

ceptional cases, the duration of regular sessions should not exceed thirteen weeks,

Takes note of the observations contained in the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Improvement of the Methods of Work of the General Assembly and approves the recommendations submitted by the Committee, in particular those which provide that:

(a) The President of the General Assembly should make every effort to ensure that the general debate proceeds in a methodical and regular manner, and should close the list of speakers, with the consent of the Assembly, as soon as he considers it feasible;

(b) All the Main Committees, except the First Committee, should begin their work not later than two working days after they have received the list of agenda items referred to them by the General Assembly;

(c) The First Committee should meet as soon as possible to organize its work, determine the order of discussion of the items allocated to it and start the systematic consideration of its agenda; at the beginning of the session, such meetings might be held when there is an interruption in the general debate; later, plenary meetings might be held during one part of the day, the other part being reserved for the First Committee, thus enabling the Committee to proceed with its regular work as soon as possible after the opening of the session;

(d) Each of the Main Committees should establish its programme of work as soon as possible, including the approximate dates on which it will consider the various items referred to it and the date on which it proposes to conclude its work, on the understanding that this programme will be transmitted to the General Committee to enable it to make such recommendations as it may deem relevant, including, when the General Committee considers it appropriate, recommendations as to the dates by which Main Committees should conclude their work;

(e) Each of the Main Committees should consider the establishment, in the circumstances referred to in paragraphs 29 to 32 of the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee, of sub-committees or working groups of limited size but representative of its membership, for the purpose of facilitating its work;

(f) The General Committee should fulfil its functions under rules 40, 41 and 42 of the rules of procedure and, in particular, make appropriate recommendations for furthering the progress of the Assembly and its Committees, in such a way as to facilitate the closing of the session by the date fixed; to this end, the General Committee should meet at least once every three weeks;

(g) Presiding officers should make use of the resources provided by the rules of procedure and exercise their prerogatives under rules 35 and 108, in order to accelerate the work of the General Assembly; to that effect they should, *inter alia*:

- (i) Open meetings at the scheduled time;
- (ii) Urge representatives to take the floor in the order in which they were inscribed on the list of speakers, it being understood that representatives prevented from so doing will normally be placed at the end of the list, unless they have arranged to change places with other representatives;
- (iii) Apply the rules of procedure in such a way as to ensure the proper exercise of the right

of reply, explanations of votes and points of order.

*1256th plenary meeting,
11 November 1963.*

1907 (XVIII). International Co-operation Year

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 1844 (XVIII) of 19 December 1962,

Noting the report of the Preparatory Committee on the International Co-operation Year,⁵

Conscious of the many grave international problems which remain unresolved and of the consequent need for international co-operation,

Considering it essential that Member States should endeavour to promote measures aimed at the elimination of international tension,

Convinced that increased public awareness of the extent and significance of existing everyday co-operation would lead to a better appreciation of the true nature of the world community and of the common interests of mankind,

Convinced that devoting a year to international co-operation would help to bring about increased world understanding and co-operation, and thereby facilitate the settlement of major international problems,

1. *Designates* 1965, the twentieth year of the United Nations, as International Co-operation Year;

2. *Expresses appreciation* to the Preparatory Committee on the International Co-operation Year for its work;

3. *Takes note* of the general criteria, the suggested activities and the publicity proposals recommended by the Preparatory Committee in its report;

4. *Calls upon* all Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the non-governmental organizations concerned:

(a) To take note of the designation of 1965 as International Co-operation Year;

(b) To publicize to the widest extent feasible the activities of international co-operation in which they have been and are at present engaged and their efforts to strengthen and expand these activities;

(c) To formulate such plans and programmes as seem to them appropriate to promote the purposes of the International Co-operation Year;

5. *Decides* to establish a Committee for the International Co-operation Year, which would be composed of not more than twelve members to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly;

6. *Requests* the Committee:

(a) To draw up and co-ordinate plans for, the International Co-operation Year, taking into account the views and intentions of the Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the non-governmental organizations concerned;

(b) To organize and prepare for suitable activities for the International Co-operation Year to be undertaken by the United Nations, bearing in mind the report of the Preparatory Committee;

⁵ *Ibid.*, agenda item 24, document A/5561.

7. *Invites* Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the non-governmental organizations concerned to make available to the Committee, as appropriate, information on their plans and intentions for the International Co-operation Year;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, taking into account United Nations participation in the International Co-operation Year, to provide within existing budgetary limits all necessary facilities for promoting and carrying forward the International Co-operation Year;

9. *Requests* the Committee to submit an interim report to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session.

1262nd plenary meeting,
21 November 1963.

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The President of the General Assembly, in pursuance of paragraph 5 of the above resolution, appointed the members of the Committee for the International Co-operation Year.

The Committee will be composed of the following Member States: ARGENTINA, CANADA, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CEYLON, CYPRUS, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FINLAND, INDIA, IRELAND, LIBERIA, MEXICO and UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC.

1949 (XVIII). Question of Aden

The General Assembly,

Having considered the part of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the Territory of Aden,⁶

Recalling its resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, 1654 (XVI) of 27 November 1961 and 1810 (XVII) of 17 December 1962,

Bearing in mind the unanimous desire, expressed to the Sub-Committee on Aden, for an early end of colonial domination,

Considering the strong desire of the population for the unity of the Territory,

Deeply concerned at the deteriorating situation in the Territory, the continuation of which is likely to lead to serious unrest and to threaten international peace and security,

Convinced of the necessity of consulting the people of the Territory at the earliest possible time,

1. *Approves* the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Sub-Committee on Aden;

2. *Expresses deep regret* at the refusal of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to co-operate with the Sub-Committee on Aden, particularly its refusal to allow the Sub-Committee to go to the Territory in pursuance of the tasks entrusted to it by the Special Committee;

3. *Endorses* the resolutions adopted by the Special Committee on 3 May⁷ and 19 July 1963;⁸

4. *Reaffirms* the right of the people of the Territory to self-determination and freedom from colonial rule

in accordance with the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples;

5. *Considers* that the maintenance of the military base in Aden is prejudicial to the security of the region and that its early removal is therefore desirable;

6. *Recommends* that the people of Aden and the Aden Protectorate should be allowed to exercise their right to self-determination with regard to their future, the exercise of that right to take the form of a consultation of the whole population, to be held as soon as possible on the basis of universal adult suffrage;

7. *Calls upon* the administering Power:

(a) To repeal all the laws which restrict public freedoms;

(b) To release all political prisoners and detainees and those who have been sentenced following actions of political significance;

(c) To allow the return of those people who have been exiled or forbidden to reside in the Territory because of political activities;

(d) To cease forthwith all repressive action against the people of the Territory, in particular military expeditions and the bombing of villages;

8. *Further calls upon* the administering Power to make the necessary constitutional changes with a view to establishing a representative organ and setting up a provisional government for the whole of the Territory in accordance with the wishes of the population, such legislative organ and government to be constituted following general elections to be held on the basis of universal adult suffrage and with full respect for fundamental human rights and freedoms;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Special Committee and the administering Power, to arrange for an effective United Nations presence before and during the elections referred to in paragraph 8 above;

10. *Recommends* that these elections should be held before the attainment of independence, which will be granted in accordance with the freely expressed wishes of the inhabitants;

11. *Recommends* that conversations should be opened without delay between the government resulting from the elections mentioned above and the administering Power, for the purpose of fixing the date for the granting of independence and the arrangements for the transfer of power;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to the administering Power and to report to the Special Committee on its implementation;

13. *Requests* the Special Committee to examine again the situation in Aden and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session.

1277th plenary meeting,
11 December 1963.

1950 (XVIII). Question of Malta

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Having considered the part of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of

⁶ *Ibid.*, addendum to agenda item 23, document A/5446/Rev.1, chapter V.

⁷ *Ibid.*, chapter V, appendix, para. 6.

⁸ *Ibid.*, chapter V, para. 478.