

# RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

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### **791 (VIII). Measures to limit the duration of regular sessions of the General Assembly**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having regard* to General Assembly resolution 689 (VII) of 21 December 1952,

*Having regard* to the report<sup>1</sup> of the Special Committee on Measures to Limit the Duration of Regular Sessions of the General Assembly,

1. *Takes note* of the above-mentioned report;

2. (a) *Amends* rule 38 of its rules of procedure to read as follows:

"The General Committee shall comprise the President of the General Assembly, who shall preside, the seven Vice-Presidents, the Chairmen of the six Main Committees and the Chairman of the *Ad Hoc* Political Committee when one is established. No two members of the General Committee shall be members of the same delegation, and it shall be so constituted as to ensure its representative character. Chairmen of other committees upon which all Members have the right to be represented and which are established by the General Assembly to meet during the session, shall be entitled to attend meetings of the General Committee and may participate without vote in the discussions";

(b) *Amends* the second sentence of rule 39 of its rules of procedure to read as follows:

<sup>1</sup> See document A/2402.

"The Chairman of a Main Committee or of the *Ad Hoc* Political Committee shall, in case of absence, designate the Vice-Chairman of the Committee as his substitute";

3. *Amends* rule 98 of its rules of procedure to read as follows:

"Each Main Committee, taking into account the closing date for the session fixed by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the General Committee, shall adopt its own priorities and meet as may be necessary to complete the consideration of the items referred to it."

*453rd plenary meeting,  
23 October 1953.*

### **792 (VIII). Continuation of the United Nations Tribunal in Libya**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 388 (V) of 15 December 1950 on the economic and financial provisions relating to Libya, article X of which set up a United Nations Tribunal in Libya and defined its functions,

*Noting* that the Governments of Italy and Libya are conducting negotiations for the conclusion of the various agreements provided for in resolution 388 (V),

*Noting* that both those Governments, in their replies<sup>2</sup> to a letter from the Secretary-General, state that they

<sup>2</sup> See document A/2459.

consider that the Tribunal should be continued for a further period,

*Having noted* the explanatory memorandum<sup>3</sup> by the Secretary-General concerning the continuation of the functions of the Tribunal,

1. *Resolves* that the United Nations Tribunal in Libya shall continue in existence;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, after consultation with the Governments concerned regarding the future of the Tribunal, to report to the General Assembly at its tenth session.

453rd plenary meeting,  
23 October 1953.

### 793 (VIII). Invitation to non-member States to become Parties to the Convention on the Political Rights of Women

*The General Assembly,*

*Taking note* of Economic and Social Council resolution 504 E (XVI) dated 23 July 1953,

*Considering* that articles IV and V of the Convention on the Political Rights of Women provide, *inter alia*, that the Convention shall be open for signature and ratification or for accession on behalf of any non-member State to which an invitation has been addressed by the General Assembly,

*Decides* to request the Secretary-General to dispatch such an invitation to each non-member State which is or hereafter becomes a member of one or more of the specialized agencies of the United Nations, or which is or hereafter becomes a Party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice.

453rd plenary meeting,  
23 October 1953.

### 794 (VIII). Transfer to the United Nations of the functions exercised by the League of Nations under the Slavery Convention of 25 September 1926

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* Economic and Social Council resolution 475 (XV), adopted on 27 April 1953, concerning the transfer to the United Nations of the functions exercised by the League of Nations under the Slavery Convention of 25 September 1926,

*Desirous* of continuing international co-operation relating to the elimination of slavery,

1. *Approves* the Protocol which accompanies the present resolution;

2. *Urges* all States Parties to the Slavery Convention to sign or accept this Protocol;

3. *Recommends* all other States to accede at their earliest opportunity to the Slavery Convention as amended by the present Protocol.

453rd plenary meeting,  
23 October 1953.

### Protocol amending the Slavery Convention signed at Geneva on 25 September 1926

*The States Parties to the present Protocol,*

*Considering* that under the Slavery Convention signed at Geneva on 25 September 1926 (hereinafter called "the Con-

vention") the League of Nations was invested with certain duties and functions, and

*Considering* that it is expedient that these duties and functions should be continued by the United Nations,

*Have agreed* as follows:

#### Article I

The States Parties to the present Protocol undertake that as between themselves they will, in accordance with the provisions of the Protocol, attribute full legal force and effect to and duly apply the amendments to the Convention set forth in the annex to the Protocol.

#### Article II

1. The present Protocol shall be open for signature or acceptance by any of the States Parties to the Convention to which the Secretary-General has communicated for this purpose a copy of the Protocol.

2. States may become Parties to the present Protocol by:

(a) Signature without reservation as to acceptance;

(b) Signature with reservation as to acceptance, followed by acceptance;

(c) Acceptance.

3. Acceptance shall be effected by the deposit of a formal instrument with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

#### Article III

1. The present Protocol shall come into force on the date on which two States shall have become Parties thereto, and shall thereafter come into force in respect of each State upon the date on which it becomes a Party to the Protocol.

2. The amendments set forth in the annex to the present Protocol shall come into force when twenty-three States shall have become Parties to the Protocol, and consequently any State becoming a Party to the Convention, after the amendments thereto have come into force, shall become a Party to the Convention as so amended.

#### Article IV

In accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations and the regulations pursuant thereto adopted by the General Assembly, the Secretary-General of the United Nations is authorized to effect registration of the present Protocol and of the amendments made in the Convention by the Protocol on the respective dates of their entry into force and to publish the Protocol and the amended text of the Convention as soon as possible after registration.

#### Article V

The present Protocol, of which the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited in the archives of the United Nations Secretariat. The texts of the Convention to be amended in accordance with the annex being authentic in the English and French languages only, the English and French texts of the annex shall be equally authentic, and the Chinese, Russian and Spanish texts shall be translations. The Secretary-General shall prepare certified copies of the Protocol, including the annex, for communication to States Parties to the Convention, as well as to all other States Members of the United Nations. He shall likewise prepare for communication to States, including States not Members of the United Nations, upon the entry into force of the amendments as provided in article III, certified copies of the Convention as so amended.

*In witness whereof* the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, signed the present Protocol on the date appearing opposite their respective signatures.

*Done* at the Headquarters of the United Nations, New York, this..... day of.....<sup>\*</sup>  
one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

<sup>\*</sup> The above Protocol was opened for signature or acceptance at United Nations Headquarters on 7 December 1953.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.