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800 (VIII). Question of the representation of China in the General Assembly

The General Assembly
Decides to postpone for the duration of its eighth regular session in the current year consideration of all proposals to exclude the representatives of the Government of the Republic of China and to seat representatives of the Central People’s Government of the People’s Republic of China.

432nd plenary meeting, 15 September 1953.

801 (VIII). Establishment of an Ad Hoc Political Committee

Whereas it has been the practice at previous regular sessions to establish an Ad Hoc Political Committee on which each Member may be represented by one person as provided in rules 96 and 100 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly,

Whereas at its seventh session the General Assembly decided 1 that the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Political Committee should be a member of the General Committee for that session and should be accorded full rights of membership, including the right to vote,

Whereas the Special Committee on Measures to Limit the Duration of Regular Sessions of the General Assembly, in its report dated 26 June 1953, recommended 2 that the practice referred to in the preceding paragraph should be made permanent,

Whereas rule 38 of the rules of procedure requires that the General Committee be constituted so as to ensure its representative character,

1 See Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventh Session, 377th plenary meeting.
2 Ibid., Eighth Session, document A/2402, para. 51.

The General Assembly, without prejudice to any action it may take on paragraph 51 of the report of the Special Committee on Measures to Limit the Duration of Regular Sessions of the General Assembly,

Resolves:
1. That an Ad Hoc Political Committee be established for the duration of the eighth session;
2. That the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Political Committee be accorded, for that session, full rights of membership in the General Committee, including the right to vote.

432nd plenary meeting, 15 September 1953.


The General Assembly,
Considering the world-wide disproportion between the magnitude of social service tasks to be undertaken and the available means of implementation,

Considering the role that the United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund plays in the whole international programme for the protection of the child,

Considering that the Fund’s activities are useful, not only because they realize some of the high objectives which have been adopted by the United Nations, but also because they create favourable conditions for the development of the long-range economic and social programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, particularly the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,

Considering the urgent need for continuing the work of UNICEF, particularly in the under-developed regions of the world,
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*The General Assembly*

*Takes note* of the report of the Security Council to the General Assembly covering the period from 16 July 1952 to 15 July 1953.

455th plenary meeting, 3 November 1953.

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**804 (VIII). Question of atrocities committed by the North Korean and Chinese Communist forces against United Nations prisoners of war in Korea**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the item “Question of atrocities committed by the North Korean and Chinese Communist forces against United Nations prisoners of war in Korea” proposed by the United States of America in documents A/2531 and A/2531/Add. 1 of 30 and 31 October 1953,

*Recalling* that basic legal requirements for humane treatment of prisoners of war and civilians in connexion with the conduct of hostilities are established by general international law and find authoritative reaffirmation in the Geneva Conventions of 1929*4* and 1949*5* relative to the treatment of prisoners of war and in the Geneva Convention of 1949*6* relative to the protection of civilian persons in time of war,

*Recalling* that these Conventions also embody precise and detailed provisions for giving effect to the basic legal requirements referred to above, and that these provisions, to the extent that they have not become binding as treaty law, have been accorded most general support by the international community,

*Desiring* to secure general and full observance of the requirements of international law and of universal standards of human decency,

1. *Expresses its grave concern* at reports and information that North Korean and Chinese Communist forces have, in a large number of instances, employed inhuman practices against the heroic soldiers of forces under the United Nations Command in Korea and against the civilian population of Korea;

2. *Condemns* the commission by any governments or authorities of murder, mutilation, torture, and other atrocious acts against captured military personnel or civilian populations, as a violation of rules of international law and basic standards of conduct and morality and as affronting human rights and the dignity and worth of the human person.

467th plenary meeting, 3 December 1953.

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**805 (VIII). Application of Japan to become a party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice**

*Whereas* the Government of Japan, by a communication dated 24 October 1953 addressed to the Secretary-General, has expressed the desire to learn the conditions under which Japan could become a party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice,

*Whereas* Article 93, paragraph 2, of the Charter provides that a State which is not a Member of the United Nations may become a party to the Statute of the Court on conditions to be determined in each case by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council,

*Whereas* the Security Council has adopted a recommendation on this matter,

*The General Assembly*

*Determines,* in pursuance of Article 93, paragraph 2, of the Charter and upon the recommendation of the Security Council, the conditions on which Japan may become a party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice, as follows:

“Japan will become a party to the Statute on the date of the deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations of an instrument, signed on behalf of the Government of Japan and ratified as may be required by the constitutional law of Japan, containing: