

Convinced that Security Council resolution 242 (1967) of 22 November 1967 should be implemented immediately in all its parts in order to achieve a just and lasting peace in the Middle East in which every State in the area can live in security,

Determined that the territory of a State shall not be the object of occupation or acquisition by another State resulting from the threat or use of force, which is contrary to the Charter of the United Nations and to the principles enshrined in Security Council resolution 242 (1967) as well as in the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security adopted by the General Assembly on 16 December 1970,

Expressing its appreciation of the efforts of the Committee of African Heads of State undertaken in pursuance of the resolution adopted on 23 June 1971 by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its eighth ordinary session,

Gravely concerned at the continuation of Israel's occupation of the Arab territories since 5 June 1967,

Having considered the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East",

1. *Reaffirms* that the acquisition of territories by force is inadmissible and that, consequently, territories thus occupied must be restored;

2. *Reaffirms* that the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East should include the application of both the following principles:

(a) Withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from territories occupied in the recent conflict;

(b) Termination of all claims or states of belligerency, and respect for and acknowledgment of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of every State in the area and its right to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries free from threats or acts of force;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to reactivate the mission of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General to the Middle East in order to promote agreement and assist efforts to reach a peace agreement as envisaged in the Special Representative's aide-mémoire of 8 February 1971;¹⁶

4. *Expresses its full support* for all the efforts of the Special Representative to implement Security Council resolution 242 (1967);

5. *Notes with appreciation* the positive reply given by Egypt to the Special Representative's initiative for establishing a just and lasting peace in the Middle East;

6. *Calls upon* Israel to respond favourably to the Special Representative's peace initiative;

7. *Further invites* the parties to the Middle East conflict to give their full co-operation to the Special Representative in order to work out practical measures for:

(a) Guaranteeing freedom of navigation through international waterways in the area;

(b) Achieving a just settlement of the refugee problem;

(c) Guaranteeing the territorial inviolability and political independence of every State in the area;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council and to the General Assembly, as ap-

propriate, on the progress made by the Special Representative in the implementation of Security Council resolution 242 (1967) and of the present resolution;

9. *Requests* the Security Council to consider, if necessary, making arrangements, under the relevant Articles of the Charter of the United Nations, with regard to the implementation of resolution 242 (1967).

2016th plenary meeting,
13 December 1971.

2817 (XXVI). Scientific work on peace research

The General Assembly,

Considering that the fundamental purpose of the United Nations is to save mankind from the scourge of war and to maintain international peace and security,

Considering that scientific research on the problems of war and peace has expanded and that many national and international institutions have made them the subject of their studies,

Noting with interest the work undertaken in this field by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research,

Conscious of the importance that States attach to the study of the means and recourses to implement the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations in order to build peace, security and co-operation in the world,

Considering it desirable to bring to the notice of the international community the work done in the field of peace research by national and international institutions and to promote on a permanent basis, in the light of the purposes and principles of the Charter, a recording of the studies devoted to this subject,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare every other year an informative report on scientific works produced by national and international, governmental and non-governmental, public and private institutions in the field of peace research;

2. *Invites* the Governments of Member States and the institutions referred to in paragraph 1 above to provide the Secretary-General, to the best of their ability and competence, with all the information he may require;

3. *Requests* the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and those specialized agencies which are active in the field of peace research to lend their assistance in the drafting of the report referred to above;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at the beginning of its twenty-eighth session, the first report prepared under paragraph 1 above.

2018th plenary meeting,
14 December 1971.

2833 (XXVI). World Disarmament Conference

The General Assembly,

Conscious of the responsibility of the United Nations under the Charter for disarmament and the consolidation of peace,

Convinced that all peoples of the world have a vital interest in the success of disarmament negotiations,

¹⁶ A/8541. For the printed text of this document, see *Official Records of the Security Council, Twenty-sixth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1971*, document S/10403, annex I.

Believing that it is imperative that all States exert further efforts for the adoption of effective measures of disarmament and, more particularly, nuclear disarmament,

Believing also that a world disarmament conference could promote and facilitate the realization of such aims,

1. *Expresses the conviction* that it is most desirable to take immediate steps in order that careful consideration be given to the convening, following adequate preparation, of a world disarmament conference open to all States;

2. *Invites* all States to communicate to the Secretary-General, before 31 August 1972, their views and suggestions on any relevant questions relating to a world disarmament conference, in particular the following:

(a) Main objectives;

(b) Provisional agenda;

(c) Site favoured;

(d) Date and contemplated duration;

(e) Procedures to be adopted for carrying out the preparatory work;

(f) Relationship to the United Nations;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session a report containing the views and suggestions communicated to him;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-seventh session an item entitled "World Disarmament Conference".

*2022nd plenary meeting,
16 December 1971.*

2837 (XXVI). Rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2632 (XXV) of 9 November

1970 on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Special Committee on the Rationalization of the Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly,¹⁷

Endorsing the view expressed by the Special Committee that the existing rules of procedure were generally satisfactory and that most improvements would be achieved not through changes in the rules of procedure but through their better application,

Conscious of the need to discharge in the most efficient manner the functions incumbent upon it under the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Decides* to amend its rules of procedure by incorporating therein the modifications set forth in annex I to the present resolution;

2. *Approves* the conclusions of the Special Committee on the Rationalization of the Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly as they appear in annex II to the present resolution;

3. *Declares* the conclusions of the Special Committee to be useful and worthy of consideration by the General Assembly, its committees and other relevant organs;

4. *Decides* that the conclusions referred to in paragraph 2 above shall be reproduced as an annex to its rules of procedure;

5. *Further decides* to review from time to time the progress achieved in rationalizing its work and requests the Secretary-General, as appropriate, to report on the extent to which the conclusions of the Special Committee have been reflected in the practice of the General Assembly.

*2024th plenary meeting,
17 December 1971.*

¹⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 26 (A/8426).*

ANNEX I¹⁸

Amendments to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. Replace the present rule 39 by the following text [*para. 130 of the report of the Special Committee*]:

"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 one of the Vice-Chairmen 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 General Committee."

2. Replace the present rule 60 by the following text [*para. 308*]:

"Records of meetings and sound recordings

"(a) Verbatim records of the meetings of the General Assembly and of the Political and Security Committee (First Committee) shall be drawn up by the Secretariat and submitted to those organs after approval by the presiding officer. The General Assembly shall decide upon the form of the records of the meetings of the other Main Committees and, if any, of the subsidiary organs and of special meet-

ings and conferences. No organ of the General Assembly shall have both verbatim and summary records.

"(b) Sound recordings of the meetings of the General Assembly and of the Main Committees shall be made by the Secretariat. Such recordings shall also be made of the proceedings of subsidiary organs and special meetings and conferences when they so decide."

3. Replace the present rule 69 by the following text [*para. 198*]:

"The President may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when at least one third of the members of the General Assembly are present. The presence of a majority of the members shall be required for any decision to be taken."

4. Replace the present rule 74 by the following text [*para. 210*]:

"The General Assembly may limit the time to be allowed to each speaker and the number of times each representative may speak on any question. Before a decision is taken, two representatives may speak in favour of, and two against, a proposal to set such limits. When the debate is limited and a representative has spoken his allotted time, the President shall call him to order without delay."

¹⁸ This annex was referred to the Sixth Committee for prior consideration (see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Sixth Committee, 1299th meeting*).