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1623 (XVI). Admission of Sierra Leone to membership in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having received the recommendation of the Security Council of 26 September 1961 that Sierra Leone should be admitted to membership in the United Nations,¹

Having considered the application for membership of Sierra Leone,²

Decides to admit Sierra Leone to membership in the United Nations.

*1018th plenary meeting,
27 September 1961.*

1628 (XVI). An international investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld and of members of the party accompanying him

The General Assembly,

Recalling that on 18 September 1961 the aircraft

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 92, document A/4888.*

² *Ibid.*, document A/4763.

carrying Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, the Secretary-General, and fifteen United Nations officials on a mission in the service of the United Nations crashed in the vicinity of the Ndola airport in Northern Rhodesia resulting in the tragic death of Mr. Hammarskjöld and his entire party,

Having regard to the world-wide public concern over the disastrous end of this flight, undertaken on behalf, and in the service, of the United Nations,

Noting that much concern prevails in the world in regard to both this tragedy and the circumstances surrounding it, which warrant an international investigation, the absence of which can only lead to the continuance of the present undesirable speculation,

Noting further that inquiries have been or are being conducted by Governments or parties concerned,

Considering it desirable and necessary that, irrespective of such inquiries, an investigation of such incidents, which concern the United Nations, should be carried out under the authority and auspices of the United Nations,

1. *Expresses its profound shock and sorrow* at the death of Mr. Hammarskjöld and the following persons