



Ninth session
Agenda item 19

METHODS WHICH MIGHT BE USED TO MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN
INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER: REPORT OF THE
COLLECTIVE MEASURES COMMITTEE

Report of the First Committee

Reporteur: Mr. Oscar THORSING (Sweden)

1. By resolution 703 (VII) of 17 March 1953 the Collective Measures Committee was directed to continue its work and to report to the Security Council and to the General Assembly not later than the ninth session of the Assembly. The Collective Measures Committee duly submitted its third report (A/2713-S/3283) on 27 August 1954.
2. At its 476th plenary meeting on 24 September 1954 the General Assembly decided to include the report of the Committee in its agenda under the title, "Methods which might be used to maintain and strengthen international peace and security in accordance with the Purposes and Principles of the Charter: report of the Collective Measures Committee", and referred the item to the First Committee for consideration and report.
3. The First Committee considered the item at its 703rd to 706th meetings held between 29 October and 2 November 1954.
4. At the 703rd meeting, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Egypt, France, Mexico, Philippines, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, and Venezuela submitted a joint draft resolution (A/C.1/L.104) whereby the General Assembly would, inter alia, (1) note with approval the third report of the Collective Measures Committee, and in particular the principles of collective security contained therein; and (2) direct the

Committee to remain in a position to pursue such further studies as it might deem desirable; and (3) request the Committee to report to the Security Council and the General Assembly as appropriate.

5. At the 706th meeting, the Committee proceeded to vote on the joint draft resolution. It was adopted by 50 votes to 5, with 2 abstentions.

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

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The General Assembly,

Having received the third report (A/2713-S/3283) of the Collective Measures Committee submitted in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 703 (VII),

Bearing in mind that the reports of the Collective Measures Committee represent a useful examination of ways and means of strengthening the collective security system of the United Nations,

1. Notes with approval the third report of the Collective Measures Committee, and in particular the principles of collective security contained in that report;

2. Directs the Collective Measures Committee to remain in a position to pursue such further studies as it may deem desirable, taking into account the "Uniting for peace" resolution (377 A (V)), resolution 503 (VI), resolution 703 (VII) and the present resolution;

3. Requests the Collective Measures Committee to report to the Security Council and to the General Assembly as appropriate.
