

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

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**1103 (XI). Amendments to articles 2 and 9 of the Statute of the International Law Commission**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having regard* to the present composition of the United Nations and to the duties and responsibilities of the International Law Commission,

*Considering* that, for the purpose of securing in the Commission an adequate presentation of the main forms of civilization and of the principle legal systems of the world, it is appropriate to increase the number of the members of the Commission,

1. *Decides* to amend as follows article 2, paragraph 1, of the Statute of the International Law Commission:

“The Commission shall consist of twenty-one members who shall be persons of recognized competence in international law”;

2. *Decides*, as a consequence, to amend as follows article 9, paragraph 1, of the said Statute:

“The twenty-one candidates who obtain the greatest number of votes and not less than a majority of the votes of the Members present and voting shall be elected”.

*623rd plenary meeting,  
18 December 1956.*

**1104 (XI). Amendments to rules 31, 38, 39 and 101 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly<sup>1</sup>**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having regard* to its decision, taken at the 577th plenary meeting on 15 November 1956, to change the name of the *Ad Hoc* Political Committee to “Special Political Committee” and to confer a permanent character on that Committee,

*Decides* to amend as follows rules 31, 38, 39 and 101 of its rules of procedure:

<sup>1</sup> See “Composition of General Committee,” footnote 2, p. viii.

*“Rule 31*

“The General Assembly shall elect a President and eight Vice-Presidents, who shall hold office until the close of the session at which they are elected. The Vice-Presidents shall be elected, after the election of the Chairmen of the seven Main Committees referred to in rule 101, on the basis of ensuring the representative character of the General Committee.”

*“Rule 38*

“The General Committee shall comprise the President of the General Assembly, who shall preside, the eight Vice-Presidents and the Chairmen of the seven Main Committees. No two members of the General Committee shall be members of the same delegation, and it shall be so constituted as to ensure its representative character. Chairmen of other committees upon which all Members have the right to be represented and which are established by the General Assembly to meet during the session, shall be entitled to attend meetings of the General Committee and may participate without vote in the discussions.”

*Rule 39*

“If a Vice-President of the General Assembly finds it necessary to be absent during a meeting of the General Committee he may designate a member of his delegation as his substitute. The Chairman of a Main Committee shall, in case of absence, designate the Vice-Chairman of the Committee as his substitute. A Vice-Chairman shall not have the right to vote if he is of the same delegation as another member of the Committee.”

*Rule 101*

“The Main Committees of the General Assembly are:

“(a) Political and Security Committee (including the regulation of armaments) (First Committee);

“(b) Special Political Committee;

“(c) Economic and Financial Committee (Second Committee);