

Mindful of the need to ensure that all important political and developmental items are discussed in the appropriate forum and continue to receive full consideration,

1. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to establish during its current session a Special Committee on the Rationalization of the Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly, consisting of thirty-one Member States, on the basis of equitable geographical distribution, to study ways and means of improving the procedures and organization of the Assembly in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, including the allocation of agenda items, the organization of work, documentation, rules of procedure and related questions, methods and practices, and to submit a report to the Assembly at its twenty-sixth session;

2. *Requests* the Governments of Member States to give the Committee all the assistance it may require in pursuance of the present resolution and to submit their views and suggestions to the Committee by 28 February 1971;

3. *Requests* the specialized agencies to provide any relevant information regarding the procedures applying to their respective organizations;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to give every assistance to the Committee in the performance of its task;

5. *Authorizes* the Committee to maintain and circulate summary records of its proceedings.

*1898th plenary meeting,
9 November 1970.*

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At the 1933rd plenary meeting, on 17 December 1970, the President of the General Assembly announced that he had appointed, in pursuance of paragraph 1 of the above resolution, the members of the Special Committee on the Rationalization of the Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly.

The Committee is composed of the following Member States: AFGHANISTAN, AUSTRIA, BARBADOS, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, BURUNDI, CAMEROON, CANADA, CHILE, DENMARK, FRANCE, GREECE, INDIA, JAPAN, LEBANON, LIBERIA, NETHERLANDS, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, PHILIPPINES, POLAND, ROMANIA, SENEGAL, TUNISIA, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, VENEZUELA, YUGOSLAVIA and ZAMBIA.

2636 (XXV). Credentials of representatives to the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly

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The General Assembly

Approves the first report of the Credentials Committee,⁶ except with regard to the credentials of the representatives of the Government of South Africa.

*1905th plenary meeting,
13 November 1970.*

⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 3, document A/8142.*

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The General Assembly

Approves the second report of the Credentials Committee.⁷

*1929th plenary meeting,
14 December 1970.*

2642 (XXV). Representation of China in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling the recommendation contained in its resolution 396 (V) of 14 December 1950 that, whenever more than one authority claims to be the Government entitled to represent a Member State in the United Nations and this question becomes the subject of controversy in the United Nations, the question should be considered in the light of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the circumstances of each case,

Recalling further its decision in resolution 1668 (XVI) of 15 December 1961, in accordance with Article 18 of the Charter, that any proposal to change the representation of China is an important question, which, in General Assembly resolutions 2025 (XX) of 17 November 1965, 2159 (XXI) of 29 November 1966, 2271 (XXII) of 28 November 1967, 2389 (XXIII) of 19 November 1968 and 2500 (XXIV) of 11 November 1969, was affirmed as remaining valid,

Affirms again that this decision remains valid.

*1913th plenary meeting,
20 November 1970.*

2651 (XXV). Fourth International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 2406 (XXIII) of 16 December 1968 and 2575 (XXIV) of 15 December 1969 concerning the holding of the Fourth International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,⁸ together with the provisional agenda prepared by the United Nations Scientific Advisory Committee,⁹

Being of the view that the Conference will contribute to the more effective dissemination of knowledge and technology concerning the peaceful uses of atomic energy among Member States, especially among the developing countries,

1. *Endorses* the proposals contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the convening of the Fourth International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy at Geneva in the autumn of 1971;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the contributions and close co-operation of the International Atomic Energy Agency in the preparations for the Conference;

3. *Commends* the United Nations Scientific Advisory Committee for its work in drawing up the provisional agenda for the Conference;

4. *Approves* the provisional agenda for the Conference;

⁷ *Ibid.*, document A/8142/Add.1.

⁸ *Ibid.*, agenda item 20, document A/8157.

⁹ *Ibid.*, annex I.