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## THE KOREAN QUESTION

(a) REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION FOR  
THE UNIFICATION AND REHABILITATION OF KOREAReport of the First Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Thor THORS (Iceland)

1. At its 294th meeting on 7 October 1950, the General Assembly adopted resolution 376 (V) on the problem of the independence of Korea and established the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea.
2. On 14 August 1953, in accordance with its terms of reference, the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea submitted a report.<sup>1/</sup>
3. At its 435th meeting on 17 September 1953, the General Assembly included the report of the Commission in the agenda of the eighth session under the title: "The Korean question: (a) report of the United Nations Commission for the unification and rehabilitation of Korea", and referred it to the First Committee for consideration and report.
4. The First Committee considered the item at its 680th to 682nd meetings, inclusive, held from 5 to 7 December 1953.
5. On 3 December, India submitted a draft resolution, which, after revision (A/C.1/L.94/Rev.1), provided that the General Assembly should resolve to stand recessed on or after 8 December 1953, to 9 February 1954, it being provided that the President might, for good and sound reasons, convene the Assembly on an earlier or later date for the further consideration of the Korean question.

<sup>1/</sup> See Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 13, document A/2441.

6. On the same day, Brazil submitted a draft resolution (A/C.1/L.95), providing inter alia, that the General Assembly should (1) decide to defer consideration of the Korean question; and (2) request the President of the Assembly to reconvene the session whenever, in the opinion of a majority of Members developments with regard to any aspect of this question required consideration.

7. On 7 December, Brazil and India withdrew the draft resolutions which they had submitted on 3 December and introduced a new joint draft resolution (A/C.1/L.96), providing that the General Assembly should (1) resolve that the eighth session stand recessed; and (2) request the President of the Assembly to reconvene the eighth session, with the concurrence of the majority of Member States, if (a) in her opinion developments in respect of the Korean question warranted such reconvening, or, (b), one or more Member States made a request to the President for such reconvening by reason of developments in respect of the Korean question.

8. On the same day, Poland submitted an amendment (A/C.1/L.97) to the draft resolution of Brazil and India, to delete the words "with the Concurrence of the majority of Member States".

9. On the same day, El Salvador submitted an amendment (A/C.1/L.98) to the draft resolution of Brazil and India, to replace the words "with the concurrence of" by the words "subject to the previous consent of". After certain drafting changes had been made in the provisional Spanish translation of the draft resolution of Brazil and India, the representative of El Salvador withdrew his amendment.

10. At the 682nd meeting on 7 December, the Polish amendment was rejected by 50 votes to 5, with 5 abstentions.

The draft resolution of Brazil and India was adopted by 55 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

11. The First Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The General Assembly

1. Resolves that the eighth session of the General Assembly stand recessed.
2. Requests the President of the General Assembly to reconvene the eighth session, with the concurrence of the majority of Member States, if (a) in her opinion developments in respect of the Korean question warrant such reconvening, or (b) one or more Member States make a request to the President for such reconvening by reason of developments in respect of the Korean question.

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