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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY PROVISIONS OF
THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE
OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, at its fortieth session, adopted resolution **40/159** of 16 December 1985 entitled "Implementation of the collective security provisions of the Charter of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security". **In that** resolution, the General Assembly expressed its regret that the Ad Hoc Committee on the Implementation of the Collective Security Provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, which the General Assembly, by its resolution **38/191**, had decided to establish, had not been constituted. The Assembly also requested the President of the General Assembly, as a matter of urgency, to appoint 54 Member States and on the basis of consultations already conducted to constitute the membership of the Ad Hoc Committee on the basis of equitable geographical representation and including the permanent members of the Security Council. In addition, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General urgently to invite **those** Member States that had not yet done so to communicate to him not later than **30** April 1986 their views and comments on the matter and to transmit those views and comments to the Ad Hoc Committee as **soon** as possible. The Assembly also requested **the** Ad Hoc Committee to take due account of the views and comments of Member States, **including** their recommendations, and to submit a progress report to the Security Council for its consideration and comments and to the Assembly at its forty-first session, and a final report to the Assembly at its forty-second session. The Assembly decided to include the item in the provisional agenda of its forty-first Session.

2. Pursuant to the request of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, in a note **verbale** dated 20 January 1986, invited the Governments of Member States that

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had not yet done so to communicate to him not later than 30 April 1986 their views and comments on the matter so that he could transmit those views and comments to the Ad Hoc Committee. As of this date no substantive reply has been submitted by Member States. Any reply that may be subsequently received will be reproduced **as** an annex to this note.

3. Similarly, in accordance with resolution **40/159**, the President of the General Assembly conducted consultations with the chairmen of the regional groups to constitute the membership of the Ad Hoc Committee as provided by paragraph 2 of the resolution. Owing to different opinions of the regional groups pertaining to the allocation of the number of seats, no agreement could be reached and, therefore, the Ad Hoc Committee has not been constituted. Accordingly, the report that the Ad Hoc Committee was to submit to the Security Council and the General Assembly in pursuance of paragraph 4 of the resolution will not be available at the forty-first session.
