

time of the General Assembly resolution. One State, Liberia, stated that it had adhered to the General Assembly resolution and had so advised its representative at Madrid. The Dominican Republic replied that proper consideration would be given to the resolution of the General Assembly and that the Secretary-General would be informed in due course of action to be taken and the Argentine simply acknowledged receipt of the communication and did not recall its diplomatic Head of Mission from Madrid.

Since the Franco regime continued in power in Spain and since the General Assembly's request for the recall of Ambassadors and Ministers Plenipotentiary had not been fully implemented, the question of the relation of Members of the United Nations with Spain was brought to the attention of the General Assembly in the Secretary-General's annual report and placed on its agenda.

In the First Committee which considered this item, the U.S.S.R. and the other eastern European States repeated the declaration made in 1946 that the Franco regime was fascist in character and a threat to the peace. These delegations claimed in consequence that action was necessary by the Security Council. To this end, Poland introduced a resolution reaffirming the 1946 resolution and calling upon the Security Council to consider the Spanish question within a month. It also called for the Security Council to take adequate measures under Article 41 of the Charter to remedy the present situation. The Yugoslav delegation added an amendment to this proposal calling for economic sanctions against Spain. Many delegations, however, and particularly Pakistan, denied that the Franco regime constituted a threat to the peace and concluded that the imposition of sanctions would therefore be illegal.

A more moderate resolution was introduced jointly by the delegations of Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands which regretted that the recommendation of the First Session of the Assembly, inviting all United Nations Members to recall their Ambassadors, had not been fulfilled and which expressed the confidence that the Security Council would exercise its responsibility on this question. A further proposal was introduced by various Latin American States which reaffirmed the resolution of the previous Assembly and expressed confidence that the Security Council would