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PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE THIRTEENTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY: ITEM PROPOSED BY AFGHANISTAN, BURMA, CEYLON, ETHIOPIA, FEDERATION OF MALAYA, GHANA, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN, IRAQ, JAPAN, JORDAN, LEBANON, LIBERIA, LIBYA, MOROCCO, NEPAL, PAKISTAN, SAUDI ARABIA, SUDAN, TUNISIA, TURKEY, UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC and YEMEN

Letter dated 16 July 1958 from the Permanent Representatives of Afghanistan, Burma, Ceylon, Ethiopia, Federation of Malaya, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Morocco, Nepal, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Republic and Yemen, addressed to the Secretary-General

New York, 16 July 1958

On instructions from our respective Governments, we have the honour to request that the following item be included in the agenda of the thirteenth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations:

"The question of Algeria".

An explanatory memorandum is enclosed in accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

(Signed) The Permanent Representatives of:

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

At its twelfth session, the General Assembly had on its agenda an item entitled "The question of Algeria." There was a very full discussion on this item, in which various points of view were expressed by Member States.

It will be recalled that the question of Algeria was first included in the agenda at the tenth session of the General Assembly. Since then, strenuous efforts were made to formulate the consensus of opinion in the General Assembly, which was clearly in favour of a settlement of the Algerian issue being arrived at in accordance with the principles of the Charter and taking into account the basic needs for a peaceful, democratic and just solution. These efforts proved successful, and the General Assembly adopted unanimous resolutions both in its eleventh and twelfth sessions. The resolution passed unanimously at the twelfth session 1184 (XII) is reproduced below:

The General Assembly,

Having discussed the question of Algeria,

Recalling its resolution 1012 (XI) of 15 February 1957,

1. Expresses again its concern over the situation in Algeria;
2. Takes note of the offer of good offices made by His Majesty the King of Morocco and His Excellency the President of the Republic of Tunisia;
3. Expresses the wish that, in a spirit of effective co-operation, pourparlers will be entered into, and other appropriate means utilized, with a view to a solution, in conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

726th plenary meeting  
10 December 1957

2. Since the adoption of that unanimous resolution, hopes were entertained that appropriate steps would be taken in pursuance of that resolution, but in the period which has elapsed there has been no progress towards the achievement of the purposes of the resolution.

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3. On the contrary, the hostilities in Algeria continue unabated, causing increasing suffering and loss of human life, and a solution in conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter is not in sight. In the past few months there have been dangerous indications that hostilities might spread even beyond the frontiers of Algeria, thus reflecting the deterioration that has set in.

4. In view of this situation and the absence of any concrete steps towards the implementation of the unanimous resolution adopted at the twelfth session of the General Assembly, it is requested that the question of Algeria be included in the agenda of the thirteenth session of the General Assembly.

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