

Mindful of the principle of the inadmissibility of acquisition of territory by force and the inherent right of States to recover such territories by all the means at their disposal,

Reaffirming its recognition of the legitimacy of the struggle of colonial peoples for their freedom by all appropriate means at their disposal,

Recalling the Declaration on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear and Thermonuclear Weapons, contained in General Assembly resolution 1653 (XVI) of 24 November 1961,

Recalling further its resolution 2160 (XXI) of 30 November 1966 on the strict observance of the prohibition of the threat or use of force in international relations, and of the right of peoples to self-determination,

Believing that renunciation of the use or threat of force and prohibition of the use of nuclear weapons should be fully observed as a law of international life,

1. *Solemnly declares*, on behalf of the States Members of the Organization, their renunciation of the use or threat of force in all its forms and manifestations in international relations, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, and the permanent prohibition of the use of nuclear weapons;

2. *Recommends* that the Security Council should take, as soon as possible, appropriate measures for the full implementation of the present declaration of the General Assembly.

2093rd plenary meeting
29 November 1972

2937 (XXVII). Resolution adopted by the General Assembly at its 2093rd plenary meeting⁵

The General Assembly,

Having noted the application of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for admission to membership in the United Nations,⁶

Having also noted the special report of the Security Council in this regard,⁷

Reaffirming the principle of universality of membership of the United Nations in accordance with the Charter,

Considering that the People's Republic of Bangladesh is eligible for membership in the United Nations,

Expresses the desire that the People's Republic of Bangladesh will be admitted to membership in the United Nations at an early date.

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⁵ Resolutions 2937 (XXVII) and 2938 (XXVII) were adopted simultaneously by the General Assembly without debate and without a vote following a statement by the President of the Assembly which appears in the verbatim record of the 2093rd plenary meeting (see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Plenary Meetings, 2093rd meeting, paras. 153-157*).

⁶ A/8754. For the printed text of this document, see *Official Records of the Security Council, Twenty-seventh Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1972, document S/10759*.

⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 23, document A/8776*.

2938 (XXVII). Resolution adopted by the General Assembly at its 2093rd plenary meeting⁵

The General Assembly,

Having in mind the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and Security Council resolution 307 (1971) of 21 December 1971,

Having noted with satisfaction the steps taken so far to facilitate the restoration of conditions of normalcy in the South Asian subcontinent, notably the Simla Agreement,

Mindful of the fact that the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949⁸ require the release and repatriation of prisoners of war without delay after the cessation of active hostilities,

Considering that the solution of all outstanding problems, including the return of military and civilian personnel to their respective countries, is important for the establishment of a climate of peace and tranquillity in the area,

Expressing the hope that all parties will refrain from any act which could jeopardize the prospects of settlement and render more difficult eventual reconciliation,

Expresses the desire that the parties concerned make all possible efforts, in a spirit of co-operation and mutual respect, to reach a fair settlement of the issues that are still pending, and calls for the return of the prisoners of war in accordance with the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and the relevant provisions of Security Council resolution 307 (1971).

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2948 (XXVII). Credentials of representatives to the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee,⁹ except with regard to the credentials of the representatives of South Africa.

2104th plenary meeting
8 December 1972

2949 (XXVII). The situation in the Middle East

The General Assembly,

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

Having received the report of the Secretary-General of 15 September 1972 on the activities of his Special Representative to the Middle East,¹⁰

⁸ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, Nos. 970-973.

⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 3, document A/8921*.

¹⁰ A/8815. For the printed text of this document, see *Official Records of the Security Council, Twenty-seventh Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1972, document S/10792*.

Reaffirming that Security Council resolution 242 (1967) of 22 November 1967 must be implemented in all its parts,

Deeply perturbed that Security Council resolution 242 (1967) and General Assembly resolution 2799 (XXVI) of 13 December 1971 have not been implemented and, consequently, the envisaged just and lasting peace in the Middle East has not been achieved,

Reiterating its grave concern at the continuation of the Israeli occupation of Arab territories since 5 June 1967,

Reaffirming 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,

Affirming that changes in the physical character or demographic composition of occupied territories are contrary to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as to the provisions of the relevant applicable international conventions,

Convinced that the grave situation prevailing in the Middle East constitutes a serious threat to international peace and security,

Reaffirming the responsibility of the United Nations to restore peace and security in the Middle East in the immediate future,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 2799 (XXVI);
2. *Deplores* the non-compliance by Israel with General Assembly resolution 2799 (XXVI), which in particular called upon Israel to respond favourably to the peace initiative of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General to the Middle East;
3. *Expresses its full support* for the efforts of the Secretary-General and his Special Representative;
4. *Declares once more* that the acquisition of territories by force is inadmissible and that, consequently, territories thus occupied must be restored;
5. *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 acknowledgement 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;
6. *Invites* Israel to declare publicly its adherence to the principle of non-annexation of territories through the use of force;

7. *Declares* that changes carried out by Israel in the occupied Arab territories in contravention of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949¹¹ are null and void, and calls upon Israel to rescind forthwith all such measures and to desist from all policies and practices affecting the physical character or demographic composition of the occupied Arab territories;

8. *Calls upon* all States not to recognize any such changes and measures carried out by Israel in the occupied Arab territories and invites them to avoid actions, including actions in the field of aid, that could constitute recognition of that occupation;

9. *Recognizes* that respect for the rights of the Palestinians is an indispensable element in the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East;

10. *Requests* the Security Council, in consultation with the Secretary-General and his Special Representative, to take all appropriate steps with a view to the full and speedy implementation of Security Council resolution 242 (1967), taking into account all the relevant resolutions and documents of the United Nations in this connexion;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council and the General Assembly on the progress made by him and his Special Representative in the implementation of Security Council resolution 242 (1967) and of the present resolution;

12. *Decides* to transmit the present resolution to the Security Council for its appropriate action and requests the Council to keep the General Assembly informed.

*2105th plenary meeting
8 December 1972*

2954 (XXVII). Revision of the lists of States eligible for membership in the Industrial Development Board

The General Assembly,

Recalling section II, paragraph 4, of its resolution 2152 (XXI) of 17 November 1966 on the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,

Decides to include Bangladesh in list A of the annex to its resolution 2152 (XXI).¹²

*2106th plenary meeting
11 December 1972*

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As a result of the above resolution, the lists of States eligible for membership in the Industrial Development Board will be as follows:

A. LIST OF STATES INDICATED IN SECTION II, PARAGRAPH 4 (a), OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2152 (XXI)

Afghanistan	Gabon
Algeria	Gambia
Bahrain	Ghana
Bangladesh	Guinea
Bhutan	India
Botswana	Indonesia
Burma	Iran
Burundi	Iraq
Cameroon	Israel
Central African Republic	Ivory Coast
Chad	Jordan
China	Kenya
Congo	Khmer Republic
Dahomey	Kuwait
Democratic Yemen	Laos
Egypt	Lebanon
Equatorial Guinea	Lesotho
Ethiopia	Liberia
Fiji	Libyan Arab Republic

¹² For the other changes in the lists since the adoption of resolution 2152 (XXI), see resolutions 2385 (XXIII) of 19 November 1968, 2510 (XXIV) of 21 November 1969, 2637 (XXV) of 19 November 1970 and 2824 (XXVI) of 16 December 1971.

¹¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, Nos. 970-973.