each of its reports to the General Assembly a separate section dealing with the subject and stating in each case its conclusions and recommendations,

Noting with regret the omission from the report³⁰ of the Council covering the period from 17 July 1954 to 22 July 1955 of the separate section envisaged by the above-mentioned resolutions,

Noting further that the Council, by its resolution 1254 (XVI) of 19 July 1955, decided to instruct each of its drafting committees on the annual reports concerned, beginning from its seventeenth session, to prepare, in the course of its regular functions and in the light of General Assembly resolutions 752 (VIII) and 858 (IX), appropriate draft conclusions and recommendations concerning the question of the attainment by the Territory of self-government or independence,

1. *Draws the attention* of the Trusteeship Council to the importance which the General Assembly continues to attach to the question of the attainment by the Trust Territories of the objective of self-government or independence;

2. *Requests* the Council to ensure that the procedure devised by it for dealing in future with this question will enable it to comply fully with the terms of the relevant General Assembly resolutions and, accordingly, to include in its next and succeeding reports to the Assembly a separate section containing the information indicated

in those resolutions and the conclusions and recommendations of the Council thereon.

*557th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.*

947 (X). Question of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 392 (V) of 15 December 1950, recommending that the portion of the boundary between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia not already delimited by international agreement be delimited by bilateral negotiations between the Government of Ethiopia and the Administering Authority,

Recalling further its resolution 854 (IX) of 14 December 1954 in which the Governments of Ethiopia and Italy were urged to exert their utmost efforts to achieve a final settlement of the frontier question by direct negotiations,

Having noted the encouraging views expressed during its tenth session by the representatives of the Governments of Ethiopia and Italy,

Having heard the statements of the representative of the Somali Youth League before the Fourth Committee,

Considering the progress made in the discussions between the Governments of the two countries since July 1955,

Confident in the good faith and willingness of the two Governments to pursue vigorously direct negotiations for an early delimitation of the frontier,

Mindful of the patent urgency of establishing a delimitation of the frontier between Ethiopia and the Trust Territory as soon as possible,

1. *Recommends* that the Governments of Ethiopia and Italy expedite their current direct negotiations so that the question of the frontier between the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration and Ethiopia may be settled as soon as possible;

2. *Requests* the Governments of Ethiopia and Italy to report on the progress of these direct negotiations to the General Assembly at its eleventh session.

*557th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.*

948 (X). Report of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 17 July 1954 to 22 July 1955

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the report³⁰ of the Trusteeship Council covering the period from 17 July 1954 to 22 July 1955;

2. *Recommends* that the Trusteeship Council, in its future deliberations, take into account the comments and suggestions made in the course of the discussion of its report at the tenth session of the General Assembly.

*557th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.*

³⁰ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 4 (A/2933).

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949 (X). United Nations: financial reports and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1954 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 1954 and the certificates of the Board of Auditors;¹

2. *Concurs* in the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in paragraphs 218, 221 and 223 of its first report² to the General Assembly at its tenth session.

*539th plenary meeting,
3 November 1955.*

950 (X). Amendment to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations (regulation 9.2)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the recommendation contained in paragraph 221 of the first report³ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the General Assembly at its tenth session,

Adopts the text annexed to the present resolution as an amendment to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations. This amendment shall become effective from the date of its adoption.

*539th plenary meeting,
3 November 1955.*

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/2901).*

² *Ibid., Supplement No. 7 (A/2921).*

ANNEX

Financial regulation 9.2 (amended text)

The Secretary-General may, after consultation with the Investments Committee, make long-term investments of moneys standing to the credit of Trust Funds, Reserve and Special Accounts, except as may be otherwise provided by the appropriate authority in respect of each such Fund or Account and having regard to the particular requirements as to the liquidity of funds in each case.

951 (X). United Nations Children's Fund: financial report and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1954 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 1954 and the certificate of the Board of Auditors;⁴

2. *Takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its second report⁵ to the General Assembly at its tenth session.

*539th plenary meeting,
3 November 1955.*

952 (X). United Nations Refugee Emergency Fund: financial report and accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 1954 and report of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

1. *Accepts* the financial report and accounts of the United Nations Refugee Emergency Fund for the finan-

³ *Ibid., Supplement No. 6A (A/2905).*

⁴ *Ibid., Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 36, document A/2922.*

cial year ended 31 December 1954 and the certificate of the Board of Auditors;⁶

2. *Takes note* of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in paragraphs 224 to 226 of its first report⁷ to the General Assembly at its tenth session.

*539th plenary meeting,
3 November 1955.*

953 (X). Annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

The General Assembly

Takes note with satisfaction of the annual report⁸ of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board.

*539th plenary meeting,
3 November 1955.*

954 (X). Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the third actuarial valuation of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund as of 30 September 1954

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the report⁹ of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the third actuarial valuation of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund as of 30 September 1954;

2. *Takes note* of the observations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its third report¹⁰ to the General Assembly at its tenth session.

*539th plenary meeting,
3 November 1955.*

955 (X). Amendments to the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

The General Assembly

Adopts the texts annexed to the present resolution as amendments to the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund. These amendments shall become effective from the date of their adoption.

*539th plenary meeting,
3 November 1955.*

ANNEX

Article I, paragraph 4 (amended text)

"Final average remuneration" means the average annual pensionable remuneration of the participant during the last five years of his contributory service. Where the participant has less than five years of contributory service, the final average remuneration shall mean the average annual pensionable remuneration during the actual period of contributory service.

Article II, paragraph 2 (amended text)

The foregoing provision shall apply to the Registrar and every full-time officer of the Registry of the International Court of Justice except that the occupant of the position of Registrar as at 16 December 1954 shall become a participant notwithstanding that he was over sixty years of age at the time of his appointment.

⁶ *Ibid.*, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 6D (A/2900).

⁷ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 7 (A/2921).

⁸ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 8 (A/2914).

⁹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 8A (A/2916).

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 44, document A/2986. -

Article IV, paragraph 3 (amended text)

A participant who is entitled under this article to a benefit which is less than \$180 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. In the case of a participant who is married at the date of retirement, he may also receive the actuarial equivalent of the prospective benefit which would be payable on his death under article VII, 2(a).

Article VII, paragraph 2(a) (amended text)

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, except as provided in paragraph 3 below, 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.

Article VII, paragraph 5 (amended text)

Upon the death of a participant who does not leave a widow entitled to a widow's 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 2½ per cent per annum, 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.

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.

Article IX, paragraph 2 (amended text)

On the basis of the medical examinations referred to in the preceding paragraph, the Joint Staff Pension Board shall decide whether the participant concerned shall be covered by the provisions of articles V and VII, 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 and VII, 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 widow be excluded from the provision of article VII, 1, if he has attained age sixty.

Article X, paragraph 1(a) (amended text)

If the participant has less than five years of contributory service, he shall be paid a sum equal to:

(i) His own contributions to the Pension Fund, with compound interest at 2½ per cent per annum, plus

(ii) 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

- (iii) 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.

Article X, paragraph 1(b) (amended text)

If the participant has five or more years of contributory service, he shall be entitled, four months after his employment ceases, to a lump-sum payment which shall be 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 contributory service and final average remuneration, provided that the amount to be received under this clause shall not be less than the amount receivable under sub-paragraph (a) above. During that period of four months he shall not be eligible for a disability benefit but shall be eligible for a death benefit based on his contributory service at the date he ceased to be employed by a member organization; except that

- (i) A widow's benefit will be payable only if his widow was his wife at the time his employment ceased, and
- (ii) If a death benefit becomes payable under article VII, 5, and no child's benefit is payable under article VIII, the death benefit shall not be less than the withdrawal benefit which would have been paid to the participant if he had requested earlier payment under the terms of sub-paragraph (c).

If he dies during this period of four months and a death benefit becomes payable under article VII, no further benefit shall be payable.

Article X, paragraph 1(d) (amended text)

Any participant whose years of contributory service when added to his age at withdrawal equal sixty or more may elect to receive, in lieu of the lump sum due under sub-paragraph (b) above, his withdrawal benefit in the form of either:

- (i) A life annuity, either immediate or deferred to age sixty, which is the actuarial equivalent of such lump sum, or
- (ii) One-half of the lump sum due under sub-paragraph (b) above and a life annuity deferred to age sixty which is the actuarial equivalent of one-half of such lump sum, or
- (iii) In the case of a married male participant, a life annuity, either immediate or deferred to age sixty, including a prospective widow's benefit for his wife, which is the actuarial equivalent of such lump sum. Where a participant who has so elected dies, such widow shall be entitled to a widow's benefit half as large as the life annuity which was being paid to the deceased at the time of his death, or had been deferred to age sixty as the case may be. This benefit shall cease on the widow's remarriage and the widow shall be entitled to a lump-sum payment equal to twice the annual amount of her widow's benefit.

Article X, paragraph 2 (amended text)

The payment of any lump sum due under this article shall be postponed at the request of the person entitled to the benefit for a period not exceeding three years from the date when the benefit became due.

Article X, paragraph 3 (new text)

Where a lump sum payment of a withdrawal benefit due under this article is made more than four months after the date when a participant's employment ceased, compound interest at 2½ per cent per annum shall, from that date, be added to the amount of benefit to which he is entitled.

Article XI (revised text)

Summary dismissal for serious misconduct

A participant who, in conformity with the Staff Regulations, has been summarily dismissed for serious misconduct shall receive:

- (a) His own contributions to the Pension Fund, with compound interest at 2½ per cent per annum, plus

(b) Such amount as may have been transferred on his account to the Pension Fund from the Provident Fund at the time of his entry into the Pension Fund, without interest, provided that, on the recommendation of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, or of the competent authority of the member organization concerned, the Joint Staff Pension Board shall, to the extent so recommended, grant to such participant a lump sum equal to either the whole or a part of the remainder of the benefit he would have been entitled to, under article X, had he ceased to be employed for reasons other than summary dismissal for serious misconduct.

Article XLII (new text)

Jurisdiction of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

1. Applications alleging non-observance of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund arising out of a decision of the Joint Staff Pension Board may be submitted directly to the United Nations Administrative Tribunal by:

(a) Any staff member of a member organization which has accepted the jurisdiction of the Tribunal in Joint Staff Pension Fund cases who is eligible under article II of the Regulations as a participant in the Fund, even after his employment has ceased, and any person who has succeeded to such staff member's rights upon his death;

(b) Any other person who can show that he is entitled to rights under the Regulations of the Fund by virtue of the participation in the Fund of a staff member of such member organization.

2. In the event of a dispute as to whether the Tribunal has competence, the matter shall be settled by a decision of the Tribunal.

3. The decision of the Tribunal shall be final and without appeal.

4. The time limits prescribed in article 7 of the Statute of the Tribunal are reckoned from the date of the communication of the contested decision of the Joint Staff Pension Board.

956 (X). Acceptance by the specialized agencies of the jurisdiction of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal in matters involving applications alleging non-observance of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

The General Assembly

1. Takes note of the report¹⁰ of the Secretary-General on the acceptance by the specialized agencies of the jurisdiction of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal in matters involving applications alleging non-observance of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;

2. Takes note of the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its third report¹¹ to the General Assembly at its tenth session.

*539th plenary meeting,
3 November 1955.*

957 (X). Procedure for review of United Nations Administrative Tribunal judgements: amendments to the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal

The General Assembly,

Recalling section B of its resolution 888 (IX) of 17 December 1954 in which it accepted in principle judicial

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, document A/2970.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, document A/2986.

review of judgements of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal,

Having considered the report¹² of the Special Committee on Review of Administrative Tribunal Judgements submitted pursuant to that resolution.

1. *Decides* to amend the Statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal, effective from the date of adoption of the present resolution, with respect to judgements rendered by the Tribunal thereafter, as follows:

(a) Add the following new articles 11 and 12:

"Article 11"

"1. If a Member State, the Secretary-General or the person in respect of whom a judgement has been rendered by the Tribunal (including any one who has succeeded to that person's rights on his death) objects to the judgement on the ground that the Tribunal has exceeded its jurisdiction or competence or that the Tribunal has failed to exercise jurisdiction vested in it, or has erred on a question of law relating to the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, or has committed a fundamental error in procedure which has occasioned a failure of justice, such Member State, the Secretary-General or the person concerned may, within thirty days from the date of the judgement, make a written application to the Committee established by paragraph 4 of this article asking the Committee to request an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the matter.

"2. Within thirty days from the receipt of an application under paragraph 1 of this article, the Committee shall decide whether or not there is a substantial basis for the application. If the Committee decides that such a basis exists, it shall request an advisory opinion of the Court, and the Secretary-General shall arrange to transmit to the Court the views of the person referred to in paragraph 1.

"3. If no application is made under paragraph 1 of this article, or if a decision to request an advisory opinion has not been taken by the Committee, within the periods prescribed in this article, the judgement of the Tribunal shall become final. In any case in which a request has been made for an advisory opinion, the Secretary-General shall either give effect to the opinion of the Court, or request the Tribunal to convene specially in order that it shall confirm its original judgement, or give a new judgement, in conformity with the opinion of the Court. If not requested to convene specially, the Tribunal shall at its next session confirm its judgement or bring it into conformity with the opinion of the Court.

"4. For the purpose of this article, a Committee is established and authorized under paragraph 2 of Article 96 of the Charter to request advisory opinions of the Court. The Committee shall be composed of the Member States the representatives of which have served on the General Committee of the most recent regular session of the General Assembly. The Committee shall meet at United Nations Headquarters and shall establish its own rules.

"5. In any case in which award of compensation has been made by the Tribunal in favour of the person concerned and the Committee has requested an advisory opinion under paragraph 2 of this article, the

Secretary-General, if satisfied that such person will otherwise be handicapped in protecting his interests, shall within fifteen days of the decision to request an advisory opinion make an advance payment to him of one-third of the total amount of compensation awarded by the Tribunal less such termination benefits, if any, as have already been paid. Such advance payment shall be made on condition that, within thirty days of the action of the Tribunal under paragraph 3 of this article, such person shall pay back to the United Nations the amount, if any, by which the advance payment exceeds any sum to which he is entitled in accordance with the opinion of the Court.

"Article 12"

"The Secretary-General or the applicant may apply to the Tribunal for a revision of a judgement on the basis of the discovery of some fact of such a nature as to be a decisive factor, which fact was, when the judgement was given, unknown to the Tribunal and also to the party claiming revision, always provided that such ignorance was not due to negligence. The application must be made within thirty days of the discovery of the fact and within one year of the date of the judgement. Clerical or arithmetical mistakes in judgements, or errors arising therein from any accidental slip or omission, may at any time be corrected by the Tribunal either of its own motion or on the application of any of the parties";

(b) Renumber the former articles 11 and 12 as articles 13 and 14 respectively, and in paragraph 3 of article 9 substitute the words "article 14" for "article 12".

(c) Amend paragraph 2 of article 10 to read:

"Subject to the provisions of articles 11 and 12, the judgements of the Tribunal shall be final and without appeal";

2. *Recommends* that Member States and the Secretary-General should not make oral statements before the International Court of Justice in any proceedings under the new article 11 of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal adopted under the present resolution.

541st plenary meeting,
8 November 1955.

958 (X). Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds

A

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report¹³ of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds appointed at the ninth session of the General Assembly,

Believing that provision should be made for the continuation of the work of the Committee,

1. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to appoint a Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds consisting of not more than ten members to serve from the close of the tenth session to the close of the eleventh session of the General Assembly for the purpose of consulting with Member and non-member States as to the amounts which Governments may contribute on a voluntary basis toward each of the programmes approved by the General Assembly for which funds are not available through the regular budget of the United Nations and for which the Committee is specifically requested by the General Assembly to obtain pledges of voluntary contributions from Governments;

¹² *Ibid.*, Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 49, document A/2909.

¹³ *Ibid.*, agenda item 40, document A/2945.

2. *Reaffirms* the terms of reference of the Committee as laid down in General Assembly resolutions 693 (VII) of 25 October 1952;

3. *Decides* that the Secretary-General shall, if the Committee so requests, arrange an appropriate meeting or meetings of Member and non-member States at which the pledges of Members and non-members may be made known;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of the eleventh session of the General Assembly the item "Report of the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds".

*541st plenary meeting,
8 November 1955.*

B

The General Assembly,

Having noted the concern again expressed by the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds in the light of its experience during the past year at the effect of the establishment of financial targets unlikely to be realized in actual receipts of contributions,

1. *Requests* the organs of the United Nations concerned with the approval of activities and programmes to be financed by voluntary contributions to take into account, when establishing the budgetary levels of those programmes, the probabilities of collection of contributions for such activities and programmes;

2. *Appeals* to the Governments of Member and non-member States to make voluntary contributions to the fullest extent to carry out the programmes approved by the General Assembly to which reference is made in paragraph 1 of resolution A above.

*541st plenary meeting,
8 November 1955.*

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At the 558th plenary meeting, on 16 December 1955, the President of the General Assembly announced that, in accordance with the terms of resolution A above, he had appointed a Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds, composed of representatives of the following Member States, to serve until the close of the eleventh session of the General Assembly:

ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, CANADA, CHILE, FRANCE, LEBANON, PAKISTAN, the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

959 (X). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

The General Assembly

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

Mr. Carlos Blanco,
Mr. Arthur H. Clough,
Mr. John E. Fobes,
Mr. T. J. Natarajan;

2. *Declares* Mr. Blanco, Mr. Clough and Mr. Fobes to be appointed for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1956, and Mr. Natarajan for a one-year term to commence on 1 January 1956.

*549th plenary meeting,
29 November 1955.*

960 (X). 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. Robert E. Merriam,
Mr. Jiří Nosek,
Mr. Agha Shahi;

2. *Declares* Mr. Merriam, Mr. Nosek and Mr. Shahi to be appointed for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1956.

*549th plenary meeting,
29 November 1955.*

961 (X). Confirmation of the appointment made by the Secretary-General to the membership of the Investments Committee

The General Assembly

Confirms the reappointment by the Secretary-General of Mr. Ivar Rooth as a member of the Investments Committee for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1956.

*549th plenary meeting,
29 November 1955.*

962 (X). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The General Assembly

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

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

2. *Declares* Mrs. Bastid, Mr. Loutfi and Mr. Venkataraman to be appointed for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1956.

*549th plenary meeting,
29 November 1955.*

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

The General Assembly

Takes note of the audit reports¹⁴ relating to expenditure by specialized agencies of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account, for the financial year ended 31 December 1954, and of the observations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, as set forth in its twelfth report¹⁵ to the General Assembly at its tenth session.

*549th plenary meeting,
29 November 1955.*

964 (X). United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: accounts for the financial year ended 30 June 1955 and report of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

1. *Accepts* the accounts of the United Nations Relief

¹⁴ *Ibid., Annexes*, Audit reports of specialized agencies, document A/2958 and Corr. 1.

¹⁵ *Ibid., Annexes*, agenda item 46, document A/3015.

and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for the financial year ended 30 June 1955 and the certificate of the Board of Auditors;¹⁶

2. *Takes note* of the observations¹⁷ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its thirteenth report to the General Assembly at its tenth session.

550th plenary meeting,
3 December 1955.

965 (X). United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency: financial report and accounts for the financial year ended 30 June 1955 and report of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

1. *Accepts* the financial report and accounts of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency for the financial year ended 30 June 1955 and the certificate of the Board of Auditors;¹⁸

2. *Takes note* of the observations¹⁹ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its eleventh report to the General Assembly at its tenth session.

550th plenary meeting,
3 December 1955.

966 (X). Registration and publication of treaties and international agreements

The General Assembly

Having considered the report²⁰ of the Secretary-General and the tenth report²¹ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to the General Assembly at its tenth session on the registration and publication of treaties and international agreements,

Recalling its resolution 97 (I) of 14 December 1946 adopting regulations to give effect to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations, as amended by its resolutions 364 B (IV) and 482 (V), of 1 December 1949 and 12 December 1950 respectively,

Noting the economies which have been achieved during the current year in the publication of the United Nations *Treaty Series* as a result of more favourable printing contracts and of the use of more economical methods of production,

Considering that, in view of the heavy volume of material for publication, further measures should be taken, without unduly impairing the value of the *Treaty Series* or in any way infringing Article 102 of the Charter, to reduce both the delay in the publication of treaties and international agreements and the expenditure incurred,

Believing it desirable, however, that the various measures considered in the course of the present session should be further studied,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to Mem-

ber States and to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions by 1 July 1956, for consideration by the General Assembly at its eleventh session, a report covering particularly the following matters:

(a) The desirability and means of supplying translations in English or French of treaties and international agreements;

(b) The possibility of eliminating, as far as practicable, duplication in the publishing of standard form treaties and international agreements in the United Nations *Treaty Series* by the use of cross references to a model text already published in the *Treaty Series*;

(c) Possible arrangements with the specialized agencies and other international organizations, including the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, whereby duplication in the printing and publication of treaties and international agreements can be avoided while at the same time meeting the needs both of the United Nations and of the other organizations concerned;

(d) The possibility of avoiding duplication in the publishing of the United Nations *International Tax Agreements* and the *Treaty Series*;

(e) The method and effect of applying the suggestion concerning the elimination of the publication of annexes contained in part IV, B, of the report²⁰ of the Secretary-General and the consequent savings in time and money, illustrated in relation to the treaties and agreements published in the *Treaty Series* in the course of any one year;

(f) The possibility, having regard to the types of treaties and agreements likely to be filed and recorded in the future under article 10 of the above-mentioned regulations, of effecting further economies in the publication of such treaties and agreements without unduly impairing the usefulness of the *Treaty Series*;

(g) The possible advantages of publishing sub-series of the *Treaty Series* for certain categories of treaties and agreements;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to bring about further printing economies without, however, lowering the present standard of reproduction of the *Treaty Series*, and to keep under review the distribution of the *Treaty Series* so as to ensure a strict curtailment of the free mailing list.

550th plenary meeting,
3 December 1955.

967 (X). Appointment to fill a vacancy in the membership of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly

Appoints the Auditor-General of the Netherlands as a member of the Board of Auditors for a three-year term to commence on 1 July 1956.

557th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.

968 (X). Appointments to fill vacancies in the membership of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee

The General Assembly

1. *Appoints* the following persons as members and

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 6B (A/2989).

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 36, document A/3021.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 6C (A/2987).

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 36, document A/3012.

²⁰ *Ibid.*, agenda item 54, document A/2971.

²¹ *Ibid.*, document A/3010.

alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee:

Members:

Mr. Arthur H. Clough,
Mr. Rigoberto Torres Astorga,
Mr. Albert S. Watson;

Alternates:

Mr. A. E. van Braam Houckgeest,
Mr. Fazlollah Nouredin Kia,
Mr. Arthur C. Liveran;

2. Declares these members and alternate members to be appointed for a three-year term to commence on 1 January 1956.

*557th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.*

969 (X). Headquarters of the United Nations

The General Assembly

1. Takes note of the report²² of the Secretary-General on the Headquarters of the United Nations, and of the observations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its seventh report²³ to the General Assembly at its tenth session;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to make no further commitments against the Permanent Headquarters Construction Account after 31 August 1956.

*557th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.*

970 (X). Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

The General Assembly

Resolves:

1. That the scale of assessments for Members' contributions to the United Nations budget for the financial years 1956, 1957 and 1958 shall be as follows:

<i>Member State</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
Afghanistan	0.06
Argentina	1.28
Australia	1.80
Belgium	1.38
Bolivia	0.05
Brazil	1.20
Burma	0.11
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic.....	0.53
Canada	3.63
Chile	0.33
China	5.62
Colombia	0.41
Costa Rica	0.04
Cuba	0.30
Czechoslovakia	0.92
Denmark	0.72
Dominican Republic	0.05
Ecuador	0.05

<i>Member State</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
Egypt	0.40
El Salvador	0.06
Ethiopia	0.12
France	6.23
Greece	0.22
Guatemala	0.07
Haiti	0.04
Honduras	0.04
Iceland	0.04
India	3.25
Indonesia	0.56
Iran	0.30
Iraq	0.13
Israel	0.17
Lebanon	0.05
Liberia	0.04
Luxembourg	0.06
Mexico	0.77
Netherlands	1.25
New Zealand	0.48
Nicaragua	0.04
Norway	0.54
Pakistan	0.60
Panama	0.05
Paraguay	0.04
Peru	0.16
Philippines	0.45
Poland	1.70
Saudi Arabia	0.07
Sweden	1.59
Syria	0.08
Thailand	0.18
Turkey	0.69
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic.....	2.02
Union of South Africa	0.78
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.....	15.28
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	8.55
United States of America	33.33
Uruguay	0.18
Venezuela	0.47
Yemen	0.04
Yugoslavia	0.40

TOTAL 100.00

2. That, unless earlier review is called for in accordance with rule 161 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the scale of assessments given in paragraph 1 above shall be reviewed by the Committee on Contributions in 1958, when a report shall be submitted for the consideration of the General Assembly at its thirteenth session;

3. That, notwithstanding the terms of financial regulation 5.5, the Secretary-General shall be empowered to accept, at his discretion and after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions, a portion of the contributions of Member States for the financial years 1956, 1957 and 1958 in currencies other than United States dollars;

4. That, subject to revision which may be required in accordance with the principles of rule 161 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, States which are not Members of the United Nations but which participate in certain of its activities shall be called upon to contribute towards the 1956, 1957 and 1958 expenses of such activities on the basis of the following rates:

²² *Ibid.*, agenda item 41, document A/2948.

²³ *Ibid.*, document A/2997.

<i>Member State</i>	<i>Per cent</i>
<i>Albania</i>	0.04
<i>Austria</i>	0.39
<i>Bulgaria</i>	0.15
<i>Cambodia</i>	0.04
<i>Ceylon</i>	0.12
<i>Finland</i>	0.41
<i>Germany, Federal Republic of</i>	4.61
<i>Hungary</i>	0.50
<i>Ireland</i>	0.21
<i>Italy</i>	2.27
<i>Japan</i>	2.15
<i>Jordan</i>	0.04
<i>Korea, Republic of</i>	0.14
<i>Laos</i>	0.04
<i>Liechtenstein</i>	0.04
<i>Monaco</i>	0.04
<i>Nepal</i>	0.04
<i>Portugal</i>	0.27
<i>Romania</i>	0.55
<i>San Marino</i>	0.04
<i>Switzerland</i>	1.26
<i>Viet-Nam</i>	0.17

The following countries being called upon to contribute:

To the International Court of Justice: Japan, Liechtenstein, San Marino, Switzerland.

To the international control of narcotic drugs: Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Ceylon, Finland, Federal Republic of Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Laos, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Switzerland, Viet-Nam.

To the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East: Cambodia, Ceylon, Japan, Republic of Korea, Laos, Nepal, Viet-Nam.

To the Economic Commission for Europe: Italy.

5. That Laos, which became a member of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East on 16 February 1955, shall be called upon to contribute 0.04 per cent of the expenses of the Commission for 1955, and that Nepal, which became a member on 6 June 1955, shall be called upon to contribute three-quarters of the rates of 0.04 per cent of the expenses of the Commission for 1955;

6. That, if Austria, Finland, Ireland and Portugal, which under Economic and Social Council resolution 517 (XVII) of 22 April 1954 are eligible for membership in the Economic Commission for Europe, should become members before the next review of the assessments, they shall be called upon to contribute an amount calculated, as from the quarter in which membership becomes effective, on the basis of the following rates:

	<i>1955</i>	<i>1956, 1957 and 1958</i>
<i>Austria</i>	0.36	0.39
<i>Finland</i>	0.42	0.41
<i>Ireland</i>	0.25	0.21
<i>Portugal</i>	0.27	0.27

7. That, if any non-member States should become Parties to the Convention on the Declaration of Death of Missing Persons before the next review of the assessments, they should be assessed retroactively from the date of their accession to the Convention in respect of all expenses of the International Bureau for Declarations of Death.

*557th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.*

971 (X). Review of audit procedures of the United Nations and the specialized agencies

The General Assembly,

Noting the reports of the Secretary-General²⁴ and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions²⁵ on the review of audit procedures of the United Nations and the specialized agencies,

Noting the views expressed during the consideration of these reports at the tenth session of the General Assembly, including particularly the interest shown by many Member States in the development of a common system of external audit which would continue to meet the increasing audit requirements of the United Nations and the specialized agencies suitably and efficiently,

1. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To consult with the Board of Auditors and with the heads of the specialized agencies, in conjunction with their External Auditors, concerning the possibility of developing a common system of audit which would meet these requirements and in which the agencies would be willing to participate;

(b) To submit, in time for a final decision to be reached by the General Assembly at its twelfth session, a report recording the progress made in the discussions, and recommending a future course of action including detailed suggestions for any proposed changes, together with the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on these matters;

2. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of the twelfth session of the General Assembly an item under the title "Review of audit procedures of the United Nations and the specialized agencies".

*557th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.*

972 (X). Administrative and budgetary co-ordination between the United Nations and the specialized agencies

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the report²⁶ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the administrative budgets of the specialized agencies for 1956;

2. *Invites the attention* of the specialized agencies to the recommendations and suggestions made in the Advisory Committee's report and to the views expressed in the Fifth Committee at the tenth session of the General Assembly.

*557th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.*

973 (X). Use of income derived from the Staff Assessment Plan

A

ESTABLISHMENT OF A TAX EQUALIZATION FUND

The General Assembly

Resolves:

1. That a Tax Equalization Fund shall be established as from 1 January 1956 to which shall be credited:

²⁴ *Ibid.*, agenda item 43, document A/2974.

²⁵ *Ibid.*, document A/2990.

²⁶ *Ibid.*, agenda item 45, document A/3023.

(a) All revenue derived from the Staff Assessment Plan not otherwise disposed of by specific resolution of the General Assembly;

(b) The sum of \$1,500,000 standing to the credit of Member States in the Working Capital Fund, as at 31 December 1955, representing the amount derived from the transfer of budget surpluses in prior years;

2. That the credits to the Tax Equalization Fund under paragraph 1 (a) above shall be recorded in sub-accounts of the Fund in the name of each Member State in the proportion of its contribution to the budget for the financial year concerned;

3. That the credit to the Fund under paragraph 1 (b) above shall be recorded in the sub-accounts of the Member States in the Fund in the amounts established as their specific credits in the said amount of \$1,500,000 as set out in schedule G²⁷ of statement III of the financial accounts of the United Nations for the year ended 31 December 1954;

4. That there shall be charged against the credits of the appropriate Member States under paragraph 2 above all amounts paid under resolution C below by way of double-taxation relief in respect of national income taxes, excluding any local or state income taxes, levied on staff members by the Member States concerned during each financial year provided that, should the credit under paragraph 2 above be insufficient for this purpose, all such payments made after the credit has been liquidated shall be charged to the credit of the appropriate Member State under paragraph 3 above;

5. That the Secretary-General may record obligations against the credits under paragraphs 2 and 3 above to the extent that he anticipates that they will be necessary to cover liabilities for double-taxation relief;

6. That the amount credited to the sub-account of each Member State in the Tax Equalization Fund under paragraph 2 above, less the amounts charged or obligated against that sub-account under paragraph 4, shall be set off against the contributions due from the Member State concerned in accordance with the provisions of financial regulation 5.2 (e);

7. That for each of the financial years 1956, 1957 and 1958, one-third of the amounts credited to the sub-account of each Member State in the Tax Equalization Fund under paragraph 3 above, less the amounts charged or obligated against that sub-account in the financial year concerned, shall be set off against the contributions due from the Member State concerned in accordance with the provisions of financial regulation 5.2 (e).

*557th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.*

B

AMENDMENTS TO THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS (REGULATIONS 5.2 AND 7.1)

The General Assembly

Decides to amend the Financial Regulations of the United Nations as follows, with effect from 1 January 1956:

1. Add to financial regulation 5.2 a sub-paragraph (e) to read:

“Members’ credits in the Tax Equalization Fund

²⁷ *Ibid.*, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/2901), p. 30.

estimated to be not required to meet charges for tax refunds during the year, and any adjustments in the estimated credits previously taken into account”;

2. Add to financial regulation 7.1 a sub-paragraph (d) to read:

“Revenue derived from the Staff Assessment Plan”.

*557th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.*

C

AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 359

(IV) ENTITLED “TAX EQUALIZATION—STAFF ASSESSMENT PLAN”

The General Assembly

Decides to amend the provisions of its resolution 359 (IV) of 10 December 1949 entitled “Tax Equalization—Staff Assessment Plan”, as follows, with effect from 1 January 1956:

1. Replace article 7 by the following:

“That revenue derived from staff assessment not otherwise disposed of by specific resolution of the General Assembly shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund established by General Assembly resolution 973 A (X)”;

2. Add the following new article 8:

“Where a staff member is subject both to staff assessment under this plan and to national income taxation in respect of the salaries and emoluments paid to him by the United Nations, the Secretary-General is authorized to refund to him the amount of staff assessment collected from him provided that:

“(a) The amount of such refund shall in no case exceed the amount of his income taxes paid and payable in respect of his United Nations income;

“(b) If the amount of such income taxes exceeds the amount of staff assessment, the Secretary-General may also pay to the staff member the amount of such excess;

“(c) Payments made in accordance with the provisions of this article shall be charged to the Tax Equalization Fund.”

*557th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.*

974 (X). Amendment to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations (regulation 3.2)

The General Assembly

Having considered the report²⁸ of the Secretary-General on personnel questions and the recommendations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as set forth in its twentieth report²⁹ to the General Assembly at its tenth session,

1. *Adopts as an amendment to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations the text contained in the annex to the present resolution, which amendment shall become effective on 1 January 1956;*

2. *Requests the Secretary-General to establish the conditions for the administration of the education grants,*

²⁸ *Ibid.*, Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 56, document A/2996.

²⁹ *Ibid.*, document A/3036.

on the basis of the pertinent sections of his above-mentioned report and taking into consideration the suggestions made during the debate on personnel questions in the Fifth Committee at the tenth session of the General Assembly, to the extent that these suggestions fall within the general principles set forth in the new text of staff regulation 3.2.

557th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.

ANNEX

Staff regulation 3.2 (amended text)

The Secretary-General shall establish a scheme for the payment of children's allowances under the conditions specified in annex IV, paragraph 1, to the present regulations.

The Secretary-General shall also establish terms and conditions under which an education grant shall be available to a staff member serving outside his recognized home country, whose dependent child under the age of twenty-one is in full-time attendance at a school, university, or similar educational institution of a type which will, in the opinion of the Secretary-General, facilitate the child's re-assimilation in the staff member's recognized home country. The maximum amount of the grant shall be \$400 per annum for a child. Travel costs of the child may also be paid for an outward and return journey once in each scholastic year between the educational institution and the duty station, by a route approved by the Secretary-General, but not in an amount exceeding the cost of such a journey between the home country and the duty station.

The Secretary-General shall also establish terms and conditions under which an education grant shall be available to a staff member serving in a country whose language is different from his own and who is obliged to pay tuition for the teaching of the mother tongue to a dependent child attending a local school in which the instruction is given in a language other than his own.

The Secretary-General may decide in each case whether the children's allowance or the educational grant shall extend to adopted children or stepchildren.

(In annex IV, cancel paragraphs 2 and 3 and renumber paragraph 4 as paragraph 2.)

975 (X). Establishment of a Committee to review the United Nations salary, allowance and benefits system

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports⁸⁰ of the Secretary-General relating to salary differentials, cost-of-living adjustments and dependency allowances, as well as the recommendations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, as set forth in its twenty-second and twenty-third reports⁸¹ to the General Assembly at its tenth session,

Believing that the United Nations salary, allowance and benefits system, which is based on a survey conducted in 1949, should be reviewed to determine what adjustments should be made as the result of experience since the system became effective,

Taking into account that the United Nations and a majority of the specialized agencies have developed a common system of salaries and allowances,

1. *Decides* to establish a Committee of eleven experts nominated by Governments to undertake a comprehensive review of the United Nations salary, allowance and benefits system, and to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly at its eleventh session;

2. *Requests* the Governments of Argentina, Denmark, Egypt, France, India, New Zealand, the Union

of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America each to nominate an expert to serve on the Committee;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the heads of the specialized agencies, to invite the Governments of two States which are members of the specialized agencies co-operating but not of the United Nations, to nominate one expert each to serve on the Committee;

4. *Invites* the co-operation of the specialized agencies in this review;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the eleven Governments concerned, to appoint a time for the convening of the Committee and to provide the necessary services and facilities for the work of the Committee;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the report of the Committee to the specialized agencies;

7. *Invites* the Secretary-General and the heads of the specialized agencies to furnish any comments they may wish to make on the report of the Committee prior to its consideration by the General Assembly at its eleventh session.

557th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.

976 (X). Cost-of-living adjustment and dependency allowances for Headquarters personnel

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports⁸⁰ of the Secretary-General relating to cost-of-living adjustments and dependency allowances, as well as the recommendations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, as set forth in its twenty-second and twenty-third reports⁸¹ to the General Assembly at its tenth session,

Believing that some interim provision is called for in respect of these allowances, pending consideration of the report of the Committee established under resolution 975 (X) to review the United Nations salary, allowance and benefits system,

1. *Decides* that, from 1 January to 31 December 1956, the dependency credits authorized as a temporary measure by General Assembly resolution 894 (IX) of 17 December 1954 shall continue to be given to staff members stationed at Headquarters and at Washington, D.C.;

2. *Decides*, as an interim measure for the year 1956, to increase, from 7.5 per cent to 10 per cent, with a minimum of \$400 gross and a maximum of \$1,000 gross, the existing temporary non-pensionable cost-of-living adjustment applied to the gross salaries of staff members at Headquarters and at Washington, D.C.

557th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.

977 (X). Establishment and maintenance of a United Nations Memorial Cemetery in Korea

The General Assembly,

Desiring to pay tribute to all those who, pursuant to the call of the United Nations, laid down their lives in resisting aggression in Korea and in upholding the cause of peace and freedom,

Noting that, in a cemetery at Tanggok, near Pusan, in the Republic of Korea, there are the graves of nearly two thousand men who served with forces which fought under the United Nations Command,

⁸⁰ *Ibid.*, documents A/C.5/632 and A/C.5/636.

⁸¹ *Ibid.*, documents A/3038 and A/3039.

Noting further that up to the present time this cemetery has been cared for by the United Nations Command but that permanent arrangements have not yet been made for its maintenance,

1. *Decides* that the cemetery at Tanggok, near Pusan, in the Republic of Korea, should be established and maintained as a United Nations Memorial Cemetery in Korea in honour of the dead;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, acting on the advice of a Committee consisting of representatives of those countries whose men still lie in graves in the cemetery:

(a) To arrange for the negotiation of an agreement with the Republic of Korea in order to secure the permanent use of the site of the memorial cemetery;

(b) To make all necessary arrangements for the establishment and permanent maintenance of the cemetery;

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to make provision in the budget of the United Nations for the allocation of the necessary funds for this purpose.

557th plenary meeting,
15 December 1955.

978 (X). Supplementary estimates for the financial year 1955

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the financial year 1955:

1. The amount of \$US46,963,800 appropriated by its resolution 890 (IX) of 17 December 1954, is increased by \$US3,264,200 as follows:

Section		Amount appropriated as adjusted under resolution 890 (IX)	Supplementary appropriation, increase or decrease	Revised amounts of appropriation
	A. UNITED NATIONS		(In US dollars)	
	<i>Part I. Sessions of the General Assembly, the Councils, Commissions and Committees</i>			
1.	The General Assembly, Commissions and Committees....	502,700	87,300	590,000
2.	The Security Council, Commissions and Committees....	—	89,000	89,000
3.	The Economic and Social Council, Commissions and Committees	150,600	—(600)	150,000
3a.	Permanent Central Opium Board and Drug Supervisory Body	27,200	—	27,200
3b.	Regional economic commissions.....	101,700	2,500	104,200
4.	The Trusteeship Council, Commissions and Committees..	100,000	—(9,000)	91,000
	TOTAL, PART I	882,200	169,200	1,051,400
	<i>Part II. Special missions and related activities</i>			
5.	Special missions and related activities.....	1,776,100	—(40,100)	1,736,000
5a.	United Nations Field Service.....	484,000	39,000	523,000
	TOTAL, PART II	2,260,000	—(1,100)	2,259,000
	<i>Part III. Headquarters, New York</i>			
6.	Offices of the Secretary-General.....	2,116,750	8,250	2,125,000
6a.	Office of Under-Secretaries without Department.....	76,650	13,350	90,000
7.	Department of Political and Security Council Affairs....	657,300	—(32,300)	625,000
7a.	Secretariat of the Military Staff Committee.....	109,200	4,800	114,000
8.	Department of Economic and Social Affairs.....	3,679,500	—(169,500)	3,510,000
9.	Department of Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories	859,200	—(24,200)	835,000
10.	Department of Public Information.....	2,534,000	—	2,534,000
10a.	Visitors' Service	290,000	—(70,000)	220,000
11.	Department of Conference Services.....	6,224,600	—	6,224,600
11a.	Library	489,000	—(7,000)	482,000
12.	Office of General Services	2,975,950	155,050	3,131,000
13.	Temporary assistance and consultants.....	510,000	—(20,000)	490,000
14.	Travel of staff	987,500	44,500	1,032,000
15.	Common staff costs	3,437,400	1,518,000	4,955,400
16.	Common services	3,625,000	101,000	3,726,000
17.	Permanent equipment	183,600	—(11,600)	172,000
	TOTAL, PART III	28,755,650	1,510,350	30,266,000
	<i>Part IV. European Office of the United Nations</i>			
18.	European Office of the United Nations.....	4,731,000	314,000	5,045,000
19.	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	685,000	—(31,000)	654,000
	TOTAL, PART IV	5,416,000	283,000	5,699,000

<i>Section</i>		<i>Amount appropriated as adjusted under resolution 890 (IX)</i>	<i>Supplementary appropriation, increase or decrease</i>	<i>Revised amounts of appropriation</i>
	<i>Part V. Information centres</i>			<i>(In US dollars)</i>
20.	Information centres (other than information services, European Office of the United Nations).....	895,100	—(9,100)	886,000
	TOTAL, PART V	895,100	—(9,100)	886,000
	<i>Part VI. Secretariats of the regional economic commissions (other than the Economic Commission for Europe)</i>			
21.	Secretariat of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East	1,152,800	—(32,800)	1,120,000
22.	Secretariat of the Economic Commission for Latin America	968,800	—(2,800)	966,000
	TOTAL, PART VI	2,121,600	—(35,600)	2,086,000
	<i>Part VII. Hospitality</i>			
23.	Hospitality	20,000	—	20,000
23a.	Special payments under annex I, paragraph 2, of the Staff Regulations	50,000	—	50,000
	TOTAL, PART VII	70,000	—	70,000
	<i>Part VIII. Contractual printing</i>			
24.	Official Records	716,100	—(50,100)	666,000
25.	Publications	700,000	5,000	705,000
	TOTAL, PART VIII	1,416,100	—(45,100)	1,371,000
	<i>Part IX. Technical programmes</i>			
26.	Technical Assistance Administration	386,700	—	386,700
27.	Economic development	479,400	—	479,400
28.	Social activities	768,500	—	768,500
29.	Public administration	145,000	—	145,000
	TOTAL, PART IX	1,779,600	—	1,779,600
	<i>Part X. Special expenses</i>			
30.	Transfer of the assets of the League of Nations to the United Nations	649,500	—	649,500
31.	Amortization of the Headquarters construction loan.....	2,000,000	—	2,000,000
	TOTAL, PART X	2,649,500	—	2,649,500
	<i>Part XI. Joint Staff Pension Board and United Nations Staff Pension Committee</i>			
32.	Joint Staff Pension Board and United Nations Staff Pension Committee	117,600	—(3,600)	114,000
	TOTAL, PART XI	117,600	—(3,600)	114,000
	B. INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE			
	<i>Part XII. International Court of Justice</i>			
33.	International Court of Justice.....	600,350	—(3,850)	596,500
	TOTAL, PART XII	600,350	—(3,850)	596,500
	C. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY			
	<i>Part XIII (new). International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy</i>			
34.	International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy	—	1,400,000	1,400,000
	TOTAL, PART XIII	—	1,400,000	1,400,000
	GRAND TOTAL	46,963,800	3,264,200	50,228,000

979 (X). Budget appropriations for the financial year 1956

*The General Assembly**Resolves that for the financial year 1956:*

1. Appropriations totalling \$US48,566,350 are hereby voted for the following purposes:

A. UNITED NATIONS

<i>Section</i>	<i>Part I. Sessions of the General Assembly, the Councils, Commissions and Committees</i>	<i>(In US dollars)</i>
1.	The General Assembly, Commissions and Committees.....	457,500
2.	The Security Council, Commissions and Committees.....	—
3.	The Economic and Social Council, Commissions and Committees.....	107,500
3a.	Permanent Central Opium Board and Drug Supervisory Body.....	29,400
3b.	Regional economic commissions	37,000
4.	The Trusteeship Council, Commissions and Committees.....	50,000
	TOTAL, PART I	681,400
	<i>Part II. Special missions and related activities</i>	
5.	Special missions and related activities.....	1,991,450
5a.	United Nations Field Service	584,600
	TOTAL, PART II	2,576,050
	<i>Part III. Headquarters, New York</i>	
6.	Offices of the Secretary-General.....	2,037,100
6a.	Office of Under-Secretaries without Department.....	137,900
7.	Department of Political and Security Council Affairs.....	555,200
7a.	Secretariat of the Military Staff Committee.....	107,500
8.	Department of Economic and Social Affairs.....	3,265,900
9.	Department of Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories	735,000
10.	Department of Public Information.....	2,488,600
10a.	Visitors' Service	400,000
11.	Department of Conference Services.....	6,241,400
11a.	Library	483,500
12.	Office of General Services.....	3,000,000
13.	Temporary assistance and consultants.....	493,000
14.	Travel of staff.....	1,170,000
15.	Common staff costs	3,273,600
16.	Common services	3,645,700
17.	Permanent equipment	165,000
	TOTAL, PART III	28,199,400
	<i>Part IV. European Office of the United Nations</i>	
18.	European Office of the United Nations (excluding direct costs, chapter III, joint secretariat of the Permanent Central Opium Board and Drug Supervisory Body)	4,932,730
	Chapter III, joint secretariat of the Permanent Central Opium Board and Drug Supervisory Body.....	65,970
19.	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.....	685,000
	TOTAL, PART IV	5,683,700
	<i>Part V. Information Centres</i>	
20.	Information Centres (other than the information services, European Office of the United Nations).....	940,000
	TOTAL, PART V	940,000
	<i>Part VI. Secretariats of the regional economic commissions (other than the Economic Commission for Europe)</i>	
21.	Secretariat of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East....	1,198,200
22.	Secretariat of the Economic Commission for Latin America.....	1,015,100
	TOTAL, PART VI	2,213,300
	<i>Part VII. Representation and hospitality expenses</i>	
23.	Special payments under annex I, paragraph 2, of the Staff Regulations	50,000
24.	Hospitality	20,000
	TOTAL, PART VII	70,000

<u>Section</u>	<u>(In US dollars)</u>	
<i>Part VIII. Contractual printing</i>		
25.	Contractual printing (excluding chapter I, article (v), Permanent Central Opium Board and Drug Supervisory Body).....	1,382,460
	Chapter I, article (v), Permanent Central Opium Board and Drug Supervisory Body	9,440
	TOTAL, PART VIII	1,391,900
<i>Part IX. Technical programmes</i>		
26.	Technical Assistance Administration	386,700
27.	Economic development	479,400
28.	Social activities	1,000,000
28a.	Human rights activities	50,000
29.	Public administration	145,000
	TOTAL, PART IX	2,061,100
<i>Part X. Special expenses</i>		
30.	Transfer of the assets of the League of Nations to the United Nations	649,500
31.	Amortization of the Headquarters construction loan.....	2,000,000
	TOTAL, PART X	2,649,500
<i>Part XI. Joint Staff Pension Board and United Nations Staff Pension Committee</i>		
32.	Joint Staff Pension Board and United Nations Staff Pension Committee	106,000
	TOTAL, PART XI	106,000
B. INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE		
<i>Part XII. International Court of Justice</i>		
33.	International Court of Justice.....	620,000
	TOTAL, PART XII	620,000
C. SPECIAL ITEMS		
<i>Part XIII. Special items</i>		
34.	International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy....	961,000
35.	Increased cost-of-living adjustments at Headquarters.....	413,000
	TOTAL, PART XIII	1,374,000
	GRAND TOTAL	48,566,350

2. The appropriations voted by paragraph 1 above shall be financed by contributions from Members after adjustment as provided by the Financial Regulations, subject to the provision of paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 981 (X) relating to the Working Capital Fund. For this purpose, miscellaneous income for the financial year 1956 is estimated at \$US3,050,800;

3. The Secretary-General is authorized:

(a) To administer as a unit the following appropriations:

(i) Provisions under section 3a; section 18, chapter III; and section 25, chapter I, article (v);

(ii) Provisions under section 10; section 18, chapter II; section 20; and section 25, chapter IV;

(b) To apply the provision under section 35 to the appropriate sections;

(c) With the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to transfer credits between sections of the budget;

4. In addition to the appropriations voted by paragraph 1 above, an amount of \$US17,000 is hereby appropriated for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment, and for the employment of temporary assistance on arrears of cataloguing and indexing, from the income of the Library Endowment Fund, in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

980 (X). Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the financial year 1956

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the financial year 1956:

1. The Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, is authorized to enter into commitments to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses, provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(a) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of \$US2 million, if the Secretary-General certifies that they relate to the maintenance of peace and security or to urgent economic rehabilitation;

(b) Such commitments, duly certified by the President of the International Court of Justice, relating to expenses occasioned by:

(i) The designation of *ad hoc* judges (Statute, Article 31), not exceeding a total of \$24,000;

(ii) The appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30), or the calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Article 50), not exceeding a total of \$25,000;

(iii) The holding of sessions of the Court away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22), not exceeding a total of \$75,000;

(c) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of \$12,000, as may be required in the event of the coming into force during 1956 of the Protocol¹³² for Limiting and Regulating the Cultivation of the Poppy Plant, the Production of, International and Wholesale Trade in, and Use of Opium;

(d) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of \$90,000, as may be required in connexion with the travel of representatives to the General Assembly in the event of the admission of new Members;

2. The Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to the General Assembly, at its eleventh session, all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the General Assembly in respect of such commitments.

*559th plenary meeting,
16 December 1955.*

981 (X). Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1956

The General Assembly

Resolves:

1. That the Working Capital Fund shall be established for the year ended 31 December 1956 at an amount of \$US 20 million to be derived from cash advances by Members in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of the present resolution;

2. That Members shall make cash advances to the Working Capital Fund as required under paragraph 1 above in accordance with the scale adopted¹³³ by the General Assembly for contributions of Members to the eleventh annual budget;

3. That there shall be set off against this new allocation of advances the amounts paid by Members to the Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1955, under General Assembly resolution 892 (IX) of 17 December 1954, provided that, should such advance paid by any Member to the Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1955 exceed the amount of that Member's advance under the provision of paragraph 2 above, the excess shall be set off against the amount of the contributions payable by that Member in respect of the eleventh annual budget, or any previous budget;

4. That 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 980 (X) relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund;

(c) Such sums as, together with net sums outstanding for the same purposes, do not exceed \$125,000, to continue the revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities. Advances in excess of the total of \$125,000 may be made with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. The Secretary-General shall submit, with the annual accounts, an explanation of the outstanding balance of the revolving fund at the end of each year;

(d) Loans to specialized agencies and preparatory commissions of agencies to be established by 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. In making such loans, which shall normally be repayable within two years, the Secretary-General shall have regard to the proposed financial resources of the agency concerned, and 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 \$1,500,000 and for any issue which would increase the balance outstanding (including amounts previously advanced and outstanding) in respect of any one agency to an amount in excess of \$500,000;

(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

¹³² See resolution 970 (X).

be repaid as soon as credits are available in the Tax Equalization Fund.

*559th plenary meeting,
16 December 1955.*

982 (X). Permanent headquarters of the International Telecommunication Union and the World Meteorological Organization

The General Assembly,

Recalling the conclusion reached at its ninth session³⁴ concerning proposals made, subject to certain conditions, to the International Telecommunication Union and the World Meteorological Organization for the construction at United Nations cost of permanent headquarters for these two agencies on United Nations grounds at Geneva,

Having considered the reports³⁵ of the Secretary-General and the report³⁶ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,

Having noted the offer made by the Republic and Canton of Geneva to the two aforementioned agencies concerning the construction of permanent headquarters buildings outside United Nations grounds in Geneva,

Having noted the statement made by the Acting Observer of Switzerland at the 510th meeting of the Fifth Committee³⁷ to the effect that the Government of Switzerland is ready to consider the question of financial participation in the extension of the Palais des Nations if a proposal from the United Nations is submitted to it,

Recalling its steadfast policy in favour of the promotion of common services between the United Nations and the specialized agencies, and considering that such services can most effectively be organized by housing the participating organizations in one and the same building,

1. *Decides* that the Secretary-General be authorized to inform the International Telecommunication Union and the World Meteorological Organization that the United Nations is prepared to construct a new wing to the Palais des Nations in Geneva to provide permanent headquarters for these agencies, subject to the following conditions:

(a) That the Secretary-General is able to find ways and means of financing the construction costs in such a manner that any charge falling on the United Nations budget in the years 1957-1961 does not exceed \$200,000

³⁴ Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Fifth Committee, 482nd meeting.

³⁵ Ibid., Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 38, documents A/C.5/627/Rev.1 and A/C.5/L.353.

³⁶ Ibid., document A/3025.

³⁷ Ibid., Tenth Session, Fifth Committee, 510th meeting, para. 37.

per annum, no charge to be made thereafter;

(b) That the agencies shall repay, without interest, over a period not exceeding fifty years, the costs to be borne by the United Nations in connexion with the construction of the building, the title to the building remaining vested in the United Nations;

(c) That the cost of alterations to an existing conference room for the exclusive use of the International Telecommunication Union and the World Meteorological Organization shall be borne by those organizations, the title to the premises remaining vested in the United Nations;

(d) That the United Nations shall be solely responsible for the management and maintenance of the building together with its annexes and grounds; repairs to the building to be executed by the United Nations; the cost of minor repairs necessary to ensure normal use shall be borne by the two agencies; the cost of major repairs shall be borne by the United Nations in accordance with local custom;

(e) That the building shall be leased for an indefinite period to the two organizations at a rental of one dollar per annum;

(f) That the rates of reimbursement in respect of any services provided by the United Nations to the two organizations should be negotiated in accordance with the principles agreed by the Fifth Committee at its 510th meeting;³⁸

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into negotiations with the International Telecommunication Union and the World Meteorological Organization for the construction of a suitable extension of the Palais des Nations;

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into negotiations with the Government of Switzerland in consultation with the Secretaries-General of the International Telecommunication Union and the World Meteorological Organization, with a view to ascertaining the possibilities of Swiss financial assistance towards the extension of the Palais des Nations;

4. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, in the event that he should make an offer under the authority granted to him by paragraph 1 above and that this offer should be accepted, to incur the necessary commitments and to advance from the Working Capital Fund, in 1956, a sum not exceeding \$100,000 to finance preliminary work in connexion with the construction;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on these negotiations and their outcome to the General Assembly at its eleventh session.

*559th plenary meeting,
16 December 1955.*

³⁸ Ibid., para. 20.

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983 (X). Question of the correction of votes in the General Assembly and its Committees

The General Assembly

1. *Commends* the report¹ of the Secretary-General on the question of the correction of votes in the General Assembly and its Committees, submitted to the General Assembly at its tenth session;
2. *Takes note* of the said report and of the conclusions contained therein;
3. *Decides* to take no further action thereon for the present;
4. *Recommends* that Member States should continue to study the question.

*549th plenary meeting,
29 November 1955.*

984 (X). Amendment to article 12 of the Statute of the International Law Commission: place of meeting of the Commission

The General Assembly,

Having regard to paragraphs 25 and 26 of the report² of the International Law Commission on the work of its seventh session,

Taking into account the view of the Commission that conditions at the European Office of the United Nations are more conducive to efficiency in the kind of work the members of the Commission have to perform,

Decides to amend as follows article 12 of the Statute of the International Law Commission:

"The Commission shall sit at the European Office

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 51, document A/2977.
² *Ibid., Tenth Session, Supplement No. 9* (A/2934).

of the United Nations at Geneva. The Commission shall, however, have the right to hold meetings at other places after consultation with the Secretary-General."

*550th plenary meeting,
3 December 1955.*

985 (X). Amendment to article 10 of the Statute of the International Law Commission: term of office of members of the Commission

The General Assembly,

Having regard to paragraphs 27 and 28 of the report³ of the International Law Commission on the work of its seventh session,

Taking into account the view of the Commission that a change in the term of office of its members from three to five years would be beneficial to the continuity of its work,

1. Decides to amend as follows article 10 of the Statute of the International Law Commission:

"The members of the Commission shall be elected for five years. They shall be eligible for re-election";

2. Decides that the foregoing amendment shall take effect as from 1 January 1957.

*550th plenary meeting,
3 December 1955.*

986 (X). Question of amending article 11 of the Statute of the International Law Commission relating to the filling of casual vacancies in the membership of the Commission

The General Assembly,

Having regard to the fact that article 10 of the Statute of the International Law Commission has been amended⁴

³ See resolution 985 (X).

to increase the term of office of the members of the Commission from three to five years,

1. Invites the International Law Commission to communicate its opinion concerning the amendment of article 11 of the Statute of the Commission relating to the filling of casual vacancies in its membership;

2. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of the eleventh session of the General Assembly the question of amending article 11 of the Statute of the International Law Commission.

*550th plenary meeting,
3 December 1955.*

987 (X). Publication of the documents of the International Law Commission

The General Assembly,

Recalling the terms of its resolution 176 (II) of 21 November 1947,

Considering paragraph 35 of the report⁴ of the International Law Commission on the work of its seventh session and the study⁵ prepared by the Secretary-General in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 686 (VII) of 5 December 1952 concerning ways and means for making the evidence of customary international law more readily available,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to arrange as soon as possible for the printing of the following documents relating to the first seven sessions of the International Law Commission:

(a) The studies, special reports, principal draft resolutions and amendments presented to the Commission, in their original languages;

(b) The summary records of the Commission, initially in English;

2. Requests the Secretary-General also to arrange for the printing each year, in English, French and Spanish, of the documents mentioned in the preceding paragraph relating to future sessions of the Commission;

3. Invites the International Law Commission to express its views for the guidance of the Secretary-General with respect to the selection and editing of the documents to be printed and, if necessary in its opinion, to resubmit to the General Assembly the question of the printing of the documents of the Commission.

*550th plenary meeting,
3 December 1955.*

988 (X). Establishment of an Italian-Libyan Mixed Arbitration Commission

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 388 A (V) of 15 December 1950 on economic and financial provisions relating to Libya, article X of which set up a United Nations Tribunal in Libya and defined its functions, and resolution 792 (VIII) of 23 October 1953, by which the United Nations Tribunal in Libya was continued in existence and the Secretary-General was requested to report to the General Assembly at its tenth session after consulta-

tion with the Governments concerned regarding the future of the Tribunal,

Noting that the negotiations between Italy and Libya for the conclusion of the various special agreements provided for in resolution 388 A (V) have not yet been concluded, but that the parties have indicated that the said negotiations have reached an advanced stage,

Noting that the Governments of Italy and Libya have manifested, through their representatives at the tenth session of the General Assembly, their acceptance of such measures as the Assembly will adopt for the purpose of terminating the present United Nations Tribunal in Libya upon condition of the simultaneous establishment of an Italian-Libyan Mixed Arbitration Commission vested with the functions, powers and jurisdiction provided for in article X of resolution 388 A (V),

Resolves:

1. That the United Nations Tribunal in Libya shall be terminated on 31 December 1955, and on that date its functions, powers and jurisdiction, under the terms of reference of article X of resolution 388 A (V) shall be transferred to, and vested in, the Commission established under paragraph 2 of the present resolution;

2. That there shall be established an Italian-Libyan Mixed Arbitration Commission consisting of three members, one of whom shall be appointed by the Government of Italy, one by the Government of Libya and the third by the Secretary-General of the United Nations. The Governments of Italy and Libya shall notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations and each other of the names of their respective arbitrators not later than 15 December 1955; the Secretary-General shall appoint not later than 27 December 1955 the umpire, upon joint designation by Italy and Libya, the said designation to take place not later than 15 December 1955 or, in the event of failure by the parties jointly to submit the name of the umpire by that date, the umpire shall be chosen by the Secretary-General;

3. That the Commission shall come into existence upon the appointment of the umpire and at least one of the other members of the Commission, that two members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the performance of its functions, and that for all deliberations of the Commission the favourable vote of two members shall be sufficient;

4. That the expenses of the Commission shall be borne exclusively by Italy and Libya in equal shares;

5. That the rules of procedure of the Commission, including the designation of the place or places where its work shall be conducted, shall be determined by the Commission itself in accordance with paragraph 3 above.

*551st plenary meeting,
6 December 1955.*

989 (X). Arbitral procedure

The General Assembly,

Having considered the draft⁶ on arbitral procedure prepared by the International Law Commission at its fifth session and the comments⁷ thereon submitted by Governments,

⁴ Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/2934).

⁵ Ibid., Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 50, document A/C.6/348.

⁶ Ibid., Eighth Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/2456), para. 57.

Recalling General Assembly resolution 797 (VIII) of 7 December 1953, in which it was stated that this draft includes certain important elements with respect to the progressive development of international law on arbitral procedure,

Noting that a number of suggestions for improvements on the draft have been put forward in the comments submitted by Governments and in the observations made in the Sixth Committee at the eighth and current sessions of the General Assembly,

Believing that a set of rules on arbitral procedure will inspire States in the drawing up of provisions for inclusion in international treaties and special arbitration agreements,

¹ *Ibid.*, Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 52, document A/2899 and Add.1 and 2.

1. Expresses its appreciation to the International Law Commission and the Secretary-General for their work in the field of arbitral procedure;

2. Invites the International Law Commission to consider the comments of Governments and the discussions in the Sixth Committee in so far as they may contribute further to the value of the draft on arbitral procedure, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session;

3. Decides to place the question of arbitral procedure on the provisional agenda of the thirteenth session, including the problem of the desirability of convening an international conference of plenipotentiaries to conclude a convention on arbitral procedure.

554th plenary meeting,
14 December 1955.

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990 (X). Question of the representation of China in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Decides not to consider, at its tenth regular session during the current year, 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.

*516th plenary meeting,
20 September 1955.*

991 (X). Application of the Federal Republic of Germany for membership in the International Civil Aviation Organization

The General Assembly,

Having considered the application¹ of the Federal Republic of Germany for admission to the International Civil Aviation Organization, transmitted by that organization to the General Assembly in accordance with article II of the agreement between the United Nations and the International Civil Aviation Organization,

Decides to inform the International Civil Aviation Organization that it has no objection to the admission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the organization.

*537th plenary meeting,
25 October 1955.*

992 (X). Proposal to call a General Conference of the Members of the United Nations for the purpose of reviewing the Charter

The General Assembly,

Mindful that paragraph 3 of Article 109 of the Charter of the United Nations provides that if a General Conference of the Members of the United Nations for the

purpose of reviewing the Charter has not been held before the tenth annual session of the General Assembly, such a conference shall be held if so decided by a majority vote of the Members of the General Assembly and by a vote of any seven members of the Security Council,

Believing that it is desirable to review the Charter in the light of experience gained in its operation,

Recognizing that such a review should be conducted under auspicious international circumstances,

1. *Decides* that a General Conference to review the Charter shall be held at an appropriate time;

2. *Further decides* to appoint a Committee consisting of all the Members of the United Nations to consider, in consultation with the Secretary-General, the question of fixing a time and place for the Conference, and its organization and procedures;

3. *Requests* the Committee to report with its recommendations to the General Assembly at its twelfth session;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to complete the publication programme undertaken pursuant to General Assembly resolution 796 (VIII) of 23 November 1953 and to continue, prior to the twelfth session of the General Assembly, to prepare and circulate supplements, as appropriate, to the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs*;

5. *Transmits* the present resolution to the Security Council.

*547th plenary meeting,
21 November 1955.*

993 (X). Report of the Security Council

The General Assembly

Takes note of the report² of the Security Council to

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 57, document A/2912.

² *Ibid.*, *Tenth Session, Supplement No. 2 (A/2935)*.

the General Assembly covering the period from 16 July 1954 to 15 July 1955.

*549th plenary meeting,
29 November 1955.*

994 (X). Confirmation of allocation of funds under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance³

The General Assembly,

Noting that the Technical Assistance Committee, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 542 B (XVIII) of 29 July 1954 as approved by the General Assembly in resolution 831 (IX) of 26 November 1954, has reviewed and approved the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance for the year 1956,

1. Confirms the allocation of funds to the organizations participating in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance in proportion to their share in the approved over-all Programme, as authorized by the Technical Assistance Committee, as follows:

(In US
dollars)

United Nations Technical Assistance Administration	6,434,852
International Telecommunication Union	214,200
World Meteorological Organization	382,170
International Labour Organisation	2,933,900
Food and Agriculture Organization	8,057,000
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	4,940,933
International Civil Aviation Organization	1,081,750
World Health Organization	5,689,280
TOTAL	<u>29,734,085</u>

³ See also resolution 921 (X).

2. Concurs in the Technical Assistance Committee's authorization to the Technical Assistance Board to make such transfers of allocations between the participating organizations as might be necessary to ensure the full utilization of the contributions pledged to the Expanded Programme, provided that such transfers shall not exceed 3 per cent of the total amount allocated to the participating organizations and that these transfers are reported to the Technical Assistance Committee at each subsequent session.

*550th plenary meeting,
3 December 1955.*

995 (X). Admission of new Members to the United Nations⁴

The General Assembly,

Having received the recommendation⁵ of the Security Council of 14 December 1955 that the following countries should be admitted to membership in the United Nations: Albania, Jordan, Ireland, Portugal, Hungary, Italy, Austria, Romania, Bulgaria, Finland, Ceylon, Nepal, Libya, Cambodia, Laos and Spain,

Having considered the application for membership of each of these countries,

Decides to admit the above-mentioned sixteen countries to membership in the United Nations.

*555th plenary meeting,
14 December 1955.*

⁴ See also resolution 918 (X).

⁵ Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 21, document A/3099.

980 (X). Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the financial year 1956

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the financial year 1956:

1. The Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, is authorized to enter into commitments to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses, provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(a) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of \$US2 million, if the Secretary-General certifies that they relate to the maintenance of peace and security or to urgent economic rehabilitation;

(b) Such commitments, duly certified by the President of the International Court of Justice, relating to expenses occasioned by:

(i) The designation of *ad hoc* judges (Statute, Article 31), not exceeding a total of \$24,000;

(ii) The appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30), or the calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Article 50), not exceeding a total of \$25,000;

(iii) The holding of sessions of the Court away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22), not exceeding a total of \$75,000;

(c) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of \$12,000, as may be required in the event of the coming into force during 1956 of the Protocol³² for Limiting and Regulating the Cultivation of the Poppy Plant, the Production of, International and Wholesale Trade in, and Use of Opium;

(d) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of \$90,000, as may be required in connexion with the travel of representatives to the General Assembly in the event of the admission of new Members;

2. The Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to the General Assembly, at its eleventh session, all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the General Assembly in respect of such commitments.

*559th plenary meeting,
16 December 1955.*

981 (X). Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1956

The General Assembly

Resolves:

1. That the Working Capital Fund shall be established for the year ended 31 December 1956 at an amount of \$US 20 million to be derived from cash advances by Members in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of the present resolution;

2. That Members shall make cash advances to the Working Capital Fund as required under paragraph 1 above in accordance with the scale adopted³³ by the General Assembly for contributions of Members to the eleventh annual budget;

3. That there shall be set off against this new allocation of advances the amounts paid by Members to the Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1955, under General Assembly resolution 892 (IX) of 17 December 1954, provided that, should such advance paid by any Member to the Working Capital Fund for the financial year 1955 exceed the amount of that Member's advance under the provision of paragraph 2 above, the excess shall be set off against the amount of the contributions payable by that Member in respect of the eleventh annual budget, or any previous budget;

4. That 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 980 (X) relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund;

(c) Such sums as, together with net sums outstanding for the same purposes, do not exceed \$125,000, to continue the revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities. Advances in excess of the total of \$125,000 may be made with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. The Secretary-General shall submit, with the annual accounts, an explanation of the outstanding balance of the revolving fund at the end of each year;

(d) Loans to specialized agencies and preparatory commissions of agencies to be established by 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. In making such loans, which shall normally be repayable within two years, the Secretary-General shall have regard to the proposed financial resources of the agency concerned, and 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 \$1,500,000 and for any issue which would increase the balance outstanding (including amounts previously advanced and outstanding) in respect of any one agency to an amount in excess of \$500,000;

(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

³² United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1953.XI.6.

³³ See resolution 970 (X).

be repaid as soon as credits are available in the Tax Equalization Fund.

*559th plenary meeting,
16 December 1955.*

982 (X). Permanent headquarters of the International Telecommunication Union and the World Meteorological Organization

The General Assembly,

Recalling the conclusion reached at its ninth session³⁴ concerning proposals made, subject to certain conditions, to the International Telecommunication Union and the World Meteorological Organization for the construction at United Nations cost of permanent headquarters for these two agencies on United Nations grounds at Geneva,

Having considered the reports³⁵ of the Secretary-General and the report³⁶ of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,

Having noted the offer made by the Republic and Canton of Geneva to the two aforementioned agencies concerning the construction of permanent headquarters buildings outside United Nations grounds in Geneva,

Having noted the statement made by the Acting Observer of Switzerland at the 510th meeting of the Fifth Committee³⁷ to the effect that the Government of Switzerland is ready to consider the question of financial participation in the extension of the Palais des Nations if a proposal from the United Nations is submitted to it,

Recalling its steadfast policy in favour of the promotion of common services between the United Nations and the specialized agencies, and considering that such services can most effectively be organized by housing the participating organizations in one and the same building,

1. *Decides* that the Secretary-General be authorized to inform the International Telecommunication Union and the World Meteorological Organization that the United Nations is prepared to construct a new wing to the Palais des Nations in Geneva to provide permanent headquarters for these agencies, subject to the following conditions:

(a) That the Secretary-General is able to find ways and means of financing the construction costs in such a manner that any charge falling on the United Nations budget in the years 1957-1961 does not exceed \$200,000

³⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Fifth Committee*, 482nd meeting.

³⁵ *Ibid., Tenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 38, documents A/C.5/627/Rev.1 and A/C.5/L.353.

³⁶ *Ibid.*, document A/3025.

³⁷ *Ibid., Tenth Session, Fifth Committee*, 510th meeting, para. 37.

per annum, no charge to be made thereafter;

(b) That the agencies shall repay, without interest, over a period not exceeding fifty years, the costs to be borne by the United Nations in connexion with the construction of the building, the title to the building remaining vested in the United Nations;

(c) That the cost of alterations to an existing conference room for the exclusive use of the International Telecommunication Union and the World Meteorological Organization shall be borne by those organizations, the title to the premises remaining vested in the United Nations;

(d) That the United Nations shall be solely responsible for the management and maintenance of the building together with its annexes and grounds; repairs to the building to be executed by the United Nations; the cost of minor repairs necessary to ensure normal use shall be borne by the two agencies; the cost of major repairs shall be borne by the United Nations in accordance with local custom;

(e) That the building shall be leased for an indefinite period to the two organizations at a rental of one dollar per annum;

(f) That the rates of reimbursement in respect of any services provided by the United Nations to the two organizations should be negotiated in accordance with the principles agreed by the Fifth Committee at its 510th meeting;³⁸

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into negotiations with the International Telecommunication Union and the World Meteorological Organization for the construction of a suitable extension of the Palais des Nations;

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into negotiations with the Government of Switzerland in consultation with the Secretaries-General of the International Telecommunication Union and the World Meteorological Organization, with a view to ascertaining the possibilities of Swiss financial assistance towards the extension of the Palais des Nations;

4. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, in the event that he should make an offer under the authority granted to him by paragraph 1 above and that this offer should be accepted, to incur the necessary commitments and to advance from the Working Capital Fund, in 1956, a sum not exceeding \$100,000 to finance preliminary work in connexion with the construction;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on these negotiations and their outcome to the General Assembly at its eleventh session.

*559th plenary meeting,
16 December 1955.*

³⁸ *Ibid.*, para. 20.

