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## 2499 (XXIV). Celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations

## A

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling the decision adopted at its twenty-third session that the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations should be commemorated in an appropriate manner,<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Plenary Meetings, 1749th meeting, para. 3.*

Convinced that the twenty-fifth anniversary should be an occasion to strengthen the United Nations and make it more effective by reaffirming the faith of Governments and peoples in the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and renewing their endeavours to give them full effect, in particular the maintenance of international peace and security, the development of friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principles of equal rights, non-intervention, non-use of force and self-determination of peoples, and achieving international co-operation in

solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character,

*Noting further* that, in accordance with Article 2, paragraph 4, of the Charter, all Members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations,

*Considering* that involvement of world youth in the commemoration is most desirable in relation to the present and future tasks of the Organization,

*Having considered* the report of the Preparatory Committee for the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the United Nations,<sup>2</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the programmes and activities recommended by the Preparatory Committee for the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the United Nations concerning the United Nations and related organizations as well as the programmes and activities suggested for the consideration of Governments of Member States and non-governmental organizations;

2. *Decides* that the theme of the anniversary should be "Peace, justice and progress" and expresses the desire that the year 1970 will mark the beginning of an era of peace;

3. *Decides also* that a commemorative session of the General Assembly should be held during a short period, culminating on 24 October 1970 with the signing and/or adoption of a final document or documents;

4. *Expresses the hope* that as many Heads of State or Government as possible will be able to participate in the commemorative session;

5. *Decides* to establish a Committee for the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the United Nations, composed of twenty-five members to be designated by the President of the General Assembly on the basis of equitable geographical distribution and bearing in mind the present composition of the Preparatory Committee, for the purpose of:

(a) Drawing up and co-ordinating plans for the anniversary;

(b) Organizing suitable activities for the anniversary, to be undertaken by the United Nations, in the light of the report of the Preparatory Committee;

(c) Considering proposals and suggestions, in relation to the anniversary, for increasing the effectiveness of the United Nations;

6. *Requests* the Committee to prepare, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, a suitable text for a final document or documents to be signed and/or adopted during the commemorative session, for consideration by the General Assembly during the early part of its twenty-fifth session;

7. *Decides* that the same period of the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations should provide an opportunity for the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, which should conclude with the adoption of an appropriate document by the General Assembly during the commemorative session;

8. *Decides also* to consider during the early part of its twenty-fifth session the draft of the international

development strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade with a view to having it adopted during the commemorative session;

9. *Endorses* the call of the Secretary-General for the proclamation of a Disarmament Decade,<sup>3</sup> which will coincide with the Second United Nations Development Decade, and, in this respect, entrusts the competent bodies of the Organization with the task of presenting concrete proposals to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session;

10. *Invites* the Special Committee on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States to expedite its work with a view to facilitating the adoption of an appropriate document by the General Assembly during the commemorative session;

11. *Calls upon* all relevant organs and committees of the United Nations to speed up their work and to transmit to the Committee for the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the United Nations material which may be useful in the preparation of a text or texts for a final document or documents;

12. *Decides* to convene a world youth assembly within the general framework described in the report of the Preparatory Committee;

13. *Invites* Governments of Member States to consider the inclusion of representatives of youth in their delegations to the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the necessary facilities for implementing the recommendations contained in the report of the Preparatory Committee;

15. *Urges* Governments of Member States to implement General Assembly resolution 2445 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968 entitled "Teaching in schools of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the structure and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, with particular reference to human rights";

16. *Invites* all Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the non-governmental organizations concerned to take note of the observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations and to formulate such plans and programmes as seem to them appropriate for promoting the purposes of the observance;

17. *Appeals* to all Member States to give urgent consideration to the ratification of, or accession to, a number of multilateral instruments which have been adopted, endorsed or supported by the United Nations and which have not entered into force for lack of sufficient ratifications or accessions or which have entered into force but could be strengthened by additional ratifications or accessions, as well as to their effective implementation;

18. *Urges* appropriate organs of the United Nations to complete as early as possible the consideration of important conventions still to be concluded;

19. *Requests* the Committee for the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the United Nations to submit a report on the observance of the anniversary to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session.

1797th plenary meeting,  
31 October 1969.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 25, document A/7690.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1A (A/7601/Add.1), para. 42.

## B

*The General Assembly,*

Considering that a special issue of United Nations stamps has been decided upon by the Preparatory Committee for the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the United Nations with the words "Peace and progress" as the theme on the occasion of the anniversary,

Taking into account resolution 2499 A (XXIV) of 31 October 1969 by which the General Assembly decided that the theme of the anniversary should be "Peace, justice and progress",

Bearing in mind that steps have already been taken for the issue of stamps with the theme "Peace and progress",

1. *Decides* that the medals to be struck to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations will bear the emblem "Peace, justice and progress";

2. *Decides* that stamps with the theme "Peace and progress" may be issued;

3. *Further decides* that another set of stamps will be issued with the theme "Peace, justice and progress" and directs the Secretariat to take the necessary steps towards that end.

1837th plenary meeting,  
17 December 1969.

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At the 1797th plenary meeting, on 31 October 1969, the President of the General Assembly, in pursuance of paragraph 5 of resolution A above, designated the members of the Committee for the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the United Nations.

The Committee is composed of the following Member States: AUSTRIA, BULGARIA, BYELORUSSIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, CANADA, CHINA, FRANCE, GHANA, GUATEMALA, GUINEA, GUYANA, INDIA, IRAN, ITALY, LEBANON, MAURITANIA, PERU, PHILIPPINES, SOMALIA, SWEDEN, TOGO, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, UGANDA, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

## 2500 (XXIV). 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 and 2389

(XXIII) of 19 November 1968, was affirmed as remaining valid,

*Affirms again* that this decision remains valid.

1808th plenary meeting,  
11 November 1969.

## 2504 (XXIV). Agreement between the Republic of Indonesia and the Kingdom of the Netherlands concerning West New Guinea (West Irian)

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 1752 (XVII) of 21 September 1962, in which it took note of the Agreement of 15 August 1962 between the Republic of Indonesia and the Kingdom of the Netherlands concerning West New Guinea (West Irian),<sup>4</sup> acknowledged the role conferred upon the Secretary-General in the Agreement and authorized him to carry out the tasks entrusted to him therein,

Recalling also its decision of 6 November 1963<sup>5</sup> to take note of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>6</sup> on the completion of the United Nations Temporary Executive Authority in West Irian,

Recalling further that the arrangements for the act of free choice were the responsibility of Indonesia with the advice, assistance and participation of a special representative of the Secretary-General, as stipulated in the Agreement,

Having received the report on the conduct and results of the act of free choice<sup>7</sup> submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with article XXI, paragraph 1, of the Agreement,

Bearing in mind that, in accordance with article XXI, paragraph 2, both parties to the Agreement have recognized these results and abide by them,

Noting that the Government of Indonesia, in implementing its national development plan, is giving special attention to the progress of West Irian, bearing in mind the specific conditions of its population, and that the Government of the Netherlands, in close cooperation with the Government of Indonesia, will continue to render financial assistance for this purpose, in particular through the Asian Development Bank and the institutions of the United Nations,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General and acknowledges with appreciation the fulfilment by the Secretary-General and his representative of the tasks entrusted to them under the Agreement of 15 August 1962 between the Republic of Indonesia and the Kingdom of the Netherlands concerning West New Guinea (West Irian);

2. *Appreciates* any assistance provided through the Asian Development Bank, through institutions of the United Nations or through other means to the Government of Indonesia in its efforts to promote the economic and social development of West Irian.

1813th plenary meeting,  
19 November 1969.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, Seventeenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 89, document A/5170, annex.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, Eighteenth Session, Plenary Meetings, 1255th meeting, para. 71.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, Eighteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 20, document A/5578.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 98, document A/7723.