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ENLARGEMENT OF SECURITY COUNCIL AND ECOSOC

Mr. Chairman:

We have not spoken until today in order to hear first the opinions of the states of Africa and Asia, which perhaps are most intimately concerned with the problem before us. While the question of expanding the Security Council and ^{the} Economic and Social Council is a matter which affects all states represented here, it does have a more direct bearing on those states from areas suffering from inadequate representation, and it is apparent to us that any successful solution to correct this imbalance will have to grow out of a desire by those states who will benefit the most from the enlargement of the Councils.

Before setting out my Delegation's views, I should like to thank the distinguished Representative of Argentina for his most helpful opening statement recalling the intricate course of discussions during past sessions of the General Assembly on this item on enlargement of the Security Council and ECOSOC. He also made a number of interesting suggestions for dealing with the procedural problems involved on enlargement, on which I should like to comment a little later in this statement.

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I think it might be relevant to recall to distinguished delegates here the warm and sincere words of welcome extended by all delegations since the opening of this session to our 17 new member states. Indeed, I am particularly pleased that the representatives