

We are proposing that this review be undertaken in 1955 because we think that by that time the Secretary-General will have had sufficient experience in the application of the new regulations to judge whether they are capable of serving satisfactorily the purposes intended, or whether some modification may be required. We are proposing 1955 for the review for another reason. We believe that the General Assembly should have an opportunity to discuss the efficacy of the new regulations, on the basis of a full report to be circulated in advance to member governments - a report which would set out the principles applied by the Secretary-General in implementing the new regulations as a whole.

But I should like to make it clear that it is not our intention in putting this resolution forward that after 1955 this sort of review should be undertaken automatically at every session of the United Nations. In 1955 this Committee can decide, on the basis of information then before it, whether or not it would be desirable to make formal arrangements for a similar review from time to time.

I should add that since the Specialized Agencies have an obvious interest in the Staff Regulations, I presume that the Secretary-General would in any event provide the Specialized Agencies with a full report on the new regulations when they have been adopted and subsequently on their workings. I think it might be well, however, to have this understanding recorded in the Rapporteur's Report.

(Note: The text of a Canadian statement given on this subject on November 24, 1953 is available in External Affairs Supplementary Paper 53/58)

Results of Voting

The following are the texts of the resolutions on agenda item 51 adopted in a plenary meeting of the General Assembly on December 9, 1953. The voting on Resolution I was 50 in favour (including Canada), 5 against (Byelorussia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Ukraine, U.S.S.R.) with 3 abstentions. The voting on Resolution II was 50 in favour (including Canada), 6 against, with 2 abstentions. Resolution III (sponsored by Canada) was approved unanimously by a vote of 58 in favour, none against and no abstentions.

Texts of Resolutions

PERSONNEL POLICY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

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Resolution I

The General Assembly

Adopts, as amendments to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations, the text annexed to the present resolution.