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Fifteenth session  
Agenda item 8ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE FIFTEENTH REGULAR SESSION,  
ALLOCATION OF ITEMS AND ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSIONFourth report of the General Committee

1. The General Committee at its 134th meeting on 22 March 1961 considered a memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/153/Add.1) relating to the closing date of the fifteenth session of the General Assembly. The Committee, without objection, decided to recommend to the General Assembly, as suggested by the Secretary-General, that 21 April 1961 be fixed as the closing date of the session.
2. The Committee then considered a memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/152/Add.2) listing three additional items proposed for inclusion in the agenda of the fifteenth session. These were:
  - (a) Review of the methods and procedures of the General Assembly: item proposed by Bolivia, Costa Rica and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (A/4616);
  - (b) Agreement on relationship between the United Nations and the International Development Association: item proposed by the Economic and Social Council (A/4683);
  - (c) Situation in Angola: item proposed by Afghanistan, Burma, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Ceylon, Chad, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Leopoldville), Cyprus, Ethiopia, Federation of Malaya, Ghana, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Japan, Jordan, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, Sudan, Togo, Tunisia, United Arab Republic, Upper Volta and Yemen (A/4712).
3. In connexion with item (a), the representative of the United Kingdom stated that the sponsors did not now press for the inclusion of the item in the agenda of the current session.

4. The Committee decided without objection to recommend to the General Assembly that item (b) be included in the agenda and be discussed in plenary meeting without reference to a Committee.
5. In connexion with item (c), the representative of Portugal was invited to the Committee table and made a statement. The Committee decided without objection to recommend that the item be included in the agenda. The representative of Japan proposed that the General Committee recommend that the item be discussed in plenary meeting without reference to a Committee. The representative of the United States proposed that the General Committee recommend that the item be allocated to a Committee and suggested that it might be allocated to the Special Political Committee. The General Committee, by 10 votes to none, with 9 abstentions, adopted the proposal of the representative of Japan.
6. The General Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly:
  - (a) That the closing date of the fifteenth session be 21 April 1961;
  - (b) That the item "Agreement on relationship between the United Nations and the International Development Association" be placed on the agenda and discussed in plenary meeting without reference to a Committee;
  - (c) That the item "Situation in Angola" be placed on the agenda and discussed in plenary meeting without reference to a Committee.

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