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Proposals of the Delegation of Uruguay

1. In accordance with the observations made by the representative of Uruguay at the meeting held on 6 October 1947, and in conformity with the reservations made when speaking and voting in favour of drawing up and adopting the Majority Report of the Special Committee (page 122 of the Annex), the delegation of Uruguay submits for the consideration of this Ad Hoc Committee, and within the stipulated period, the proposals set out below.

Some of these proposals were part of the integral plan submitted by the delegation of Uruguay to the Special Committee on Palestine. This delegation considers that at the present stage the period allowed for submitting proposals on questions of substance should not be terminated, as such proposals may arise at any time as an outcome of the trend of the discussions.

The proposals now submitted by the delegation of Uruguay are as follows:

2. Procedure.

(a) That the Ad Hoc Committee adopt as a basis for discussion the Majority Report of the Special Committee on Palestine.

(b) That proposals may be submitted or amendments proposed on questions of substance throughout the period for which the matter is under consideration by the Ad Hoc Committee.

3. Limits. The delegation of Uruguay maintains the views expressed in its own plan as presented to the Special Committee on Palestine, views which were subsequently supported by the reservations accompanying the vote of the delegation. The delegation consequently proposes:

(a) That the territory of Galilee remain under the jurisdiction of the Jewish State.

(b) That if the division of the territory of Galilee and incorporation of Western Galilee in the proposed Arab State are approved, the coastal territory of this region in which are included the Jewish settlements of Nahariya, Shavei Zion, Regba, Yehiam, Hannita, Matzova and Eilon should be transferred to the Jewish State.

/(c) That the Arab

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- (c) That the Arab city of Jaffa, included in the Jewish territory under the Majority Plan, be transferred to the Arab State.
- (d) That the Arab District of Beersheba be also transferred for the same reasons, to the Arab State.
- (e) That the Jewish District of the new city of Jerusalem be included in the territory of the Jewish State.
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4. Economic Union. In the event of adoption of the Special Committee's Majority Report, the delegation of Uruguay proposes:

That a Sub-Committee of this Ad Hoc Committee be set up to study in detail the plan for an Economic Union of Palestine. This Ad Hoc Committee shall have the co-operation of the Jewish Agency and the Arab Higher Committee through representatives appointed for this purpose by the said organizations.

5. Transitional Period. In view of the recommendations contained in Section B "Transitional Period and Constitution" of the Majority Report; and considering that the Mandatory Power has stated its decision not to assume responsibility during this period, we propose that the said recommendation be amended as follows:

- (a) During the Transitional Period the United Nations shall take over the Government and administration of Palestine which shall be transferred to it by the Mandatory Power.
- (b) The United Nations shall exercise these functions through a Provisional Council consisting of five Members: three to be appointed by the General Assembly of the United Nations from citizens of Member States; and two to be appointed by the General Assembly on the proposal of the Jewish Agency and Arab Higher Committee.
- (c) The extreme limit for the existence of this Provisional Council shall, like that of the Transitional Period itself, be 1 September 1949.
- (d) The Provisional Council for Palestine shall adopt its resolutions by a Majority Vote. But in all cases, resolutions voted for both by the Jewish and by the Arab representative or jointly proposed by them shall be considered as resolutions of the Provisional Council.

This system of voting has already been suggested by the delegation of Uruguay when proposing an alternative solution during the discussion of the system to be adopted in part of the Palestine territory.

6. Recommendation No. XII. In view of the letter and the spirit of Recommendation No. XII adopted by a majority vote of the Special Committee on Palestine, the Uruguayan delegation maintains and submits its substantive proposal, which is as follows:

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"The creation of a Jewish State will be the territorial solution for the European Jewish problem and will permit to reparate in part the terrible damage suffered under the Nazi persecution by the Jewish people, which is still exposed to new wrongs and racial discrimination."*

7. Immigration. 30,000 Jewish children. The delegation of Uruguay here repeats the text of its proposal which has already been distributed to Members of the Ad Hoc Committee, and provides for the immediate and free entry into Palestine of 30,000 Jewish children at present in Displaced Persons Camps in Europe and other places of detention or assembly. The same draft resolution provides for the establishment of a special immigration quota for Palestine to include the mothers and fathers of the said children and pregnant Jewish women now in the places previously mentioned.

* English text supplied with Spanish original.