

Noting that progress has been made by the present session of the General Assembly with regard to certain of the points contained in the memorandum of the Secretary-General,

Reaffirming its constant desire that all the resources of the United Nations Charter be utilized for the development of friendly relations between nations and the achievement of universal peace,

1. *Commends* the Secretary-General for his initiative in preparing his memorandum and presenting it to the General Assembly;

2. *Requests* the appropriate organs of the United Nations to give consideration to those portions of the memorandum of the Secretary-General with which they are particularly concerned;

3. *Requests* these organs to inform the General Assembly at its sixth session, through the Secretary-General, of any progress achieved through such consideration.

*312th plenary meeting,
20 November 1950.*

495 (V). Admission of new Members to the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 296 (IV) A to I and K of 22 November 1949 concerning the reconsideration, by the Security Council, of pending applications for membership,

Noting that the General Assembly has not received recommendations for the admission of any of the applicants,

Requests the Security Council to keep the applications under consideration in accordance with the terms of the above-mentioned resolutions.

*318th plenary meeting,
4 December 1950.*

496 (V). International control of atomic energy

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the effective regulation and reduction of national armaments would substantially diminish the present danger of war, relieve the heavy economic burden placed upon the peoples of the world in the absence of a system of armaments control, and permit the greater use of man's resources to projects devoted to his betterment,

Recognizing that the regulation and reduction of armaments to be effective must cover weapons of all kinds, must be based on unanimous agreement, and so must include every nation having substantial armaments and armed forces,

Recognizing further that any plan for the regulation and reduction of armaments and armed forces must be based upon safeguards that will secure the compliance of all nations,

Recognizing the inability to date to achieve agreement among nations on the elimination of atomic weapons under a system of effective international control of atomic energy and on the regulation and reduction of other armaments and armed forces,

Recalling that a plan⁹ has been developed in the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission, and approved¹⁰ by the General Assembly, for the international control of atomic energy, which would make effective the prohibition of atomic weapons; and that much useful planning work has been accomplished in the Commission for Conventional Armaments,

Desiring, however, to carry this work forward toward a comprehensive system of armaments control,

Decides to establish a committee of twelve, consisting of representatives of the members of the Security Council as of 1 January 1951, together with Canada, to consider and report to the next regular session of the General Assembly on ways and means whereby the work of the Atomic Energy Commission and the Commission for Conventional Armaments may be co-ordinated and on the advisability of their functions being merged and placed under a new and consolidated disarmament commission.

*323rd plenary meeting,
13 December 1950.*

497 (V). Place of meeting of the sixth regular session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Considering that the building intended for the holding of the General Assembly will not be completed until 1952,

Considering that in these circumstances there may arise technical difficulties liable to impede the normal functioning of the General Assembly and the convenience of its deliberations,

1. *Decides*, in conformity with rule 3 of its rules of procedure, to convene its sixth regular session in Europe;

2. *Instructs* the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General to select the city most suitable for the above purpose and to make the necessary arrangements.

*324th plenary meeting,
14 December 1950.*

⁹ See *Official Records of the Atomic Energy Commission, Special Supplement, Report to the Security Council, Part II C and Part III*; and *Ibid., Second Year, Special Supplement, Second Report to the Security Council, Part II*.

¹⁰ See resolution 191 (III).