

Voting Results Following is the text of the resolution (U.N. Doc. A/2808) adopted by the Third Committee on November 16, 1954, by a vote of 42 in favour (including Canada) to 5 against (Australia, Belgium, France, New Zealand and the United Kingdom), with 4 abstentions (Luxembourg, Netherlands, Turkey and the United States), and in plenary meeting on December 4, 1954, by a vote of 49 in favour (including Canada) to 2 against (Belgium, France), with 7 abstentions (including the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia, New Zealand and Luxembourg):

Text of Resolution

The General Assembly.

Taking note of the draft international covenants on human rights prepared by the Commission on Human Rights and transmitted by the Economic and Social Council (E/2573-E/CN.4/705, annexes I, II and III) and expressing its gratitude to that Commission for the work accomplished,

Having considered these draft international covenants on human rights at its ninth session,

Reaffirming that it is important that these draft covenants should be adopted in their final form as soon as possible,

Considering that it is desirable to give Governments of States Members and non-members of the United Nations and the specialized agencies time to make a full study of the draft covenants and to submit, if they so desire, amendments or additions thereto, or further observations thereon,

Considering that it is desirable for each Government to be informed in good time of the views of other Governments and of the specialized agencies concerning the provisions to be included in the draft international covenants on human rights so that it may take due account of these views in determining its own attitude.

Considering that it is desirable that public opinion should continue to express itself freely on the draft international covenants on human rights,

1. Invites:

- (a) Governments of States Members and non-members of the United Nations to communicate to the Secretary-General, within six months after the end of the present session of the General Assembly, any amendments or additions to the draft international covenants on human rights or any observations thereon;
- (b) The specialized agencies to communicate to the Secretary-General, within six months after