

## XVII

### RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED WITHOUT REFERENCE TO A COMMITTEE

#### 490 (V). Question of the representation of China in the General Assembly

*The General Assembly,*

*Taking note* of differences of view concerning the representation of China in the United Nations,

*Establishes* a Special Committee consisting of seven Members nominated by the President and confirmed by the General Assembly to consider the question of Chinese representation and to report back, with recommendations, to the present session of the General Assembly, after the Assembly shall have considered item 62 of the provisional agenda (item proposed by Cuba);<sup>1</sup>

*Resolves* that, pending a decision by the General Assembly on the report of this Special Committee, the representatives of the National Government of China shall be seated in the General Assembly with the same rights as other representatives.

*277th plenary meeting,  
19 September 1950.*

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*At its 321st plenary meeting on 12 December 1950, the General Assembly, on the nomination of the President, elected by secret ballot the following States Members to the Special Committee: CANADA, ECUADOR, INDIA, IRAQ, MEXICO, the PHILIPPINES and POLAND.*

#### 491 (V). Admission of the Republic of Indonesia to membership in the United Nations

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting* the recommendation<sup>2</sup> of the Security Council of 26 September 1950 that the Republic of Indonesia should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,

*Noting* also the declaration<sup>3</sup> made by the representative of the Republic of Indonesia to the effect that it will accept the obligations contained in the Charter of the United Nations,

*Admits* the Republic of Indonesia to membership in the United Nations.

*289th plenary meeting,  
28 September 1950.*

#### 492 (V). Continuation in office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received* communications<sup>4</sup> from the President of the Security Council, dated 12 October and 25

October 1950, stating that the Security Council has been unable to agree on a recommendation to the General Assembly regarding the appointment of a Secretary-General,

*Considering* the necessity to ensure the uninterrupted exercise of the functions vested by the Charter in the office of the Secretary-General,

*Considering* that the Security Council recommended<sup>5</sup> to the first regular session of the General Assembly the appointment of Mr. Trygve Lie as Secretary-General and that, on 1 February 1946, the General Assembly appointed<sup>6</sup> Mr. Trygve Lie as Secretary-General for a five-year term,

*Decides* that the present Secretary-General shall be continued in office for a period of three years.

*298th plenary meeting,  
1 November 1950.*

#### 493 (V). Convention on the Declaration of Death of Missing Persons: International Bureau for Declarations of Death

*The General Assembly,*

*Having regard* to article 15 of the Convention on the Declaration of Death of Missing Persons established by the United Nations Conference on Declaration of Death of Missing Persons,<sup>7</sup>

1. *Decides* to approve the establishment of the International Bureau for Declarations of Death provided for in article 8 of the aforementioned Convention;

2. *Decides* that the expenses of the International Bureau should be assessed upon such non-member States as may become parties to the Convention, in accordance with the principle adopted in this respect in connexion with the expenses of the International Court of Justice.

*305th plenary meeting,  
16 November 1950.*

#### 494 (V). Development of a 20-year programme for achieving peace through the United Nations

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the "Memorandum<sup>8</sup> of points for consideration in the development of a 20-year programme for achieving peace through the United Nations" submitted by the Secretary-General,

<sup>5</sup> See *Official Records of the Security Council, First Year, First Series*, No. 1, page 44.

<sup>6</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, First part of the first session, Plenary Meetings*, page 304.

<sup>7</sup> See *United Nations Conference on Declaration of Death of Missing Persons*, United Nations Publications, sales number: 1950.V.1.

<sup>8</sup> See document A/1304.

<sup>1</sup> Item 61 of the agenda as approved by the General Assembly.

<sup>2</sup> See *Official Records of the Security Council, Fifth Year*, No. 45.

<sup>3</sup> See document A/1393.

<sup>4</sup> See documents A/1439 and A/1460.

*Noting* that progress has been made by the present session of the General Assembly with regard to certain of the points contained in the memorandum of the Secretary-General,

*Reaffirming* its constant desire that all the resources of the United Nations Charter be utilized for the development of friendly relations between nations and the achievement of universal peace,

1. *Commends* the Secretary-General for his initiative in preparing his memorandum and presenting it to the General Assembly;

2. *Requests* the appropriate organs of the United Nations to give consideration to those portions of the memorandum of the Secretary-General with which they are particularly concerned;

3. *Requests* these organs to inform the General Assembly at its sixth session, through the Secretary-General, of any progress achieved through such consideration.

*312th plenary meeting,  
20 November 1950.*

#### **495 (V). Admission of new Members to the United Nations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 296 (IV) A to I and K of 22 November 1949 concerning the reconsideration, by the Security Council, of pending applications for membership,

*Noting* that the General Assembly has not received recommendations for the admission of any of the applicants,

*Requests* the Security Council to keep the applications under consideration in accordance with the terms of the above-mentioned resolutions.

*318th plenary meeting,  
4 December 1950.*

#### **496 (V). International control of atomic energy**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recognizing* that the effective regulation and reduction of national armaments would substantially diminish the present danger of war, relieve the heavy economic burden placed upon the peoples of the world in the absence of a system of armaments control, and permit the greater use of man's resources to projects devoted to his betterment,

*Recognizing* that the regulation and reduction of armaments to be effective must cover weapons of all kinds, must be based on unanimous agreement, and so must include every nation having substantial armaments and armed forces,

*Recognizing* further that any plan for the regulation and reduction of armaments and armed forces must be based upon safeguards that will secure the compliance of all nations,

*Recognizing* the inability to date to achieve agreement among nations on the elimination of atomic weapons under a system of effective international control of atomic energy and on the regulation and reduction of other armaments and armed forces,

*Recalling* that a plan<sup>9</sup> has been developed in the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission, and approved<sup>10</sup> by the General Assembly, for the international control of atomic energy, which would make effective the prohibition of atomic weapons; and that much useful planning work has been accomplished in the Commission for Conventional Armaments,

*Desiring*, however, to carry this work forward toward a comprehensive system of armaments control,

*Decides* to establish a committee of twelve, consisting of representatives of the members of the Security Council as of 1 January 1951, together with Canada, to consider and report to the next regular session of the General Assembly on ways and means whereby the work of the Atomic Energy Commission and the Commission for Conventional Armaments may be co-ordinated and on the advisability of their functions being merged and placed under a new and consolidated disarmament commission.

*323rd plenary meeting,  
13 December 1950.*

#### **497 (V). Place of meeting of the sixth regular session of the General Assembly**

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* that the building intended for the holding of the General Assembly will not be completed until 1952,

*Considering* that in these circumstances there may arise technical difficulties liable to impede the normal functioning of the General Assembly and the convenience of its deliberations,

1. *Decides*, in conformity with rule 3 of its rules of procedure, to convene its sixth regular session in Europe;

2. *Instructs* the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General to select the city most suitable for the above purpose and to make the necessary arrangements.

*324th plenary meeting,  
14 December 1950.*

<sup>9</sup> See *Official Records of the Atomic Energy Commission, Special Supplement, Report to the Security Council, Part II C and Part III*; and *Ibid., Second Year, Special Supplement, Second Report to the Security Council, Part II*.

<sup>10</sup> See resolution 191 (III).