

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 61 OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that an enlargement of the Economic and Social Council will provide broad representation of the United Nations membership as a whole and make the Council a more effective organ for carrying out its functions under Chapters IX and X of the Charter of the United Nations,⁽¹⁾

Having considered the report of the Economic and Social Council,

1. *Takes note* of Economic and Social Council resolution 1621 (LI) of 30 July 1971;

2. *Decides* to adopt, in accordance with Article 108 of the Charter of the United Nations, the following amendment to the Charter and to submit it for ratification by the States Members of the United Nations:

ARTICLE 61

"1. The Economic and Social Council shall consist of fifty-four Members of the United Nations elected by the General Assembly.

"2. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 3, eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council shall be elected each year for a term of three years. A retiring member shall be eligible for immediate re-election.

"3. At the first election after the increase in the membership of the Economic and Social Council from twenty-seven to fifty-four members, in addition to the members elected in place of the nine members whose term of office expires at the end of that year, twenty-seven additional members shall be elected. Of these twenty-seven additional members, the term of office of nine members so elected shall expire at the end of one year, and of nine other members at the end of two years, in accordance with arrangements made by the General Assembly.

"4. Each member of the Economic and Social Council shall have one representative.";

3. *Urges* all Member States to ratify the above amendment in accordance with their respective constitutional processes as soon as possible and to deposit their instruments of ratification with the Secretary-General;

4. *Further decides* that the members of the Economic and Social Council shall be elected according to the following pattern:

- (a) Fourteen members from African States;
- (b) Eleven members from Asian States;
- (c) Ten members from Latin American States;
- (d) Thirteen members from western European and other States;
- (e) Six members from socialist States of eastern Europe;

⁽¹⁾ Treaty Series 1945 No. 7