ference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, held at Geneva from 6 to 16 September 1971;<sup>11</sup>

- 5. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency the records of the twenty-sixth session of the General Assembly relating to the Agency's activities:
- 6. Invites the International Atomic Energy Agency to take these records into account in its future work.

1979th plenary meeting, 8 November 1971.

## 2782 (XXVI). Proclamation of United Nations Day as an international holiday

The General Assembly,

Conscious of the need to enhance the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Mindful that in its resolution 168 (II) of 31 October 1947 the General Assembly declared 24 October, the anniversary of the coming into force of the Charter, as "United Nations Day",

Believing that the anniversary of the United Nations should be an occasion for Governments and peoples to reaffirm their faith in the purposes and principles of the Charter,

Declares that 24 October, United Nations Day, shall be an international holiday and recommends that it should be observed as a public holiday by all States Members of the United Nations.

2000th plenary meeting, 6 December 1971.

## 2793 (XXVI). Question considered by the Security Council at its 1606th, 1607th and 1608th meetings on 4, 5 and 6 December 1971

The General Assembly,

Noting the reports of the Secretary-General of 3 and 4 December 1971<sup>12</sup> and the letter from the President of the Security Council<sup>13</sup> transmitting the text of Council resolution 303 (1971) of 6 December 1971,

Gravely concerned that hostilities have broken out between India and Pakistan which constitute an immediate threat to international peace and security,

Recognizing the need to deal appropriately at a subsequent stage, within the framework of the Charter of the United Nations, with the issues which have given rise to the hostilities,

Convinced that an early political solution would be necessary for the restoration of conditions of normalcy in the area of conflict and for the return of the refugees to their homes,

Mindful of the provisions of the Charter, in particular of Article 2, paragraph 4,

Recalling the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, particularly paragraphs 4, 5 and 6,

11 See A/8487.

18 Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Annexes, agenda item 102, document A/8555.

Recognizing further the need to take immediate measures to bring about an immediate cessation of hostilities between India and Pakistan and effect a withdrawal of their armed forces to their own side of the India-Pakistan borders,

Mindful of the purposes and principles of the Charter and of the General Assembly's responsibilities under the relevant provisions of the Charter and of Assembly resolution 377 A (V) of 3 November 1950,

- 1. Calls upon the Governments of India and Pakistan to take forthwith all measures for an immediate cease-fire and withdrawal of their armed forces on the territory of the other to their own side of the India-Pakistan borders;
- 2. Urges that efforts be intensified in order to bring about, speedily and in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, conditions necessary for the voluntary return of the East Pakistan refugees to their homes;
- 3. Calls for the full co-operation of all States with the Secretary-General for rendering assistance to and relieving the distress of those refugees;
- 4. *Urges* that every effort be made to safeguard the lives and well-being of the civilian population in the area of conflict;
- 5. Requests the Secretary-General to keep the General Assembly and the Security Council promptly and currently informed on the implementation of the present resolution;
- 6. Decides to follow the question closely and to meet again should the situation so demand;
- 7. Calls upon the Security Council to take appropriate action in the light of the present resolution.

2003rd plenary meeting, 7 December 1971.

## 2794 (XXVI). Admission of the United Arab Emirates to membership in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having received the recommendation of the Security Council of 8 December 1971 that the United Arab Emirates should be admitted to membership in the United Nations, 14

Having considered the application for membership of the United Arab Emirates, 15

*Decides* to admit the United Arab Emirates to membership in the United Nations.

2007th plenary meeting, 9 December 1971.

## 2799 (XXVI). The situation in the Middle East

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned at the continuation of the grave situation prevailing in the Middle East, particularly since the conflict of June 1967, which constitutes a serious threat to international peace and security,

<sup>14</sup> Ibid., agenda item 25, document A/8561.

<sup>12</sup> Official Records of the Security Council, Twenty-sixth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1971, documents S/10410 and Add.1 and S/10412.

<sup>15</sup> A/8553. For the printed text of this document, see Official Records of the Security Council, Twenty-sixth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1971, document S/10420.