

WHEREAS from official reports at the disposal of the General Assembly it follows that the only obstacle to the conclusion of the armistice lies in the fact that it has not been possible to reach an agreement in regard to the exchange of prisoners-of-war;

WHEREAS the United Nations must safeguard the application of the humanitarian principles that underlie the international instruments in force relating to prisoners-of-war;

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REQUESTS the President of the General Assembly to invite, through the channels that he may deem appropriate, the Military Commanders of the North Korean and Chinese forces in Korea to consider the following general bases for the exchange of prisoners of war, with a view to facilitate the early conclusion of the armistice:

1. Prisoners-of-war held by either of the parties, who have voluntarily expressed their desire to return to the country of their origin, will be repatriated without delay upon the conclusion of the armistice.
2. Other prisoners-of-war held by either of the parties, desirous of establishing temporary residence in other States, would not return to the country of their origin until the coming into force of the decisions that, in order to achieve a peaceful settlement of the Korean question, might be adopted in the Political Conference that will take place after the armistice, in conformity with the agreement reached by the Military Commanders, on point 5 of the Armistice agenda.
3. Pending the entry into force of the above-mentioned decisions, the situation of the prisoners-of-war referred to in paragraph 2 shall be governed by the following rules:
  - (a) The General Assembly, acting in the manner and through the channel it may deem appropriate, will negotiate with each State agreeing to participate in the plan envisaged in this Resolution, on the number of prisoners which such a State may be prepared to receive in its territory, as well as on the conditions inherent to their admission.
  - (b) Once in the country of temporary residence, the authorities of that country shall grant them a migratory status which would enable them to work in order to provide for their needs.
4. When the situation foreseen for their repatriation arises as described in paragraph 2 above, the authorities of the countries of origin would grant facilities for the return of the ex-prisoners-of-war and would furnish guarantees for the subsequent protection of their freedom and their lives.
5. In the case of those ex-prisoners-of-war, who, by virtue of the present Resolution, would be provisionally residing in another country and would express their will to return to their country of origin before the situation foreseen for their repatriation in the terms of paragraph 2 has arisen, the United Nations would provide the means to carry their wishes into effect.

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REQUESTS the President of the General Assembly to report to the Assembly in due course concerning the result of the steps which he is asked to take by this Resolution.